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ITEMS AND IDEAS.

⁂ Faith!

⁂ Faith is a substance.

⁂ St. Paul declares that faith is *the* substance of things.

⁂ Why, then, have we missed the Main Chance? Why have we lost the substance and caught the shadow?

⁂ Get your New Testament and read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."

⁂ Here is a better translation of the original: "Consciousness is the ground of our confidence in things unseen." Now, this sounds like New Thought, but it is as old as the New Testament. I have given you a word-for-word translation of the original Greek.

⁂ According to this definition the New Thought people are the only ones who have genuine faith, for faith is a substance, a consciousness of the subjective. The things of the Spirit are spiritually discerned; that is, they are made known to consciousness. You know spiritual things by spiritual consciousness just as you know physical things by physical consciousness.

⁂ Jesus Christ asked this question: "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" He never answered His question and I can only answer for myself. I am as conscious of things unseen as of the things that I see. The substance of all the promises made by the Lord Christ is in me. I can taste the New Testament and tell when it is the Spirit speaking, and even when it is a wrong translation. I know whether a thing is true or false by its taste; or, in other words, by my consciousness.

⁂ There is no other ground for confidence in the unseen than consciousness. You can't place immortality on the dissecting table and examine it for proofs. How do I know that Jesus walked on the water? Suppose I tried to prove it? There is only one way that I could prove it to other people, and that is to walk on the water myself. How do I know that Jesus healed the sick? I know it by my consciousness. The only way I can prove it to other people is by healing the sick. The time has come when the whole world is demanding signs, and it is not because they are a "wicked and adulterous generation," but because hearsay evidence no longer gives satisfaction to the soul.

⁂ Hearsay evidence is all right for a time. It is the only kind the intellect can receive. If you undertake to teach the intellect of a child, you will have to begin by giving him hearsay evidence. You point your finger to "A" in the alphabet, and say: "This is 'A'." He will have to accept it on what is called blind faith; but faith is really never blind. He is simply accepting objective testimony to the intellect, which is not faith, but instruction. As an illustration of my point: There was once a young lady school teacher who had an agnostic boy for a pupil. She undertook to teach him his letters by saying: "This is 'A'." The boy said: "How do you know it is 'A'?" She told him that someone had told her it was "A." Then the boy plunked another question: "How did he know it was 'A'?" She went back as far as she could go, but the boy still waved his red flag!

⁂ The whole world has been in this kindergarten school. When the teacher said: "Jesus walked on the water," we all repeated: "Jesus walked on the water." When the teacher said: "Jesus healed the sick," every pupil in the class answered: "Amen, Jesus healed the sick." And so on and so forth to the end of the spelling book. But in these latter days, the pupils have been turning the leaves of the text-book and find such sayings as these: "Greater things than these shall ye do because I go to the Father;" "I will send the Spirit of Truth unto you and when He is come, He will guide you into all truth. He will take of Mine and show it unto you." The pupils began to ask questions: "Has the Spirit of Truth come? Has the Holy Ghost arrived? Has anybody done these 'greater things'?" What is the matter with Hannah? I know it is irreverent, but the bright students are always more or less irreverent. The story in the story-book must have something more than hearsay evidence, for the consciousness of humanity has been awakened. We no longer accept things on the evidence of the intellect. So-called historical statements are being dissected and fables eliminated. Professor Pearson says that the story of Jesus Christ is a fable. How are you going to disprove his statements? There is no use to argue about it, for we have already exhausted all of the intellectual arguments. If the story of Jesus is a fable, then the Catholic church, and all of its Protestant branches, are a fraud. Every steeple in the land points to the fact that it was built by credulous people, who were worshipping an idol.

⁂ Is it true that all our churches are so many Joss houses, and that we are no better than the Chinese? Is it a fact that Jesus Christ is no more of a reality than the Dragon of the Chinese? Is it a question simply of difference in the kind of idol? Pearson says that the leading men of that staunch advocate of the Holy Ghost, known as the Methodist church, are hypocritical humbugs, who teach fables for facts. Bishop Cranston, here in our Denver, undertook to answer Pearson in an interview with a newspaper reporter. His answer was the weakest thing I ever read, but it was all that even a bishop could say in defense of the Institution. Pearson did not say anything new. The same things have been said, stronger and better, for a thousand years. Thomas Paine and Robert Ingersoll said the same thing over and over in these United States. The religions kept right on growing because the whole world is on the intellectual plane and one set of arguments was met by another set of arguments. The eloquence of an Ingersoll was met by an equal or superior eloquence from the pulpit. And thus, the Institution held its own. But the time is at hand when intellect is giving place to consciousness. The whole world is at the gate of spiritual consciousness and intellect can not furnish the key to open the door. To use the language of modern slang: intellect, upon which the Institution is founded, will have to "go 'way back and sit down." The time has come when the New Testament must get on its legs and walk. Jesus Christ has come into my consciousness, but he must make himself known by the signs which follow the gift of the Holy Spirit. I tell you that I am conscious of the Presence of this Spirit of Truth. How can I make you know that I am not telling you a lie? How can I prove my preaching to be the truth? By doing just exactly what I tell you that Jesus Christ did. What has been done must be done over again with greater emphasis. I must open the eyes of the blind, not figuratively, but literally. I must unstop the ears of the deaf and make the lame walk. It is a ground hog case, my friends! There is no other kind of proof that the world will accept, and it won't do for all of our beautiful churches and all of our literature to be dumped into the waste basket. The Son of Man is coming and He must find faith on the earth. It will not do for Him to come to an empty kingdom which is a mere form without the spirit. The resurrection is at hand. It means a resurrection from the dead of everything that is alive. The New Testament is alive. The Ideal Saviour is a Living Reality. I must prove it by doing these "greater things." I am anxious to be about my Father's business.

EYE TO EYE TALKS.

I to I or eye to eye.

The mental eye is I, the mind's Eye.

The All-seeing Eye is but another name for God.

Who named God? Did you ever think of it? It is one of the strongest proofs of the inspiration of the Bible. God named Himself. He not only named Himself, but he gave men language. The names of God found in the Hebrew Scriptures are among the sublime words of human speech. Coming down through all other languages, the name given to God by Himself in Genesis, has never lost its meaning. *Elohim* in the Hebrew carries with it the idea of the Father of Forces. The Lord God or I AM is the manifesting, ruling, commanding force. The I AM is the One who Speaks. The ELOHIM is the one who is in Eternal Repose. The Bible never makes a mistake in the use of these names of the Deity.

Say, that talk about the Jews going back to Jerusalem created a stir. I like a stir. When things stir, it is the sign of life. Well, the Jews are going back to Jerusalem. You may talk about it for a hundred years or a thousand years, and argue pro and con about the matter, but when God says "go" there is always a stir. There is always a movement when the Spirit gets ready, and not before. Protestant preachers have been talking about the Jews going back to Jerusalem, writing books about it and quoting Scripture to prove that they *had* to go back, but they didn't go. All your fine-spun theories fail until the time is fulfilled. You can prove by the prophecies that the Jews must go back to Jerusalem, but if it is not true they will not go, and if it is true they will go. The only way you can prove that a prophecy is true is to see it fulfilled. I have known the Scriptures in regard to the Jews for at least twenty years, and I have been waiting to see if they would get a move on them to start towards Jerusalem. They are actually going, and some of them have already arrived. You see, a genuine prophecy always has the power within itself for its own fulfillment. The Word of God produces its own faith and its own purposes; it is not only the Word but the faith in the Word.

I hear you asking questions. All right, sweetheart, ask any mental question and I will answer it as we go on. You thought the faith was in you, did you? Well, there is where we have all been wrong. It is not our faith in the Word of God. It is utterly impossible for us to believe in the Word of God unless the Word of God carries within itself the power of conviction. This is just exactly where the true faith is found. The vibrations of the Word compels faith. You take up the Bible and read; your soul will know the moment you touch the Word of God. The Word of God runs through the Bible like a vein of Gold through a mountain of rocks and dirt. Much of the book called "The Bible" is the word of man. You can tell the difference by the vibration. When the Spirit speaks it carries conviction and you can feel the vibrations of the sublime. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is substance, and substance is evidence. The only real substance in the universe is Spirit. This is the reason why Jesus Christ said: "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life." Now, do you begin to see? What would be the use of God speaking if he did not expect to carry conviction? In the pointed language of slang, why should He be "shooting off His mouth" unless He was expecting to shoot something? The little woman to whom I am dictating, and the one who is the representative of you all in these talks, just now said: "I think that is awful!" Well, it does sound irreverent to speak of God shooting off His mouth, but I want you to hear me, and also to hear God. God never speaks without carrying conviction. He always makes Himself understood. The one who hears the Word of God believes and is moved by the Word. I have often told you that it takes just as much inspiration to read the Bible as it did to write it. There is such a thing as people having ears to hear who do not hear, and eyes to see who do not see. But it is because they hear with the objective ear only. When a man opens his inner ear to hear the Voice of the Spirit, there is no lack of faith, for this Voice carries conviction.

This brings me to a letter on my desk which has been there for some time. It is a typewritten letter from a very dear friend of mine. Now, I don't mean a friend in the flesh, for I have never met the writer of this letter. She is one of those thousands of mental and spiritual friends of CHRISTIAN. Here is the part of her letter which I wish you to read:

"Some time when you have time, and space in CHRISTIAN, will you please explain this: 'If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it' (John xiv, 14), and other passages in the New Testament, promising answer to prayers if made in the name of Jesus? There is nothing indefinite about the assertion in the foregoing passage, yet I have known of any number of boons asked 'for Jesus' sake' and 'in Jesus' name' that have not been granted."

I take pleasure in answering these questions. I, too, have been along this road. I *prayed* fervently for years and years, and got no answer. Jesus seemed to be treating me with silent contempt. When I look back and remember the kind of mind I was exercising in prayer, I am glad He was silent. If He had been fool enough to answer me, he would not have had sense enough to grant my prayers, not to say anything about power. You must answer a fool according to his folly. That is, if you answer him at all. It is better to not make any kind of an answer. All of the statements of Jesus Christ are true. "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." He will do it. There is no question about Jesus Christ fulfilling His word and keeping all of His promises. He never fails. Who is in His Name? Do you think that I was in His Name, when I was asking for all kinds of foolish things? The whole thing hinges on "In His Name." In His Name you may heal all kinds of diseases, cleanse lepers, cast out devils and raise the dead. In His Name you may command all of the elements and they will obey you. In His Name you can walk across the Atlantic ocean and step over the whitecaps as easily as you can walk on your carpeted floor. In His Name you can walk in the air as easily as you can walk on the earth. In His Name you may speak to a Lazarus in his grave and he will come forth. There isn't anything in the material world that you can not command In His Name. Why? For the simple reason that "In His Name" carries the same power that is inherent in the Word.

In His Name is by His authority. It doesn't mean the magic use of the name Jesus. There isn't any magic in the Truth. The person called "Jesus" has a good many names. He is called Alpha; you might do wonders in the name Alpha. He is also called Omega; and you could perform miracles in the name Omega. He is called the Bright and the Morning Star. It is said that on his vesture and on his thigh was a name written: "King of kings and Lord of Lords." The point for you to consider before you begin to use the name is to ask yourself the question: "Have I authority to use any of the names of Jesus Christ?" If you haven't received authority to use his name then you are not in His name. He used the name of the I AM. It was the unspeakable name of God and yet he spoke it. The Jews took up stones to kill him for using this sacred Name. I AM THAT I AM is the lost Word of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons. But there isn't a Mason on the face of the earth to-day who knows how to use it. It is still the lost Word. Now do you think the lost Word can be found by repeating over and over the name of I AM THAT I AM? It is amusing to see how people take up I AM and flip it from their pens. When you use the name I AM without knowing how to use it, you had just as well go out in the fence corner and say:

"Hey, diddle, diddle,
The cat and the fiddle."

It would have just as much effect. There has never been any such thing as the lost Word. Men undertook to speak the word God on their own authority and it immediately ceased to be the word God. They had the empty shell. You remember the Dutchman who heard a man, when pointing to a very high steeple, say: "How is that for high?" and everybody laughed. The Dutchman concluded he would get off the joke and so he pointed his finger in the right direction, but said: "How high vas dot?" It is all in the way you speak it. No man can speak the Word of God within himself. God always speaks His own Word. The tongue of man may be used, but the Spirit speaks the Word. When a man undertakes to speak the Word of God without authority, he always gets left. Moses was chosen by the I AM for a great work. But after a while he began to say to the people: "Must *we* give you water from this rock?" God dealt with him very gently, but firmly, and he lost his

job. This is the way men began talking about the lost Word. The Masons spoke the Word on their own authority and it had no effect. When the Church became an institution and men began to speak by the "authority of the church" they lost the power to heal the sick or do anything else in His Name. When they got out of His Name they were not in His Name. They were in the name of the Institution and the Institution can't do anything but talk and go out on dress parade. They have the empty forms of religion without the Spirit of CHRIST.

This is a wonderful theme. For twenty years and more I baptized people "In His Name." I took them down into the water and very solemnly said:

"In the Name of Jesus Christ, I baptize thee into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

The form of the words was all right. In the name of Jesus Christ meant by the authority of Jesus Christ; "into" the name implied the going from one state into another. I used the right words and the right element and the right action. What was the matter with the baptism? The same thing that you will find the matter with a corpse. It is a body without the Spirit. My wife declares that she has heard me say "a dead corpse, a widow woman, and a mental lunatic." A woman of Spanish blood, born in Taurus, ought to know even an Irish *bull* by his bawl! But, back to the subject; there is no doubt about all of my baptisms and all the other baptisms on the earth being "dead corpses." The baptisms are performed in His Name without His authority. Baptism when administered by the authority by Jesus Christ is always sealed by the Holy Spirit. In fact, the baptism of the Spirit is the real baptism, while the other is but a symbol. The baptism of Jesus Christ, in the river Jordan at the hands of John the Baptist, was a genuine type. It was followed by the descent by the Holy Spirit and the Voice of the I AM. Water baptism is John baptism. Spirit baptism is by the power and the authority of Jesus Christ. So you see, sweetheart, to be In His Name is to have His name in you. When His Name gets into you, you are in His name, and not before. The use of a name without authority is forgery. The I AM does not arrest anyone for forging His Name. He just withdraws himself from the name and lets you rattle it around as a plaything. When the President of the United States signs his name to a document, he is signing the name of all of us. His signature represents the whole nation. When a King issues orders it is the order of the whole kingdom. All the power of the organized government, the army, the navy, is back of the king's word. In His Name not only means the authority of Jesus Christ but of the entire universe. If I go to a sick man and say: "By the authority of the I AM THAT I AM let health vibrations come to you," all the power there is in the universe, every atom of force, every vibration of energy is behind the words I speak. In His Name means everything or nothing. At the present time we have the empty words, and we have all been baptized into the empty name. But the Resurrection is at hand! Men are coming to know that God must speak His own Word in His own way. I am learning the meaning of the Word. When the word I AM was used by my pen I did not write it. It was written by the Spirit and I wanted to rub it out because it looked like blasphemy. If I had been using this name all these years, of my own accord, my words would have fallen dead and my own personality would have been lost in the flood of my own foolishness. I have never spoken this name by my own authority. It has been spoken in me by the Owner of the Name. I would rather go out and hang myself than to go about using the name of the I AM to make money. I don't believe I could even make money with it. It would be an empty name. I am sure I have never tried to conjure with it. I was surprised when the name was spoken in me.

It is always a surprise! Although I hear this voice speaking every hour, it is always startling in its effects. It is always a miracle; you can't get used to miracles. That is, so as to make them commonplace. This Word of the I AM is speaking in me with as much power as my mind is capable of receiving. As I grow into this thought, the power comes with more and more force. It is the force of gentleness. Its effects are like the effects of the sunshine. I am not yet permitted to go on the platform and speak in His Name. I am not yet ready for the objective word. I must get used to the vibrations of the Spirit in the Silence before I am ready to go before the public. If I had not been separated from the people there would have been no effective speaking, even in the Silence. My neighbors in the College of Divine Science, next door, must wonder why I never attend their meetings. It is because I can't speak in my own name and the I AM has not authorized me to speak in His Name. For this reason I am silent except when I speak in the Silence to my patients. You ask me if the I AM is really speaking in me for the healing of diseases. You have a right to ask this question. I like to have you ask these direct questions. In speaking about CHRISTIAN, my readers say "we" don't want this and "we" don't want that. This is right for you are all stockholders in CHRISTIAN. The best news that I could possibly give you is to tell you that the I AM is really speaking in me for the healing of all kinds of diseases. I would like for you to read the letters coming in here every day. It would weary you if these letters were printed in the form of testimonials. It would sound too much like patent medicine. But to illustrate the point I am making, and to bear witness to the Word, I will take one letter from many. It is from J. W. Sanderlin, Hobart, O. T. Here is an extract:

"I write because I wish to do so. I got your letter about two o'clock on Friday and by three o'clock the fever was gone, and by four o'clock my little girl was up playing. That has been over two weeks ago. She is now going to school. She was down in bed six weeks and could not walk when she got up. I am not afraid of trusting you. You are led by the Spirit. I was introduced to this power of the Spirit twenty years ago."

This is enough to show you the facts. Here is a little school-girl who had been in bed sick for six weeks. Just as soon as her father wrote me of her condition, the Word of TRUTH went forth for her healing. The I AM in me did not wait for the letter. The Word was being spoken in the child, and when the father received my written Word the recovery was rapid. This is only one case out of a thousand of the same kind. Some of the very worst forms of disease, old chronic cases, are giving way to this Word of TRUTH. I would tell you more about it if it did not sound like I was drumming up patronage.

However, it will not be long until this Word of Truth will be taken out of the category of commercialism. It will spread from mind to mind, and from people to people, until all the earth shall hear the glad tidings. It will not be me treating you or you treating, it will be all of us baptized into the same Spirit. The I AM tells me that the Resurrection is at hand. The Spirit of Life is to be poured out on all flesh. Old men shall dream dreams and young men will see visions. Women will be clothed with the sun and men will receive the vibrations of Truth. "In the days of these kings the God of Heaven has set up a Kingdom." By the way, this reminds me that the other day I was looking over some old documents and found a warranty deed to the whole of Palestine. You know a deed is to "his heirs and assigns forever." This deed was made to Abraham and to his heirs and assigns forever. Well, the children of Abraham have never signed away this land of promise to anybody. The record of the deed is written in Hebrew, but here is a faithful translation. I will print it in italics just as I find it in the writings of that master of the Hebrew language, Franz Delitzsch, D. D., of Leipzig:

"And I will make thee exceedingly fruitful beyond measure, and appoint thee to be nations, and kings shall come forth from thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee, according to their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to thee and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy pilgrimage, the whole land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their own God." Gen. 17:6-8.

This deed knocks out the Turk and the Arab. It knocks out the whole European Concert. An everlasting covenant, and an everlasting possession of the whole land of Canaan! Does this mean the literal land of Palestine? You bet! The God of Abraham was the exponent of Realism. He immediately entered into what is called "the covenant of circumcision" and separated the seed of Abraham from all other peoples. During all these thousands of years, the Jews have been a distinct and separate people. A Jew is a Jew the world over. He has been hounded and hunted all over this earth. You may know that something is behind all this more than the mere hatred of a race. The Wandering Jew is fact as well as fiction. Just now a crusade against the Jews is taking form in the United

States. There is an excuse for it as there is always an excuse for persecution. But back and above it all is the word of prophecy. The Word spoken in His Name will never fail. "Heaven and earth may pass away; but my words shall not pass away."

"PROP PIKE'S PEAK WITH A PAIR OF TONGS."

The following letter makes a good text, therefore, I will use it for that purpose. It is from one of the sweethearts of CHRISTIAN.

"Dear Mr. Shelton:—Your answer to my question, about using so-called profane words, was just right. I knew it before, but could not express it as you do. It is true there are dynamic elements in those words. I know because I have felt them; but I did not know that you used the words for that reason. The fact is, I was weak enough to want some one else to like CHRISTIAN because I like it, and felt that those words might stand in the way. In fact, I am quite sure that they did; but I now see that you are speaking only for those who can understand you.

"If your language is not always polished, it is always strong and vigorous. All words are good; man puts poison into them, as he does into many other things, by imputing evil. No matter what pious people may say, I would rather listen to your *thunder* than to the cat-purring of some writers.

"I am looking forward with much pleasure to Dr. Dewey's articles. I do so hope that he will say what he wants to say without trying to prove it by some event in the Life of Jesus. If a thing is true, it's true; and all that sort of thing looks to me like trying to prop up Pike's Peak with a pair of tongs.

"Oh, that poor, mutilated Bible of ours! so valuable and so good if allowed to stand for just what it is; but twisted and torn and stretched out of all manner of shape to make it fit every creed and cult in Christendom, it presents a sorry appearance. I would like so much to hear you speak on this some time, but don't expect it unless you think others would be interested, too. Yours, C. L."

CHRISTIAN has had an unique history. It has been the history of my own unfoldment. At first, the paper was a monthly church organ. It reported everything about the prayer-meeting, the Sunday-school, the preacher, and even the gossip. Then, it became an independent religious weekly. About that time, I was caught up into the air and CHRISTIAN suspended publication. When I came down to the earth, I took the same old heading and started a monthly for Christian Science, Mental Science, Divine Science, any old thing. After seven years of unfoldment, the paper is now the real independent weekly that I wanted to make it fourteen years ago. Therefore, I can truly say, that I don't care what you think about it. When a man edits a paper for a certain kind of people, he is sure to be biased and prejudiced in their favor. He is all the time asking himself, not what is truth, but what will the people say, or what will my readers think. He is afraid that he will lose a subscriber, and if some one writes and stops the paper, the whole office is in a flutter. You don't realize this bondage unless you have been behind the bars. CHRISTIAN was once boycotted and damned as a heretic by a whole sect of religionists. They did not care anything about my business, or how much I lost. They were trying to save the Institution. It is true that my father was one of the founders of this sect and my grandfather helped to prepare the way. I was the third generation of preachers who were pillars in this sect. It was founded on the principle that sectarianism was wrong and there should be no authority but truth and no authority for truth. But, like all other Institutions, it had grown into a power; certain rules and regulations and doctrines had become a creed and constitution for the sect; each preacher was bound hand and foot by the dead words of the dead. The Spirit of Truth got into me and I got out of the Institution. It was like taking me by the seat of my trousers and the back of my neck and throwing me out. Nevertheless, I am outside, and have grown too large to ever get back inside. You had just as well tell a rooster who flops his wings from the top of the barn that he had better get back into the egg from whence he came. He can eat the shell so as to get it into him, but he can never get back into the shell. Just watch CHRISTIAN devour Institutions!

As to the use of words, each writer for CHRISTIAN must be free. If Dr. Dewey should use the kind of language that I use, it would shock me. I would think that he had gone crazy. It wouldn't be Dewey! The same can be said of Douglass and Downes. I sling the names Downes, Douglass, and Dewey around without any regard to title. I call Dr. Dewey by his title sometimes because he is a regularly ordained doctor of medicine. But the rest of the staff are like myself. I am a doctor of divinity, but as my present kind of divinity does not need any doctoring, I leave off the title. Back to my subject. Dewey writes in his own way. I sling words at you because I want to redeem all kinds of words. You know words are signs of ideas, but the Word is the Idea. This is the difference between words and the Word. The Word of God is God. Therefore, when the Word picks up all kinds of words, he is showing you that all his children are clean in his sight. People go about talking of the power of thought. They are going to cleanse the world by right thinking. They have taken up all of these old religious words and are using them every day in the same old way. They come to me and say we are going to redeem the world by thought. Then I say, "The hell you are!" Bang! Every quail in the bunch flies up and they are gone! That little word "hell" has scattered the whole flock in every direction. You can't redeem the world until you redeem the signs of the ideas. You put up the same old sign and you will have the same old thought. How are you going to redeem the thought of harlots as long as you use the word in its present poisoned sense? Are you going to hide this word away in the closet? Then you will have a skeleton in the closet and some day its bones will rattle. I wanted to use a stronger word, but refrained from doing it simply because I am dictating these words to a woman. If I hesitate to use the other word in the hearing of a woman whom I love, how do you suppose the word feels when spoken to a woman by the voice of Hate? No, no, sweetheart, we will have to cleanse all the words in the world before we can cleanse the world.

As to the gentle criticism of Dr. Dewey. He uses Bible language as I do, without intending to prop his proposition by Scriptural authority. The language of the Bible has become the language of the people. I think myself that we will have to take the truths of the Bible and give them to the people in scientific language. My correspondent's simile is splendid. Truth does not need any kind of a prop. When you undertake to prove the divinity of the Bible by argument, it is like trying to prop up Pike's Peak with a pair of tongs. A pair of tongs under Pike's Peak represents just as much strength in comparison as the arguments of theology in favor of the inspiration of the Scriptures. Just as soon as the world was left without inspired individuals, the Scriptures became a bone of contention. The whole Bible, from the first chapter of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelations is full of inspiration. The majesty of the Scriptures is like the majesty of the mountains. There isn't anything under the heavens or above the heavens greater than the Bible. But it takes just as much inspiration to read the Bible as it did to write it. There is no use in arguing with a blind man about light. The sun is in the heavens, but he can't see it. Inspiration is in the Bible, but the intellect can't see it. Spirit writes and spirit understands. Intellect writes and intellect understands. "The wisdom of God is foolishness with men." I quote this to show you that the truth I have been stating has already been stated in other words in the Bible. This is the only reason why Dewey appeals to the Scriptures. They have been confirmed to him and he wants all of you to see it. I think, when I get good and ready, I will begin a series of articles on the Bible without saying anything about the Bible. It was once said of a literary light that he copied the book of Ruth in his own handwriting and read it as an original essay. The other great lights of literature praised it to the skies. They were full of compliments to the author until they found out that it was taken from the Bible. I could write a whole year on the New Testament, without giving you one single original idea, and you would know that I was writing New Thought with flashes from the throne of God. It is all there. The only thing needed is to present it to the people with a suit of new clothes.

However, beloved, the time is at hand when God will write men, not books. One God-written man would be worth more to the world at this time than all the books that have ever been written. Inspiration of the individual! This is the need of the hour. God always supplies the needs of the times. Necessity is not only the mother of invention, but the mother of inspiration. Necessity is crying out for men. Crying aloud for men who are masters of environment! Men who are lords over disease and death!

Men are not men as long as they are in bondage to the elements. The only men who can command the thought of humanity are those who are not subject to time, disease, weakness, or death. Such an one is worth more at this hour than all the prophets and saints who ever lived. Blessed be the men who have lived! But their lives are no longer even a prop to the present life on the earth. We have outgrown our swaddling clothes. A man like Ingersoll may stand up now and throw stones at the Bible without creating a ripple on the waves of the world's thoughts. Prof. Pearson, the other day, spoke against the inspiration of the New Testament, and the incident is forgotten. The world, in the Church and out of it, don't care a dam whether Jonah swallowed the whale or not. They don't care anything about the matter, anyway. "It is written" no longer carries weight with the world of humanity. Some man must stand up before the whole outfit, and say "Thus saith the Lord" and prove it.

"OLD MORTALITY."

The Nautilus, Elizabeth Towne, Holyoke, Mass., gives the glad hand and the warm heart to the weekly CHRISTIAN in the following characteristic style:

"Thomas J. Shelton, 1657 Clarkson street, Denver, Colo., has made a weekly of "Christian" and tried to get two other men to help him edit it, men who had the good sense to say, "No, I thank you." Good! "Christian" is Shelton and nobody else. Long may it wave—and weekly. Shelton is on the right track, with a clear road—and there won't be any rear end collisions. The new thought has just two ways to go. It may formulate and organize and then ossify as a religious movement—a splendid monument to itself; or it may flow out into all the fields of human interest, seeping into every crack and cranny of every-day living, losing *itself*, but gaining the whole world. It may do either, but it will doubtless do both. Shelton is not building monuments; bless him."

Don't you think it is about time to stop building monuments? Of course, we build a monument to perpetuate the memory of a live man or woman; that is, one who was alive while he lived. Nevertheless, a monument is a tombstone, and a tombstone is a record of failure. No matter how beautiful the institution that you organize on the strength of an Individualist's work, it is a proclamation that the Individualist has failed, for he is dead and death is a failure. You remember that when Jesus told the Jews that he had life, they wouldn't receive it. They said that the only life they were willing to accept must come through Abraham and Moses and the fathers. The only answer Jesus made to this old argument was to remind them that Abraham, Moses and all the fathers were dead. If I can't stay here on this earth and control my environment, then I am a fraud and a failure. Nothing else will satisfy me, and I am not seeking for anything else. What's the use? I don't want to leave any "memory" after I have made my last gasp for breath. I don't want to surrender to my environment and kick the bucket. I am not going to do it. I have passed from death into life.

TID-BITS.

*** Dr. Dewey's picture will appear in CHRISTIAN next week.

*** Mr. R. C. Douglass of Boston is just closing a successful course of lectures in Washington, D. C. You will find his list of subjects on the eighth page.

*** Helen Wilmans advertises a mental science souvenir spoon that sells at $3 per spoon. This is an imitation of Mrs. Eddy's souvenir spoon. Two mortal minds with a single thought; two pocketbooks that beat as one! Why didn't they get up a souvenir alligator or something original?

*** From San Francisco comes this tidbit: "This CHRISTIAN, January 12th, 1902, is the best one I have had in three years. Your article, 'Telepathic Treatments,' is so clear, and gives me information I have long been seeking on the relation between thought and brain. Give us more articles on this subject. I think you have a good man in Dr. Dewey."

*** The last CHRISTIAN was a banner number. My readers are beginning to find out that this is an entirely original publication. Every article in CHRISTIAN is written especially for CHRISTIAN and you can't get it anywhere else. My contributors do not write for any other papers or magazines, and I never make selections from other publications.

*** Here is one from New Hampshire: "I want the Douglass lessons all in one book. Your paper is simply wonderful! Words fail me to express what it is to me. I will seek and live its teachings. Once in a while put in a picture of CHRISTIAN'S home—the Healing Room, with you, Lady Blanche, and babe in it. I wonder if you know how often your real, loving friends go and visit you, and if you and your dear One know how much we love you."

*** *Studies in Spiritual Harmony*, by Ione, cloth, 134 pages, The Reed Publishing Company, Denver, Colorado. Ione is Grace M. Brown, of Denver. There is a good picture of her as frontispiece in this book. The seven chapters were issued as booklets. They are now bound in substantial cloth, printed on good paper, with good type, making a very beautiful book. The chapters are: Practical Metaphysics; Vibration; Concentration; Breathing; Mind; Self-Reliance; and Ethical Dietetics.

*** I don't want to keep back numbers of CHRISTIAN stacked up in the office; therefore, we try to make each new subscription begin with the year. You can have back numbers at one cent per copy hereafter. Keep them in circulation. At this writing it looks as if we would print one hundred thousand copies for February 16th with Dr. Dewey's picture. The responses are coming in with a hurrah. Remember that you can always have back numbers of CHRISTIAN at a cent apiece if you will distribute them as samples.

*** This reminds me to tell you that I have all the contributions that I can use. Since the weekly started I have returned manuscripts from a dozen of the leading writers in the New Thought. I would have been swamped with manuscripts if the Spirit had not selected my writers before the weekly started. When CHRISTIAN was a religious paper published for a sect, anyone who wanted to put "a piece in the paper" could get it printed; but I have learned better. My readers demand the very best, and I have no right to inflict trash on them just so the writer can see his name in print. The editor and readers of CHRISTIAN are standing by each other.

*** Didn't Louise Downes rattle the dry bones last week? Whew! The dust is still flying. She was afraid that her articles would not suit the women who read CHRISTIAN. Here is a sample of one of many letters:

"I enclose a dollar for which please send me as many CHRISTIANS as you can spare. The article by Louise Downes is the note I have been waiting to hear struck. It is the 'Dominant.'

"What! those lesser thirds so plaintive,
Sixths diminished, sigh on sigh,
Told them something, those solutions,
Those suspensions, must we die?
Those commiserating sevenths
Life *might* last, we can but try."

There is more of this same kind and I am almost persuaded to print her name. She is one of my old, old sweethearts, who has been with CHRISTIAN since the first number. Louise needn't be afraid to strike the high notes, the "Dominants," for the women who read CHRISTIAN. They are all listening for the trumpet of Gabriel, and some of them have heard it.

*** The subscription list is getting into good shape, but with a weekly it is a daily draft on everybody in the office. Every time you change your address, I must throw away the type of the old one and set up a new one in type. When going away for five or six weeks, don't make any change. Just give your carrier or postmaster a nickel and tell him to forward your papers. It would be better for me to send you duplicates than to change your address for so short a time. Besides, "copy" for CHRISTIAN is always given to the printers two weeks ahead of the date of publication. While we are mailing one paper we are printing another. Many persons change their address and before we can get the change made in type, they have returned home and a new change is made. Postmasters are required by the law to inform publishers when a paper is not taken out of the office, and yet, CHRISTIAN has been going to dead people for years without anyone informing me about it. Friends will confer a favor if they will let me know about such matters. These are not all tid-bits, but I must not spoil the first page of CHRISTIAN with news items. I want that first page to be the keynote of each number.

*** Mrs M. W. Johnson (Lillie D.) writes from New York City: "The last time I wrote you was from the Klondike. We came out in October and are here for a month or so, then expect to go out to Seattle, and on to Klondike in March. Both myself and husband believe that the success treatments you and Lady Blanche gave us last summer were beneficial. * * * Accept a little

token of appreciation—a pure Klondike gold nugget, two of them; a stick pin for you, also a nugget for Mrs. Shelton which she can have set for a hat pin if she prefers."

This is the same Mrs. Johnson who sent two large nuggets to Baby Blanche last summer. I had them set into two beauty pins, connected by a gold chain. You will see them on Lady Blanche in her picture. This is a prophecy that the *third* time the Johnsons send us nuggets will be when they are a bonanza king and queen of the Klondike! It is also prophetic of my own success in my Christian Science tunnel in Colorado. By the way, some of you thought I had given up the mines; but as soon as I found out the difference between the symbol and the substance, I went right back into the tunnel and have been working it steadily all winter. Bound to have the gold for the glory of CHRISTIAN!

❀❀❀ "How can a spiritual body live unless it becomes an electrical body after leaving the natural body?"

I have answered this question, but as my answer is new and fresh from headquarters, I will repeat it. A spirit and a spiritual body are one and the same thing. This is a tremendous statement in view of the long discussion on this subject. It came to me like a flash of lightning. A spirit and its body are identical, one and the same thing. A spirit is spirit all the way through, and there is no such thing as clothing a spirit with a spiritual body. There is no line of demarkation between a spirit and its form or body in the realm of spirit. A spirit is clothed upon with the body of flesh the same as the body of flesh is clothed upon with garments. In the objective world our clothing and our bodies are altogether different, although somewhat shaped alike. My trousers have legs and so have I; but the legs of my trousers are not the same as the legs of my body. My coat has arms, but they are not identical with my own arms, else I could not put my coat on or take it off. My spirit does not have any arms. *It is arms.* My spirit does not have any body. *It is body.* This body of flesh can be thrown away and my real self, which is body, will remain.

❀❀❀ W. D. Temple, Carbondale, Colo., writes: "If you know some 'worthy persons' who would like to have CHRISTIAN, but can not afford it, please enter them as subscribers at my expense. I think CHRISTIAN should be in every home."

I like this letter for several reasons. It contained three dollars. The writer quotes "worthy persons," showing that he considers all persons worthy. Just such men are back of CHRISTIAN or it would not be here in its present beautiful form. For the first years of CHRISTIAN, I never paid any attention to whether a person paid or not. This policy would have continued had it not been for the interference of the Institution. Even since the clerk of the Postoffice Department has begun to exercise censorship over publishers, I never mark a name off the list where the person wants the paper, and can't pay for it. There is a standing order for my stenographer to keep every one on who can't pay for it. Why, bless you, an old soldier, the other day, living on six dollars a month pension, wrote, saying that he liked CHRISTIAN, but would have to stop it, because he could not get the dollar. Well, I said, If such men can't get CHRISTIAN when they want it, God is a bankrupt and the universe is in chaos. I am actually editing, printing, and publishing CHRISTIAN for nothing.

❀❀❀ Clara B. Sibley, Stockton, Cal., writes: "CHRISTIAN is fine every week, but I do not see how you get time to get it out so often, or have you overcome the limitations of *time?*"

Yes, I have overcome the limitations of time. The work is an inspiration and I never have to think about it. For instance, this issue. I had announced at the head of this department that Dr. Dewey's picture would be printed in CHRISTIAN next week. Here comes a telegram saying that his "copy" can't be ready for this number. Therefore, it will be ready when his picture is ready. The Spirit just goes right on with his own work in his own way. You can never understand the liberty of the Spirit until you are in it. You may look through the iron bars of your prison and imagine how it would feel to be free; but the imagination can never know what realization really is. I have entered into the joy of the I AM, not in theory, but in fact. CHRISTIAN is not a common newspaper, but the voice of a prophet. Yes, of five prophets. It is strange to me how God sent such prophets of peace as Dewey, Douglass, Downes, and Parkinson. "The Heart of God" in last CHRISTIAN was a book of prophecy. The whole of last week's number is like "the voice of the Archangel and the trump of God."

❀❀❀ *Appeal to Reason*, Girard, Kansas, weekly, fifty cents a year, is a staunch, wide-awake, Socialist paper. I'm not a Socialist, but I give the glad hand and the warm heart to all men who are earnestly endeavoring to find the truth and are not afraid to preach it. *The Appeal* is getting up a present for Edwin C. Madden, Third Assistant Postmaster General, for his services to the cause of Socialism. The present will be in the form of a souvenir gold watch. Engraved on the inside of the souvenir watch will be the following inscription:

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The madness of Madden and men of his stamp cause more discontent and unhappiness in the world than any other class. Why? Because they are reformers, just like the Socialists and other reformers. Of all the dam rot that has been let loose on humanity, the reformers are the rottenest! The reformer is always trying to attend to some other man's business. He is sticking his nose where it is not wanted, and putting his fingers into other people's pie. The men and women who are going about trying to save the world are a nuisance. It doesn't matter whether the saviour's name is Edwin Madden or Carrie Nation; they are all in the same boat. A little clerk in the Postoffice Department upsets all the publishers in the United States, because he thinks he has a "mission" to do away with the deficit for carrying the mail. It is none of his business. The deficit is paid by all of us. It is our deficit. Once I was in favor of the government owning nearly everything. Madden has changed my mind. I don't want the government to own anything until we own the government, and, when we own the government, there will not be any need of government. I wish the Western Union Telegraph Company owned the Postoffice Department. Then, if one of their clerks interfered with my business, I would appeal to the general manager and get a hearing.

WHEN HOPE WAS DEAD.

ALLAN PARKINSON.

One day, disarmed by broken trust,
Hope, in my breast, by sudden thrust
Lay dead.

Then all the fiends of hell
That slept, arose with hiss and scream
Like horrors of a phantom dream.

One grinning Shade, with fiery dart,
In fierce attack, thrust at my heart.
Another clutched my throat.

Until,
With reeling sense and dimming eye,
I saw Death's vultures hov'ring nigh.

Then, stung by pain of those death throes,
With God-like strength, I struggling rose,
New born.

Thrilled by such potent Life
That, terror struck, the Demons fled,
And vanquished Hope rose from the dead.

Los Angeles.

ON THEOLOGY.

LOUISE DOWNES.

Theology is the name we give to our intellectual capacity in the study of religion. Much theology is much ignorance of religion. Religion is science. Our theology is the name by which we express our limitations. The Theologian is the man of small understanding and limited experience. The close of the twentieth century will not see a theological seminary upon this planet. Theology has to do with religions. Theology changes. Religion is changeless. Truth is eternal and changeless. That which truth *does* is eternally changing. That which truth *does is* not truth itself. That which law *does* is not what law *is*. Science studies what law *does* to know what law *is*. Law is truth—the absolute. Theology sits down beside a manifestation of truth and thinks it is sitting upon truth itself. This habit is the theological habit of thought. It is damning to intellectual development. It is stagnation and decay. It is the *legacy of the Church* to the *twentieth century*.

Richard Le Gallienne makes his hero say in "Love-Letters of the King:" "The Church

of Rome was the Bastile of France. So long as one stone of it stood upon another, no spiritual, or even political, progress was possible for mankind."

What is true of one church is true of all. To destroy the Church will not settle the problem of spiritual progress. This science *is* doing by making thinkers of men. The Church is destroying itself fast enough. The enemy of progress is not the Church. The enemy of progress is the theological habit of thought which is embedded in the human mind, and of which the human mind is ignorant. Its clutch is upon science, literature, music, art. Every human being is inoculated with this *habit* of *thought*. Idolatry carried its *habit* of *thought* into Christianity. Christianity hugged it tight. It has throttled truth. It forever will throttle truth and progress until annihilated by human intelligence and eternal vigilance. It is not the Church which is to be destroyed. *It is the habit of thought*, with which religions have inoculated the world.

Christianity does not date from any person, nor is it confined to any era of the world's history. My childhood was taught: "Confucius was a heathen." Why? "Because he was born before Jesus."

Christianity does not begin at persons or places or *dates*. *Christianity is an individual experience* and begins in that moment of spiritual perception *which perceives the divine in the human.*

The Atheist is the man who does not believe in God. In the light of modern science the Atheist is the man who does not believe in Himself. The man who does not know God is the man who does not *know* himself. The Atheist is the man still unconscious of his own divine nature. The Church, with its doctrine of Original Sin, worms of the dust and miserable sinners *suggestions* has produced a race of worms and sinners. A race of men and women unconscious of the divinity of man; unconscious of the truth of Jesus' words: "Ye are Gods." "The works that I do ye shall do." Jesus was forever telling us about ourselves, never about Himself, and in the telling spoke as never man spake. John said: "He needed no one to tell him about man, for He knew what was *in* man." Your Christianity dates from the moment in your consciousness when you perceive the divine in the human. When you perceive, as did Peter, that which flesh and blood can not reveal. Peter became a Christian in that hour when, in response to the question of Jesus, "Whom say ye that I am?" he joyously replied, "I perceive that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the *Living* God." And Jesus replies (Oh, the pathos and the joy of his heart at this recognition of true Being): "Flesh and blood hath not revealed *this* unto thee, but my Father in Heaven."

My Heaven is within. "My Father which art *in* Heaven." "On *this* rock will I build my Church." "This." That which reveals what "flesh and blood" *can not* reveal. *The spiritual perception;* on that which distinguishes spirit from matter; on that which sees God. The rock was within. And to this rock belongs "the keys of the kingdom of Heaven." "And I say unto you the kingdom of Heaven is within." The keys did not belong to Peter. The keys did not belong to Jesus. "The keys" were given to the "rock." And the rains may descend and beat upon that rock. The winds may howl. The desert and the burning sands and the rain and the winds are without, the rock is within, and there Christ will build His Church. *(Jesus never built a Church.)* Unless Christ build, we have none. A temple not made with hands eternal *in the Heavens.* Churches do not exist in the teachings of Jesus. You are Heaven. You are Christ. You are the rock. You are the keys. You are the Church. Jesus told us all about it. Our Christianity begins where Peter's began: at the moment of spiritual perception, which reveals a divine humanity; God in man. Peter saw the divine Christ in the human Jesus and the Master, the teacher was glad. He rejoiced. The idolatrous theological habit of thought sees only the material and ignores the spiritual. Sees the outer symbol, never the inner spirit; sees Mary and not the Madonna. In response to this habit, we have in civilization two gigantic institutions: the Roman Catholic and the Protestant Churches, both outflowing from a materialistic interpretation of this conversation of Peter and Jesus. In both Churches we have that monument of intelluectual prostitution, the "Apostolic Succession." The Roman Catholic Church saw for the rock, Peter, the man, the external. The Protestant Church following closely the idolatrous habit of thought, saw also the external, the outer; saw Jesus—*neither* saw Christ. And upon this foundation they have builded, an idolatrous foundation and no *rock*. The divine man cries for the temple not made with hands, and the divine man will destroy, and in three days build again, the city whose Maker and builder is God. Both churches in different ways have re-expressed the processes of idolatry. They have builded upon the external; the material. The strength of the foundation of Christ Church is not Peter. The strength is not Jesus; the strength is the *rock*.

To the womanhood of all the world Truth speaks at the beginning of this era. Are we changing the habit of thought, or only the thought? Revelation waits the thinker. Can we see? Have we built upon the Rock? Can *we* distinguish Jesus from Christ? The outer from the inner? That which manifests from that which is manifested? Have we uprooted the theological idolatrous habit of thought? Then we are divorced from teachers, leaders and organizations; we are students of Universal Truth. We can *see*. Blessed the pure in heart, they see.

It is a wondrous hour for humanity. Time opens the doorway of the woman century *inward*. Truth pushes aside an atheistic church with its multitudinous religions and gives science the right of way. Woman is stunned by the dawning light. Intuitively she grasps the conviction that it is day. Her intellect is not trained to respond to her intuitions; she knows not where she is; she is blinded, but it is with the light. The fulfillment of every ideal is within her grasp. Progress waits no longer. O woman, thine hour is near! "Hitch thy wagon" to the "star" of thy morning. Put not the sweet wine of thy wisdom into old bottles. Feed no more with the swine on the husks of tradition. Awake and *kill;* that the lilies of a resurrection morn may feed the earth with the perfumes of thy white joy. *Haste*, Eve is not yet *born*. Adam tastes not the apple until it be a gift from thy hand. The apple is good to make man wise. Thou alone canst pluck for him the apple of wisdom. Science has declared man a spiritual being. The revelation of man's divinity is the flaming sword at the entrance of the garden of Eden. Man *can not* return. The ideal once born, must be, will be, externalized. The journey is on and on and on to the achievement of divinity. Science has turned the hour glass of time; all is reversed. Your allegiance to the church is loyalty to an *emotion*, not an intuition. You are your own Savior. *The hour glass is turned.* O, the pathos of it. You try, but you can not make the sands run *upward*. The intellectual conception that you are a spiritual being is the whip with which you scourge the thieves and make ready your house of the Lord, that the mind may be the servant of your Soul, your divinity, and not the Master. *When you turned the hour glass*, you cleared out all the thieves and your divine nature uses the mind now to reveal and declare its divinity. The mind is now ready to serve the divine man. That mind can meet every demand the soul can make upon it. The desire to know, to understand, is the prophecy of fulfillment. You are done with preachers, teachers and churches. To know, to understand, you listen to the wisdom of your own soul. The temple is *clean;* no longer a den of thieves. Your mind is the servant of your divinity. You have builded your theology upon emotion. You are building now upon reason. *You are going to use that mind.* The service of Christ is "a reasonable service." Every step is as clear as the noonday. Keep the thieves out. From the star, "science," shines the light for your footsteps. You are a thinker. You are an *original* thinker. The world is hungry for *your* thought. Self-expression is success. You are power, love, light, beauty, joy, wisdom; *express yourself—you have won!* Woman, woman, turn quick *your* hour glass. *'Tis done!* Now!

As onward toward "A star" your "wagon" rushes—look thou *ahead.*
The steeds by thy right hand are led.
Ne'er mind what 'tis thou hast left behind,
Know what 'tis that's coming, Bind
Thine eyes to *bear* the light from yonder "star;"
Thy vision's power thou canst not measure by the things that are.

For thy pace each day a measure new
Out of yesterday time grew.
One art thou with soul of thine,
At one ment *claim* and *be* that soul divine.
Time, O man! shall bring no God save thee,
Be! Be!

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