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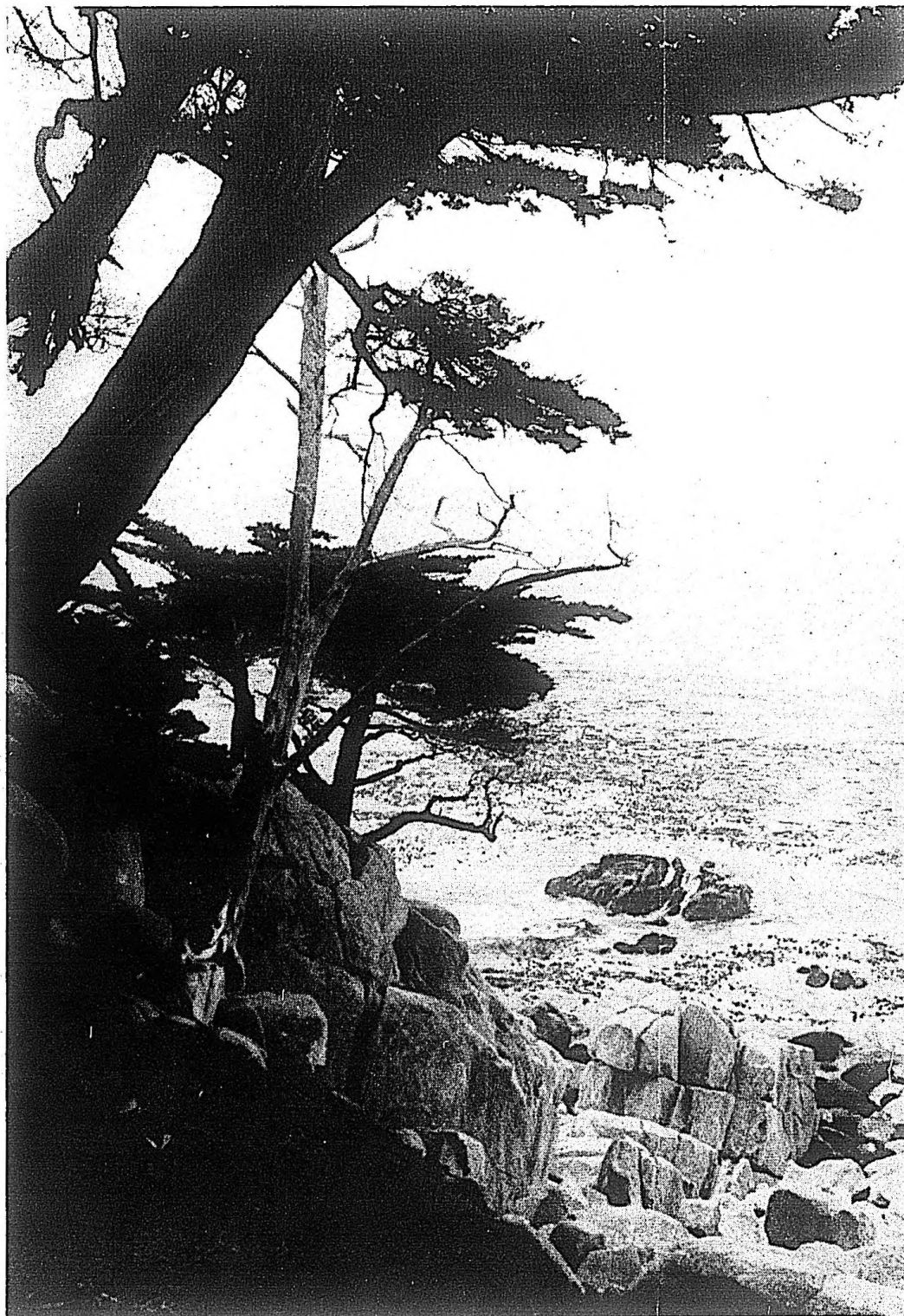
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October, 1961

We are constantly amazed at the amount of printed material which comes in our daily mail. Much of it is so inane we wonder who was so foolish as to spend good money to print or mimeograph it and then to pay the additional cost of mailing.

We have come to the conclusion that one reason there is so much that is utterly useless, senseless and silly, is because the majority of man-kind is completely lazy when it comes to using his mental faculties. He prefers to follow the line of least resistance in his thinking, and refuses to make the mental effort of thinking things out for himself and deciding whether that which he reads is true or false, it being so simple to say that he saw it in print, therefore it must be true.

After publishing a periodical like *Chimes* for nearly twenty-one years, we have discovered how far the average person will go to see their name in print, and have also discovered that the so-called "Vanity" publishers, reap a tribute from persons whose ego and desire to seeing their name in print causes them to throw all caution to the winds without investigation, and sign up for the publication of their "brain child", often to find themselves bilked of their money.

If they have imagination, and a fair degree of success in expressing themselves, they may be able to get a hearing. Most of the persons who will listen to them are somewhat gullible. We mentioned imagination, for strange as it seems, the more fantastic the story, the more reader interest.

Not too long ago, we were warned that a certain specific date (now long past), would be disastrous to America, particularly the West Coast. We waited with bated breath for the great event to take place, only to have the fateful day come and go with only the usual series of everyday events since time began. Later, a release came stating that certain persons had been placed in key positions around the country, and that they had been able to set up counter vibrations through their secret powers, and that because of this the crisis had passed.

We have had and sold, in the past, certain booklets which were said to be an explanation of many of the secrets of the Pyramid at Gizeh. The first copy came out many years ago, and gave specific dates of many world shaking events to transpire. One in particular, dates the coming of the next "Sideral Year", or the side slipping of the earth in its rotation, with the resultant changing of the poles. This date, so carefully computed, came and went, and the earth maintained its usual daily rotation. Presently, a new brochure appeared with the explanation that the slide rule had slipped when making the computat-

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ions, that a new set of charts had been compiled, and that the date was certain to be so and so. *No chance of failure.* Well, this date also came and went, and as far as we could tell last evening, the North Star was still in its usual place, and unless we are "wackier" than the would-be prophet, the sun rose in the East this morning.

We recently picked up a copy of H. G. Wells, "History Of The World", and were thrilled with our first reading of this most unusual book. One thing above all else was the discovery that man has changed very little, if at all, during all the centuries since the Garden of Eden. Today he is perhaps a little less crude, his cruelties a little more refined, although he still hates and seeks to destroy, with less personal danger to himself.

Mankind has a "far piece to go", as the Southerner would say, before he can realize the fulfilling of a promised heaven on earth, or any state of love and unselfish relationship with his fellows. We have never taken an active part in any of the "Flying Saucer" discussions, for many reasons. First, because of the instructions we have regarding a life of spiritual attainment, and by Spiritual we mean only that part of life that *avoids* or lays *less stress* on Material things, than on the more enduring aspects. Second; with all the teachings of The New Testament and the way of life as outlined by The Master Of Galilee, it certainly is not necessary to have "messages" on how to live brought to earth by so-called members of other planets or galaxies.

We do not doubt but what there is some form of life on other planets, and that this life must be older than that of earth. In fact, there are many references in the Bible to other "worlds", and these are not necessarily referring to the abode of Spirits.

Man has many lessons to learn as a humble dweller on the earth, before he has any right to attempt to reach other planets or worlds. He cannot worship God without constant disagreement over creeds with his fellow man. He cannot control disease, poverty, war, or a million other things that disturb his life here. *By what right does he wish to go out into space and carry his discord and inharmony to other worlds?*

There is no single set of rules or standards on this earth by which man can find total agreement in his material, physical, mental, or spiritual expression. We have lived through more wars in our lifetime than we like to think about. What have they ever accomplished, out-

side of death, heart ache, and a growing National debt that can never be liquidated. Man never seems to learn. Perhaps he does not *wish* to learn. Unlike the prodigal son, he does not sit down and examine his *own* heart and mind. *It takes too much effort.* It is so much easier to let some one else do his thinking, to read someones book or article, and accept it for the ultimate fact, whereas *any* book or any line of thought is merely the "doorway" to greater mental exploration.

It is just as inane to accept the teachings of any ism or precept as to read it in a paper or book and, without further thought, accept it as a *fact*.

We were reared in an Orthodox church and were taught that the Bible was the exact word of God, and that every word was to be accepted literally and *without question*. This we could not do, for when we discovered that the words of Holy Writ had been written by man under the influence of Spirit, we recognized that a percentage of error must, of necessity, be expected. Then too, there have been many copies made from original manuscripts, laboriously, by the use of a pen in the hand of a scribe. In our own personal experience, we find it impossible for us to copy page after page of any material, and not allow a word of our own mind be used instead of the text we are copying.

Paul wrote to Timothy admonishing him to "study", that he might rightly "divide" the word of Holy Writ. This, *we* also must do, using our inner sense of wisdom, always listening to the voice of our ever present inner guide.

There is a game we play for relaxation when we are tired from hours of work at our desks. It is called "Scrabble" and has many little wooden squares with letters with which we build words. Many times there is a temptation to invent a new word when it would help to dispose of a difficult letter. We have a very easy solution to this problem. This is by making a sentence using the word. This proves its correctness. Of course, there is always a dictionary to refer to, but this is seldom necessary.

If we will remember that this rule can be applied to that which we read in books and magazines by asking ourselves, does it make sense? Is it in keeping with sane thinking? Messages, both written and orally given, can be tested by this simple rule.

We would feel very unhappy if every reader of *Chimes* accepted

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OUR COVER

This month, we again present a picture taken in the area of Carmel, California, where last month we used the picture of the witches tree for our front cover. Did you note the witches head at the very top of the tree, with what looks like long grey hair coming down over the side? Just below is a larger face, with long handlebar mustaches, and below that what looks like a lemming, a small rodent type animal.

Ed Bodin sent us a most interesting letter about our September cover, in which he said; "Excellent picture on September issue. The Hermit of Chataqua Hills says it recalls the ancient prospector's folk song:

Old Beulah Witch is living near
Carmel,
Doomed forever in her earthly
Hell,
Along with her lemming and old
viking too.
Some day you'll see them while
passing thru!

Then he adds, just beneath the witches face is the viking's profile, and below, in the center, is the lemming looking skyward. It was the Witch of the North who caused the lemming to rush into the sea and destroy the Viking invader. Lief Erickson, in revenge, chased the Witch to Labrador, and then across the country to the Pacific, where they died." It is an interesting legend anyhow!



At Twenty Minutes To Five



by Willis E. Hutchinson

With each step up the ladder of life, we advance a little higher toward our goal of spiritual refinement, until at last, we enter the higher planes of the Astral World. As we become worthy of attaining that exalted position, with the aid of mediums as instruments of communication, we are able to instruct those still on earth as to the paths leading to a better way of life.

I believe this to be true. I also believe we can have a psychic connection with another living person, usually of the opposite sex. How many times have you met someone, by chance, and had the feeling you have seen them before? For weeks, this thought will haunt you. You will search your memory, and finally give up, explaining to yourself that perhaps it was just a strong resemblance to someone you have seen in the movies.

Deep in your subconscious mind this haunting memory had been filed away, with perhaps millions of such memories. Your subconscious mind is a vast filing cabinet. It contains the record of everything you have ever heard, seen or experienced. Some of these memories are buried so deep in the mind that they cannot be completely recalled. Only a vague echo reaches your conscious mind, not strong enough to be recognizable.

Often we meet a person, and immediately have the feeling of being well acquainted with them. You have similar ideas, tastes, etc., in fact you seem as perfectly matched as two individuals can be.

About two years ago, I met such a person. Through her acquaintance a chain of events developed, which led to the most remarkable experience of my life. By the aid of her psychic powers, linked to my own, I was able to travel astrally back through the corridor of time to visit an ancient scene. But, I went back only once.

I first met this lady one Sunday evening at the services of a Spiritualist Church. From the very start, we seemed to have much in common, consequently our friendship developed with amazing speed. I shall refer to this lady as Marion.

Within a short period of time, we were engaged in long telephone conversations, as we were unable to meet frequently.

It was not long before we noticed that an unusual phenomenon took place. The fact that we were both developing mediumship at the time, may have accounted for these manifestations. Yet, the moment I heard her voice on the phone, I became aware of spirit entities gathering around. As time went on, these

sensations became stronger. At the other end of the line, Marion was having a similar experience. Cool breezes, and the feeling of being touched by invisible hands, became increasingly stronger. These phone calls took place every evening at exactly *twenty minutes to five*.

Soon, I noticed a feeling of drowsiness take hold of me, until the very strength of these Spirit forces made it difficult to remain awake during the conversations.

Due to an unfortunate circumstance, our friendship came to an end, but each evening, at the usual time, I continued to experience this trance-like sensation.

As I live alone, I did not think it wise to surrender myself to the feeling. A person alone should not become entranced, for to do so, without adequate protection, can be a dangerous thing. So, I fought it off.

However, one evening I was relaxed in a chair, deeply engrossed in a book. Suddenly, a pleasant feeling of complete ecstacy came over me. It was such an exotic sensation, that I laid down the book, and closed my eyes. If I had known what was about to happen, I would not have done so.

The first feeling was that of weightlessness. My body seemed to defy the pull of gravity. I felt the effect of drifting upward, so I let myself go, having no desire for further resistance.

Huge clouds of a white substance encompassed me on all sides. Slowly I drifted forward, still retaining consciousness, as the white cloud-like substance began to change to a most magnificent display of color. These colors came in huge bars, one blending into another. Colors of unimaginable shades, far beyond the color spectrum as seen by the human eye.

The thought crossed my mind. This is Astral travel. I must be on the Astral Planes, but being so enthralled by the beauty of it all, how I was to return did not bother me in the least.

After what seemed hours of floating, the colors seemed to fade somewhat. The scene took on a different appearance, then quite abruptly I found myself on the outskirts of a small village. I knew this town! *I knew just where to go.*

Where I was, or in what dimension, I had not the slightest idea. The village was primitive. A group of small huts were arranged on

each side of a dusty narrow street. From the costumes worn by the inhabitants, they may have been Greek. A few donkey-drawn carts, a well, around which several women gathered, comprised the activities of this sleepy community.

Then a strange thing happened. As I floated along, (I did not seem to walk), no one noticed me. I had to move to the right or left to keep from bumping into anyone coming from the opposite direction. I came to the conclusion *they could not see me!*

Without any hesitancy, I made my way along the street and turned the corner. There, before me, stood a broken-down shack. I entered. A few crude cooking utensils, a pile of straw in one corner, something that passed for a table and bench were the furnishings of this home.

On the floor, a young child was playing with a puppy. In one corner preparing food of some sort, stood a woman, with her back towards me. I moved over to where she stood and touched her on the shoulder. She did not respond in any way. I touched her harder, still no response. *She could not feel my touch.*

I glanced into a container of water on the floor to see what I looked like in the reflection. *There was no reflection.* I could not be seen, I could not be felt. I was a ghost. Not a ghost from the past, as is the usual case, but a ghost from the future!

If only I could find some means of making my presence known. If I could only knock over an object or make a mark, perhaps she would become aware that someone was trying to attract her attention.

A small stick lay near the fireplace. The idea struck me to take the stick, and scratch a sign in the dirt floor. I reached down to pick up the stick. To my surprise, I could not grasp it, it merely passed through my fingers. *I had no power!*

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The Vesper Hour Of Nature

THERE is a time just before dusk falls when the voices of Nature seem suddenly to be hushed, as if all life were savoring the final moments of the day; when the butterflies come out for their last lazy flight about the garden; when the birds sail softly athwart the straight-slanting rays of the setting sun, seeking the bold insect that has ventured forth from the sanctuary of the sheltering green leaf. The humming birds, Nature's heliocoopers, spin the whirling blades of their many-colored wings and take a last sip of the sweetness that lies deep in the bell of the trumpet-flower. The crickets speak up with a gay, subdued chirp, as if loth to disturb the prevailing peace.

In the distance, a bull-frog sounds the deep tones of his big bass horn, and the music of the vesper hour is in full swell, a great organ sounding the last glad chant of the day, with a light "Diminuendo" touch.

As suddenly as they came, the butterflies take their leave; the birds, too, as if they heard the call, are off to their unseen nests; the bull-frog sighs a final chord; the humming birds disappear, I know not where. A soft, sweet peace settles down upon all life. God is there — His presence is not difficult to know. In this silent magic, there is rest from the cares of the day. And, for a fleeting moment, life seems fair and just and good.

Then lo! the sun's last bright rim is gone. Nature's vesper time is finished. The night noises take over — and the peace of that changeling hour is no more.

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The Great Mystic, Kahlil Gibran



by Dr. Enid S. Smith, Ph.D.

More than any other great poet, Gibran, in combining the highest artist, or prophet, the Syrian seer, spiritual concepts of both East and West, could be called the Spiritualists' poet. His writings have circled the globe, ministering to the weary and bewildered of the nations of the world. One of his books, *The Prophet*, °°° has been translated into thirty different languages and dialects. This book of universal appeal touches and stirs the spirit with a finger of fire. According to the need of each, it speaks to the heart, solves problems, answers questions, and brings each to his fulfillment.

Youth says, "Herein are all the things I have in my heart, and goes on to give an example of what the Seer said about Love — to follow love when he beckons, though his ways are hard and steep; to believe him, though his voice may shatter dreams, as the north wind lays waste the garden; to remember that even as love crowns us, so shall it also crucify us, for love is for our growth and also for our pruning.

Then Age, speaking of *The Prophet*, said, "All my days have I sought, knowing not what; now in my Winter time I find my treasure in this book", in what the Sage affirms concerning the soul, death, and God — that he declared that we "are spirits, though we move in bodies, and though like oil that burns in the dark, we are flames held in lamps." Often he spoke of the "continuity of life", periods of existence of the human spirit that are all in the pattern in the inevitable design, for nothing is small in this earthly life, and nothing happens by chance.

And, about death, he would make it clear that "death changes nothing but the masks that cover our faces", for the woodman is the woodman still, and the ploughman the ploughman still." He told often of the treasures of the spirit, and said of himself beyond the door called Death: "I shall live beyond death and sing in your ears. I shall

small torn scraps of paper so that they might take root and grow into a tall bush that should produce fair sheets of paper for him to write and draw upon! It was his habit later, as he began his books, to pray, "Help me, O Lord, to write thy truth enfolded in thy beauty in this book."

When he was six, his mother gave him a volume of Leonardo's reproductions. After turning the pages for a few minutes in silence, he burst into wild weeping and ran from the room to be alone. His passion for De Vinci possessed him from that hour, and even in times of childish stress and strain, when rebuked, he would say, "What have you to do with me? I am an Italian!"

As he grew older, in a few words he summarized his attitude toward different periods in his life. When he was born, he said, "I will go back." When he was three years old, a tempest visited his town that tore his clothes and he shouted, "I go with the storm!" When he was twelve, he remarked: "I will stay here awhile; I have something to say." At twenty, he had forgotten what to say, but at thirty-three, he began to remember the message he came to bring to the world. He often said that he was a strange child that only his mother understood, that he "was a small volcano, a young earthquake." Yet, he would lie perfectly still while his mother sang to him the soft, wild, plaintive songs of his native desert and mountain in a voice of enchanting beauty. Gibran said of his mother, that she lived countless poems but never wrote one. But, the song that lies silent in the heart of the mother will sing upon the lips of the child.

While he lived his own countless songs, he sang also, both her songs and his own. His first poems were not written in words, but were modeled in snow and fashioned in stone. Figures of strange, childlike beauty grew under his hands in the winter in his garden. Passing neighbors would remark, "See what the young Gibran has done!" His own experience later led him to realize, re-

garding beauty education, that a child may be taught to draw a bird as easily as to write the word. A child may make rhymes while he is learning to make sentences, and he may model clay when he learns to build with his first blocks. Such a program could accomplish outstanding results, had we not forgotten that there is only one universal language, and that its voice is art.

Then suddenly it seems that the little Gibran could write. But he tore up his work because it was not what he wanted to say. Likewise, with colored pencils and pigments he drew and painted, but destroyed the pictures because "they were never like what I saw when my eyes were dark." Later, he called it all "green work". He rewrote *The Prophet* five times until it satisfied him.

As a young child, Gibran learned Arabic, French, and English. He came to America when eleven years of age, with his mother, half-brother, and two sisters. He did not find all that he needed in America, so insisted on returning, when fourteen years of age, to Beirut to study and get his degree from the School of Wisdom. He graduated with high honors, and besides the prescribed curriculum, he studied medicine, international law, history of religion, music, and other subjects. At fifteen years of age, he was writing, and had completed his first draft of *The Prophet*, had edited a literary and philosophical magazine, *The Truth*. After traveling in Greece, Spain, and Italy, he studied painting in Paris. It was work, work, work and more work, but he tells us that "work is love made visible."

He wrote profusely for two years, but was called back to America by the illness of his family, where he wrote and painted for a time, until he returned to Paris for more art study. When he finally came back to America, he founded his own Academy of Art in Boston, and later went to spend the remainder of his life in New York City where he lived in the first studio building ever built in America exclusively for the use of painters and sculptors.

Gibran's works indicate that he had a mind excellently trained, limitless in range and depth, a thinker inspired that came through the years to a profound scholarship. Once, for a prank, he dictated to three secretaries at one time, in three languages and on three different subjects — to the amazement of all concerned.

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Dr. Enid Smith

sit at your table, without a body; I shall go with you to the fields, a spirit invisible, and I shall come to your fireside as a guest unseen." He would go on to say how he longed for Eternity where he would meet his unwritten poems and his unpainted pictures — there, he declared, "I will rise and strip me of time and space."

Of the Infinite One he spoke, saying that God is our all, the heart that contains all hearts, the love that encompasses all loves, the spirit that envelops our spirits, the voice that enfolds all voices, a silence deeper than all silences and timeless, a beauty more enchanting than all the beautiful — a song more vast than the songs of the seas and the forests.

The uniqueness of the great mystic was evident in all stages of his development. When Kahlil was four years of age, he dug deep holes in his garden and planted



NEW! EXCITING! SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

Starting next month, we will present an eight part serial, by the much beloved writer, Dr. Enid Smith, on my *LIFE AMONG THE HEAD-HUNTERS*. Many years ago, Dr. Smith, together with others, traveled to India as a missionary. But, even before this, her spiritual powers had been developed to a marked degree, so that in this fascinating and unusual series, readers will enjoy some of the bizarre, odd and often times bewildering psychic experiences of both Dr. Smith, and the natives among whom she worked. Many pictures taken at the time add to the pleasure of the story. This is something not one reader will wish to miss.

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The Spiritual Centers Of Man



by Carole Colby

In the 12th chapter of St. Matthew, verses 30 to 32, we read the words of Christ, in which He rebukes Blasphemy:

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

"And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

Because of the prevalent ignorance among people concerning things of a normally invisible nature, it is understandable why mankind is being increasingly induced and beguiled into believing much of the atheistic ideology being propagated, subtly and otherwise, in the world today. Not only do we discover more and more people, collectively and individually, disputing the existence of God, the Supreme Intelligence governing all creation, but they are going a step further to deny the reality of their own spiritual-self; their unique immortal soul! Children generally are not taught, as they should be from the time they are sufficiently mature to comprehend, that they are essentially a *Spiritual Being*, temporarily housed in a mortal body. They are not learning that besides the physical body their young consciousness resides in, they also have a duplicate etheric counterpart, constructed of too fine a substance to be discerned through ordinary vision. The fact that this etheric-double, or psychic body, is a connecting link between this and the world of spirit, is being neglected also. Minds, from young on, are not being instructed, and admonished, that their fundamental responsibility and obligation to the Heavenly Father, to other personalities, and to themselves, is to commence the building and fashioning of their incorruptible spiritual body while dwelling upon this mundane sphere.

People who have been born with, or develop, psychic abilities and spiritual gifts — those who have personally experienced the certainty of a superior, transcendent form of life, and who have often been able to prove, by demonstration, this fact to others — have always been the object of ridicule and scorn. Why? Simply because there has been contention transpiring down through the centuries between the positive and the negative,

right and wrong, good and evil, the Christ and the antichrist; dualistic opposing forces that can never co-exist in harmony with each other. One will eventually have to be subdued, and, judging from the indicative signs currently manifesting, the time is not far off when this will be brought to pass.

Many souls can testify to the conflict occurring from within and without their individual consciousness. A multitude has succumbed to the satanic influences of wrongdoing, becoming participants in the attempt to induce others into their fainted observances. Think not that the spirit world is free of these objectionable conditions. It will not be so until the earth plane is cleansed of its immorality: until mankind becomes so loathful and intolerant with the debasement he sometimes finds himself enmeshed in, that he will willingly seek the intervention of the all-powerful One to help lift him above his despair. Let us hope, and pray, that more souls will turn to God (who is ever waiting to enter into their hearts and minds at the least beckoning) to receive the compassion, forgiveness, and strength they are in need of, before it is too late! "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?" (1 Corinthians 6:9)

We frequently hear it quoted: "With God all things are possible." But, how do we obtain the spiritual power imperative to become in rapport with the consciousness of God, to enable Him to perform His miraculous works through us? Ultimately the seven main psychic centers, also known as the chakra force or energy centers, must be magnetized and imbued with the power of the spirit; or the power of God, if you please. The chakras belong to the usually invisible etheric body, and are allied with the spinal column; the channel through which the kundalini fire rises. The lowermost chakra, located at the base of the spine, absorbs the lowest scale of the undulatory essence of life from the cosmos, and each succeeding chakra draws in a higher range of vital force. This assimilation of the divine spark, necessary to express the diverse phases of life, is a continuous process. However, after we have sufficiently developed our psychic vehicle, we can, by concentration, ingest a larger than customary amount of animated spirit energy through a particular chakra, to produce a desired effect.

The seven psychic centers, or chakras, in the order of their locations, are: the Root Chakra, the Splenic Chakra, the Solar Plexus

Chakra, the Heart Chakra, the Throat or Thyroid Chakra, the Pituitary or Brow Chakra, and the Pineal or Crown Chakra — also known as the "Thousand-Petaled Lotus". People who lead a life mostly bent upon carnal pleasure, sometimes have the second chakra situated over the prostrate gland, instead of in the splenic area.

The chakras all have their distinctive coloring, which varies according to the plane of consciousness an individual is primarily attuned to. They transmit the energies that give an impulse to such attributes and talents as: love, faith, courage, mercy, intellect, intuition, aspiration, inspiration, trance, astral projection, clairvoyance (spiritual seeing), clairaudience (spiritual hearing or attunement to the "inner voice"), psychic or spiritual healing, etc.

The Root Chakra is a murky red color when undesirable traits are dominant such as wrath, malice, covetousness, sensuality, etc. It becomes an orange-red with the expression of estimable qualities. This chakra intromits energies essential for man's physical functions. It is the starting point from which the kundalini is activated.

In those who have the second chakra located in the Prostatic region, the chakra reflects a red color, but in those who have it in the Splenic area, it is a rose color, because the sexual force is then used not only for reproductive purposes, but toward the achievement of other commendable creative endeavors as well.

The Solar Plexus Chakra, or abdominal brain, is the emotional center wherein man struggles to resist the temptations of evil. It contains a combination of benefic and malefic desires, and frequently changes its color, though it is principally green.

Both human affection and divine love is expressed through the Heart Chakra. Its color is yellow, which turns to a golden hue when the Self is overcome.

The Throat or Thyroid Chakra, usually a light blue color, may take on a silvery appearance in those who are eager for spiritual progression.

The Pituitary or Brow Chakra is a dark blue. In those more spiritually advanced, both the pituitary

and pineal glands are within this chakra, starting the formation of the Crown Chakra.

Finally, the Pineal or Crown Chakra: the "Thousand-Petaled Lotus"; which radiates a color that varies from violet to the glorious white brilliance of the Christ Consciousness, in its higher expression.

Thus is the power of the spirit made manifest.

Ed Note: Those who would like to study the subject of the spiritual centers or Chakras, will find Lead-beater's book, "The Chakras" of inestimable help. It is, without doubt, the finest work on the subject that we know of, and has, besides the text, many, many pictures and charts, in color. Order from Chimes, Brea, California, enclosing \$4.50 per copy. California purchasers please add 15c State sales tax.

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THE LIGHT WITHIN YOU

by Mattie S. Miller

We all know within the human body is an invisible Force, which we call *Life*. This power within is three-fold, for not only is it *Life*, but it is that with which we build not only the physical body but the invisible body also. This great invisible "something" within ourselves is not only the *Life Principle*, but also the *consciousness within ourselves*, and the *Substance Principle* of which our Universe is made. The *Law is vibration*, and science is discovering that fact. We hear a great deal about harmonics. Science is beginning to realize that disease is manifested when we are not in harmony, when various parts of the body are affected because they have set up discord. Because of this vibratory Law, we must purify our thoughts, get away from negative thinking and begin to have high ideals, high thoughts.

In this higher development work, because we are three-fold, we are often given breathing exercises. Why? So that we can begin to see the inner Light of the soul and the spirit-power within!

Most of you know how iron is converted into steel. By the action of intense heat and air, the dross is burned out. (the silicon, sulphur, carbon) and nothing but the steel remains. We are all converters. Our lungs are the instruments within us that do this work. The majority of people do not breathe deeply, consequently, they do not burn up the waste. They should learn to breathe deep. Nature has placed the breathing process to a greater extent under automatic control; this accounts for the lazy habit most people have of filling only the top of their lungs, leaving the lower to shrivel and become diseased. If you want better health, a more

optimistic out-look on life, begin this moment to breathe deep and long. You will get so much more oxygen that it probably will cause you to feel dizzy. Keep it up until it becomes a fixed habit and you will reap lasting benefit. The Ancients taught breathing exercises — not only as a health measure for eliminating poison from the body, but for bringing them in touch with the exterior and interior Flame which is *Life*.

All the great sages have taught that at the very centre of man's being, there is present and active a God-self, of which the physical, mental and emotional faculties are instruments of expression. To realize and recognize this real *I am that I am* in our inner consciousness, and thus become at-one with it, has always been The Path of Initiation, no matter by what name it has been called. Thus, every human being is a potential Christ, and this is the inner teaching of all the Mystery Schools, both ancient and modern.

The God-self of every human being is a focal point of that Power from which all things proceed, and from which all actions flow. Behind the manifested universe there lies a great spiritual, creative activity — the Presence-power of an Infinite Life, in which we live and move and have our being. Likewise back of the Physical self — the personality, there is this God-Presence-power which is eternal and immortal. It uses the physical self as an instrument for the expression of its Life and Power. The Master Jesus, prototype, showed us that here and now we of ourselves can do what He did.

The human race is entering into a greater expansion of consciousness and, consequently, this truth must now become revealed to quicken our evolutionary growth and bring us into the promised land "flowing with milk and honey". Why milk and honey? When the Ancients and the Prophets talked of a land flowing with milk and honey they were talking about the two centers in the brain. When these become responsive to the higher consciousness, we indeed express and live in the fourth dimension. The pituitary gland exudes a milk which not only nourishes the physical body, but also

the finer bodies, and becomes a great healing power, a great love element that heals, blesses, and cures disease.

There are many, many great souls walking our streets, watching and brooding over humanity. It is all a matter of Vibratory Law and thus the race is gradually being quickened into what may be termed a fourth-dimensional consciousness — which, in time, will become the common one. Advanced souls, like John the Baptist of old, are preparing the path — blazing the trail for the Christ Consciousness that will take hold of humanity in short order.

Many great minds have sensed this coming of the Christ Consciousness and speak of it as the coming of the Superman, for he will recognize, realize and manifest the Christ Consciousness and become the Inheritor of the earth. We read, "The meek shall inherit the earth, but this meekness has been mistakenly supposed to be submissiveness, negativity, spiritlessness. This is not true meekness, but rather weakness. When we have come to realize that the egotistical, vain-conceit of *Personality* is absurd, and that we are all servants of the *Lord (Law)* of God, then we shall realize a great difference between the negative meek (weak) "*Me*" and the positive, poised, restrained, "*I*". Our experience has been that when ever we approach a *developed* soul and ask him to do something, he is never too busy to help. But, when you ask a fellow who is all puffed up with his own importance, it is never done. The meek are great, not weak. Wanting to serve, they so often work beyond their physical strength.

All the great souls of history have had a flash of this Presence — either consciously or unconsciously, and their success has been due to this fact. Always, they have sensed an inner "*something*" that guided, protected, and gave them power, confidence and stamina. Reading the lives of the great men and women of history, one may often discover the exact period when their great *Realization* came about — when the "new life" was begun. Of course, you say, "How does this all affect me?" We answer, "This affects you to that degree in which you open your mind and soul to the influx of the Light which is now beating upon you. Forget your narrowness. Let this Light enter and flow thru the channels of your being. With each step taken; the next will be revealed. Step out boldly, confidently and with a sense of infinite security, for within you is this Great Light.

Let your slogan be, "I can conquer and I accept all that is necessary for my ongoing. *I dare, I do, I serve.*"

Turn over the pages of Scripture and you read that God created man in His own image. You need not be told that this "own image" is not that of the physical body — such an idea is worthy only of a savage. This image of God is naught but the God-self "*I am that I am*". There is nothing else in physical man for this Own Image to be; it is an expression of the Infinite and eternal energy within our own individual beings. In other words, we are and must be a focal point of its expression in manifestation. Whether we call that Infinite Presence-Power by the name of God, Jehovah, Supreme Being, Brahma or Eternal Life Energy or by any other name, at the last, every human being is *that* in his essential nature and inner being. "*I and my Father are one*".

This, then, is the Secret of secrets. This is the recognition and realization of Christhood. This is the Magic Wand which men have sought all down thru the ages — the Philosophers Stone — the Ultimate Truth, which, when known, all becomes clear to him who hath discovered the "jewel within the lotus".

Take this great truth into your hearts and minds and give its roots room in which to grow into a beautiful tree of life and bear a great harvest for you, "In the degree that you recognize the *truth* in thought; in that degree that you realize the *truth* in feeling; in that combined degree will be able to manifest the God-self in action. Thus will you pass from the three dimensional plane of Effects to the fourth dimensional plane of Causes. You cease to be a slave of Circumstances and environment and you become master of circumstances and environment. The finer forces of Nature are subconsciously and super-consciously set to work in your behalf. — because you have become master over it." You will become such a powerful magnet for good that you will attract to yourself that which will bring about your highest good and happiness.

Shall you remain a slave or become a Master? Which shall it be?

"Lord of a thousand worlds,
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by Hudson Tuttle

Chapter IV

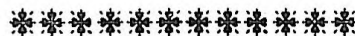
The Sage now threw aside his robe in order to magnetically control the medium presiding at the circle to which Leon, Hero and the Sage had come. Speaking thru the now entranced medium, the Sage spoke of the coming of the spiritual age, and the means whereby the harvest of its ideas and truths might be used for the greatest benefit of humanity. Then, ceasing to speak, he continued to convey his thoughts by means of a vision impressed upon the mind of the medium, allowing the latter to describe what he saw in his own words. And this is what he said:

"Glorious and grand the prospect breaks around me as though a magician's wand had dispelled the deep darkness which before encompassed my senses. My spirit revels with the infinite hosts of heaven. In a sphere of ugliness, I see beings in a most degraded state of filth and corruption. I cannot picture its miseries, for I never before saw such misery. I stand on an elevation in the center of a boundless plain, covered with human beings freed from earthly life, but not from its cares, strifes, miseries, and woes. They are divided into groups. There, a band of robbers; here, of murderers or sensualists. All the passions, desires, propensities, appetites are represented by various colors and disgusting forms. Their presence fills me with disgust, for I cannot gaze upon the bloodshot eyes and ulcerously inflamed faces without a shudder.

"Here are beings clothed in rags hanging in tattered shreds about their forms. All is as black as night! My pity is moved at the spectacle, and keeps me gazing at the scene, fascinated with its changing hues. There is no rest, no quiet, no tranquility of thought, or peace of mind here. All is animal excitement and its attendant suffering. They wander about without purpose or design. Their errors keep them from the light, so they cannot progress, nor raise themselves above the level of the surface of the earth. Yet, their life is not without hope, for those with superior minds and loftier purposes descend into this lower abode as missionaries, to teach them the ways of goodness and truth. These messengers, endowed with exalted philanthropy, make this great sacrifice for these, their erring brothers. They teach them the path of righteousness. I can behold many as they descend, their shining robes becoming more brilliant by contrast with these benighted minds. They speak on reform. The haggard features around them become more ghastly in ex-

pression, and some approach them, scolding and cursing them in rage, as did the Jews of old to Jesus, the Nazarene.

"These benighted denizens cannot enter the sphere which surrounds these shining ones like an impenetrable wall, nor approach them unless so bidden. They are as if chained, and stand listening to the words of the messengers, who paint the errors of each in turn, holding the mirror to each one's heart. By turns, they are enraged and chagrined." Now the messenger finishes speaking, and unloosed by his last sentence, the dark audience moves away, shouting and



CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS!

The above picture was sent to *Chimes* by Mrs. Rachel R. Nellans of San Bernardino, California. Of it, she writes: "I have intended sending you this picture of my daughter Vetta, age 10, for some time. It was taken Easter Sunday. I think the picture is most interesting, for the child is extremely psychic. All other pictures taken on this day were perfectly normal, so there was no camera error or fault in the film. In fact, a picture taken not five minutes later is perfectly normal."

Ed Note: These light streaks are interesting, for often such things are manifestations of spirit power. Note that the base of the configuration on the right seems to emanate from the girl's solar plexus area. There is much that we do not yet know about such things, and they are intriguing and thought provoking.

cursing in their bitterness. Yet, some stay, weeping in agony, for their hearts have been touched. They see their errors and wish for the truth. They have resolved to reform, and do not wish to remain with this dark group. Now they are going away with the messengers. How bright they are! To gaze upon them fills me with pleasure.

"I have now risen to a higher plane, the sphere of the good and the just. Such an exaltation fills me that I find words inadequate to express it. Here is an Eden of delight, with gorgeous groves, fragrant flowers and crystal streams. The colors are clear and vivid, the light soft and brilliant, partaking of the etherealities I everywhere observe. Throughout the groves bright beings appear, engaged in their various pursuits, meditating or conversing, all joyous and happy. I wish to remain here forever and mingle with these intelligences. The atmosphere exalts my soul, but I must come back to earth. *How I dislike these words!* Earth looks dark, dreary and desolate."

The Sage then controlled the medium and said: "I came here this evening to instruct you. I have given this vision that you might become impressed with the opposite conditions to be found in Spirit Life. In the first part, you recognize what will be your positions if you indulge the basic faculties at the expense of the moral. If you are miserly—grind down the poor—speculate in blood and tears—are revengeful and cruel; if you make gourmets and drunkards of yourselves, you must expect to find a home in this dark sphere until your grossness and crudities have passed away. If you would become angels of light, and dwell in the bright abode last described, you must be good, truthful, philanthropic, not from a regard to your own happiness merely, but because it is right to be so.

"This is the hell so vividly impressed on the minds of the ancient seers and clairvoyants, which they supposed to be a lake of fire. You also find here a heaven and happiness. The mind carries with it the capacity of either place, and you need not look beyond the grave for these, for you are all the time surrounded by them. No one should

desire to leave the earth life until its tasks are done.

"The most distant day will find no one too well prepared. *You should make the present as happy as the future.* It were better to give all your attention to the perfection of mortal life, than to neglect its opportunities in expectation of greater enjoyment in the future. Man's birthright is to enjoy and garner the benefits of life, and he should fulfill the destiny which is his heritage. Be pure and unselfish in all things, that you may enter this life prepared to participate in its joys.

One in the class then asked the Sage, "How do you pass thru space?" To this, he replied:

"If the space between the planets was void, it would be impossible for us to leave the surface of the earth as for you to do so. This space is pervaded by an ether, which is slightly denser than the substance comprising our forms, highly attenuated as that may be. Thus, the force of gravity is suspended, and we can move with the rapidity of light wherever we will. The more elevated the spirit, the greater the ease and rapidity with which this is performed. The lowest cannot rise into space at all, and are compelled to remain amidst the scenes of earth-life. These are around you all the time. Their homes are with you, and they have more power to make themselves felt, because their thoughts are in keeping with the earthly souls with whom they associate. They have leisure and can await favorable opportunities. They can also control physical matter more readily than can the higher classes. As the

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The telephone rang loudly in the night, and upon answering, our daughter told us that our six weeks old granddaughter Carolyn was in Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City with influenza-meningitis. My husband and I dressed hurriedly, and soon were on our way to see if we could be of any help. Carolyn had had a cold, but none of us thought it was serious.

I did not see Carolyn until they brought her home from the hospital. Her appearance at that time was unbelievable, and although we held our emotions in check, it was hard to ignore her enlarged head, due to fluid on the brain. She could not move her head, and when we needed to do so, we had to use the utmost care. A brain surgeon talked of grafting nerve tissue, for it was thought that the eight cranial nerves had been damaged by the drawing of many spinal specimens. This also affected her balance.

Carolyn had entered the hospital the last of October, 1946, and the doctor who treated her told us she was given the very first streptomycin ever given anyone since World War II. We were all much concerned about this precious child, but were compelled to leave her in the hands of God and those trying so desperately to save her life. Remembering others who had suffered with this disease, and the resulting deformities, I prayed, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done", many times a day. She was truly in God's

hands and in the care of the Spirit helpers who seek to aid the sick.

After three months of hospitalization, the parents were called to the hospital consultation room and told that all had been done that could be done for Carolyn. They were told to take her home and make her as comfortable as possible until the end. No hope of recovery was given.

We have known children who have become ill from lack of love, for we live in a world where man's inhumanity to man has grown to such an extent that his entire outlook has become overshadowed with selfishness and greed, and man goes about his tasks with a nonchalance of self importance that



Carolyn could not sit up alone as yet.

is not unlike the self satisfied Romans with their schemes for world control. *This world needs love and understanding to battle the ills we have today.* Each has a place to fill, and even tho difficult, each must strive to fulfill his or her own destiny.

Any cure may be sparked, helped, or even achieved by means of spiritual communication if one has faith and knowledge, and we have proof of love, faith, spirit healing and medicine all combining to cure Carolyn.

We talked the situation over the evening Carolyn was brought home from the hospital, and decided to give Carolyn much of the love and affection she had missed while away. We dressed her in pretty clothes, so that she might look more normal. We felt that Carolyn had been left with us for a purpose. *God had given us a challenge!*

While in the hospital, Carolyn had been fed intravenously and when she began to eat in a normal way, she became ill. The pediatrician prescribed boiled milk and Carolyn began to gain weight and look better. Carolyn did not die as had been predicted, and several trips were made back and forth from the hospital, but these resulted in little change.

About this time, Carolyn's father was laid off, and moved his family to Tulsa, where he found intermittent employment. Carolyn went with them, but during the winter suffered from recurrent colds. Then Jennie, the baby's mother, had to have major surgery, and I brought Carolyn home with me, as her mother was too ill to care for her. Carolyn was then fifteen months old and weighed thirty-five pounds. I kept her with me for two months, though she was hard to care for, being limp in body, with no grip in her hands. Having been a nurse, I had some ideas about helping Carolyn use her body, so began to make plans. We felt exercise would help, but when Carolyn began to tire, we laid her down. Then, she began to try to pick things up with her hands. *We were making some progress!* Other exercises were used, and progress continued. Carolyn seemed alert as far as her mentality was concerned, and equal to children of her age. Everything a well child could do we were anxious for Carolyn to do also. It was often an effort to accomplish these things, for it was necessary not to overtax her nerves and strength. She still could not walk alone.

Then on May 30th, 1949, it happened! Carolyn was then nearly three. The big family dinner was over, and all had settled down in the living room for the usual visiting. We heard a commotion at the other end of the room. Carolyn had risen to her feet, looked about,

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Carolyn when she first began to walk.

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Ed Bodin's Page



EMBROGENE and ECTOPLASM by Ed Bodin

In reviewing my writings and lectures during the past forty years for condensation in a book entitled *My Best Friends Are Ghosts*, I found that more inquiries were recorded from intellectual people and scientists than from any other field, on the subject *Origin Of Ectoplasm*, which first appeared in *Spirit World* magazine in 1947 and which was copied extensively around the world.

This information is even more timely than ever, on account of Russia's recent progress in science; for the medical doctor (a woman) who gave me the information during an interview in New York City, began her experiments in Russia nearly twenty years ago. I assured her I would never reveal her name, although I can vouch for her standing in the world of medicine and medical science.

The term this doctor used was "Embrogene", which to me meant ectoplasm — for she felt it was a combination of glandular matter and radiation surrounding the child in its mother's womb. In the few cases where this fluid had been secured from a pregnant woman killed by accident, it had been cultured and used for experiment.

One of these experiments in Russia, where the embrogene culture was injected into the veins of a man, resulted in the man having clairaudient powers for several minutes; and he was able to "listen in" on a conversation of a group of scientists six miles away. The man had never had mediumistic power before. When Stalin heard of this experiment he feared its danger in espionage, and disciplined the Russian doctors; but the American doctor associate fled to Paris, where she continued the experiments and even brought health to aged persons when she returned to America before her death. As far as I can learn, her records were never revealed to the public. She had long feared persecution and perhaps hid the records or even destroyed them.

However, I know she believed in survival and communication. From conversation with her, we concluded that embrogene is absorbed by the unborn child, becoming part of the glandular make-up of the child at birth. Most of the embrogene seems to be contained in or around the solar-plexus. Children born with veils or cauls, have more embrogene in their chemical con-

stitution, due to the veil holding the liquid in more concentrated form, allowing much to be absorbed by the body. This might account for the old belief that a child born with a caul is psychic and more fortunate.

While all human bodies carry a limited supply of embrogene since birth, those who possess a super-supply by natural causes, are your mediums. One theory is that the main purpose of embrogene is God's Plan to encompass the spirit body at death, as it leaves the mortal body, enabling the spirit body to withstand astral pressure and rise above earthbound vibrations into and above the astral plane, and many higher planes of spirit frequencies, because the embrogene has been refined during life, by spiritual progressions which after all is the real purpose of high Spiritualism, and not the fortune telling divination which Saint Paul denounced in Acts 16:16 to 19.

One hypothesis by investigators, is that Embrogene can be dissipated by evil thought and action, and by association with low spirit influences, to such an extent that a spirit body at death becomes permanently earthbound and unable to reach higher planes of vibratory energy, and is thus limited to the astral flames of psychic fog which some call Hell. Evidently Jesus the Christ knew much about the science of embrogenic energy and the higher frequencies called Heaven. The doctor felt that the New Testament carried many scientific proofs far above theological mis-interpretations by creedists and religionists.

Thus, scientific Spiritualism can reveal the truth; and the truth can make us free from ignorance and disaster, and the bigotry of creed. So mote it be.

A QUESTION TO ED BODIN

Question: I possess a knowledge of shorthand. Last summer and the summer before, I attended a Spiritualist Camp and made a careful analysis of messages received through a number of mediums. I was pleased with the identification of my loved ones in spirit and their greetings and spiritual help — but I was greatly displeased by the errors on predictions. How do you account for it?

Answer: This is not a strange condition. Too many sitters believe that second-sight means second-insight. Most mediums have second sight, but very few have second insight which, according to St. Paul in Acts 16:16, can be unholy if not for spirituality rather than fortunetelling.

The condition you mention is really the fault of the sitters who go to mediums mainly for future-telling rather than spiritual guidance and comforting greetings. God gave us free will and we must make our own decisions with the aid of prayer and spiritual guidance and righteous motive. Do not expect a Spiritualist medium to be a pagan oracle as did those of the Old Testament.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY by Dr. Eric G. Hagen

In a biography, *Susan B. Anthony*, by Rhea Dorr, published in 1898, there is an interesting anecdote about Spiritualism.

When Susan B. Anthony, the great crusader for abolition and Women's Suffrage was in London for an International Conference on legal reforms, she met Annie Besant, the noted occultist and theosophist. The conversation centered around Charles Bradlaugh, who was rejected by the British Parliament as an "infidel", but who, to his death, was a great admirer of Annie Besant.

When Annie Besant spoke of her astral journeys to the realm of spirit, Susan B. Anthony asked her: "When your aura goes visiting in the other world, does it ever meet your old friend Charles Bradlaugh? And, was he not much surprised to find that he was not dead? I should think he would have been! He was sure that death was going to end him for good and always. What is he doing with himself in the other world?"

To this, Annie Besant replied: "Charles was an uneasy spirit. He is hovering low, near this world. He cannot seem to get away from

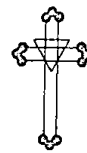
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THE HOUSE WAS THERE!
 by Mrs. Marguerite Murphy

We had to leave Southern California, because my husband's health would no longer permit his working where the smog was heavy. We prayed, both of us, that we would be spiritually guided to the right place in which to establish a home once again.

About two or three months ago, my husband mentally "saw" an older town, which had huge tree lined streets. On one side of the street the trees had been topped recently, since the new growth was still short. A few nights before we left on the trip to find a new home, my husband's father, now in spirit, told him, "we will just rent a cabin and do some peddling". Dad Murphy had sold fish and vegetables in the East before his passing.

We were going to try and buy a place of our own, but our car broke down, and several other things caused delays. So, we rented a small place. While there, both my husband and I had an urge to go to Modesto, California and look around. He had said that because of his vision, we would know the tree lined street when we saw it. So, we went along Highway 99 in Modesto, and all of a sudden my husband turned into a side street. We had hardly entered the street when he said, "Look at the trees!" Just a few hundred feet ahead we saw a real estate sign which said, House for Rent.

At first, I felt reluctant to even inquire about this, for the houses seemed of a higher class than we could afford, but when we went into the real estate office we were

told that the house for rent was a three room unfurnished house. We felt that would be large enough for us, so the man gave us the keys and told us how to find the house. We liked the place and rented it on the spot.

As we rested that afternoon, we both felt a sense of peace, as if we had reached our journey's end, and my husband asked God and the spirit forces to bless the house. We are sure we will be further guided, and that the right job will be made available as soon as my husband is able to work. The message from his father in spirit has, at least, been partially fulfilled, for the house *does* look like a cabin, and it is on the tree lined street which my husband had foreseen in his vision. The rest will come!

**THERE MUST BE SOMETHING
 IN IT!**

by Mrs. R. L. Maysey

I was showing your July issue of *Chimes* to a friend who said, "Although I don't quite understand it, I'll tell you something that has happened to me.

"Travelling through Coventry, well on into the country, I was pulled up by a policeman who appeared to be close on 7 feet tall. His hand was giving the 'Stop' sign. I pulled up, with handbrake on, and as it was getting dark, put on the head lamps. Much to my surprise, there was not a sign of anyone about.

"Starting up the engine, I travelled on quite a distance and as I approached a 'humpback' bridge there suddenly came a terrific roaring sound, and as it came into sight there was a young man on a motor cycle, completely out of control. It hit one side of the lane, bounced over the other side, missing myself and car by only 2 or 3 feet. The driver was flung off into a field.

"Shaken, I got out of the car and went to his aid. He was unhurt, and explained that he had turned the handlebar to full out, where it had stuck. This was put right and we both went our different ways, myself thinking that if it hadn't been for that policeman incident, which held me up a minute or two, we both might have been smashed up. So, there *must* be 'something in it.'"

SHE WAS ON T.V.

by Mrs. Anna Brown

Some years ago, my husband and I befriended a young woman when she was in deep trouble. Twice we took her into our home for short periods of time, and both of us learned to love her dearly. She died while still a young woman, leaving five small children.

Two years ago, I made a trip to visit some of my relatives and hers, and one day while waiting for a party of women to gather for a ride, I was watching a teen age dance being shown on T.V. Suddenly, in the corner of the screen, a small light colored head began to show. It appeared to be sliding down further and further into the middle of the screen, getting larger as it did so, until at last it was a full sized face of a lovely young woman.

I seemed almost as if in a stupor, but knew I had seen this young woman before, still was unable to place her in my memory. She was looking intently into my eyes and smiling. Then, her face slid down until only her eyes showed.

I looked away, and when I looked back again, she was gone. This vision was never mentioned to any of the folks, for I knew they would only laugh at me. But a week after I got home, it came to me that this had been the face of the young woman we had befriended so many years ago. She now looked young and radiant, compared to her tired little face just before she passed.

When I watch T.V., I am always wondering if she will come again!

THE VOICE SPOKE TRUE

by Lorinda A. Gale

I am not a medium, but have had some interesting psychic experiences, my first one being when I was twenty-three years of age. My father was taken very ill in August of that year, but we who loved him were reluctant to admit the seriousness of his disease, and were, of course, hopeful to the very last.

One Friday afternoon, I was sitting in my bedroom writing a letter to my uncle. Suddenly, I heard the low toned voices of several women, as tho they were talking over some matter among themselves. Then, one voice spoke up clear and distinct, saying, "*Your father will die next Tuesday at noon.*"

Naturally I was startled, and just would not believe that what I had heard was correct. I began telling myself that I had just imagined the voices, in fact, the whole thing! Yet, deep in my heart, I knew I had not.

Father did die the following Tuesday at 12:10 noon. I have believed in spirit communion ever since, and often feel the presence of loved ones, and know that they help me over rough places.

Soon, I must have surgery on my eyes, but know that my unseen helpers will stand by with their wonderful help, as they have many times before.

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Don't Let Them Blame My Brother!

by Rev. John K. Chaney

"This is not a murder, Judge DeWitt. I ask you to hold the sheriff in Kenton. This family has suffered enough already. I beg of you, Judge, to let me handle this."

In part, that was the telephone conversation one afternoon between myself and Judge Guemsey DeWitt of Hardin County, Ohio. I was prompted to make that phone call to the Judge by the Spirit Voice of a boy who had just died. It happened in this manner:

I was at my desk in the Methodist parsonage in Forest, Ohio, working on my sermon. In that quiet room, surrounded by my books, I always felt a great spiritual power present. But, that afternoon it seemed strangely different. The Spirit Forces seem always present with me in my study, hovering over my desk, as if suspended above me. That afternoon, they seemed to be in motion. Of course, there were no physical sounds of fluttering about me, but my spiritual sensitiveness told me that many Spirit Helpers were moving about on swift missions of great importance. Under this condition, I stopped work on my sermon, closed my books, and bowed my head on my old walnut desk in prayer.

I have learned the importance of knowing when to *sit still and listen to God*. As Isaiah tells the people:

"Their strength is to sit still."

And then added:

"Thus saith the Lord God, 'In returning and rest shall you be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.'" Isaiah 30:7 and 15.

This was one of those times when I did not talk to God, but waited, asking God to *speak to me through His Spirit Helpers*. I knew that something extraordinary was about to happen, and I needed detailed instructions from the *highest spirit sources*. Prayer is a *two way telephone*. I sat at my desk with eyes and mouth closed, straining my spiritual ears to get every word from the Spirit World.

Many people ask me the question: "How do I get *messages*?"

You cannot hear Spirit Voices unless you listen for them. You cannot hear Spirit Messages if you are talking all the time, or complaining all the time. Just as you listen on the telephone for the *other voice* to speak, you must find time to *sit in silence and listen for Spirit Voices*. This I did at my desk that afternoon.

I had no idea of what was coming. I only knew that under such spiritual activity, unusual things were about to occur, and I was to be right in the middle of them.

Spirit Forces began to assemble

a picture before me that I must describe to you. I had organized several groups of young people in my church and often took some of them, or all of them on camping trips, or hiking, and fishing. We had a two story cottage used just for our young people that was set in a beautiful twenty acre woodlot. On one of these fishing trips, I had taken about 15 boys there one afternoon when a near tragedy occurred. The boys were scattered along the river bank, fishing, and I had been walking up and down



Rev. John K. Chaney

the stream watching their activities. I heard a loud splash in the river, and rushed toward the two brothers of the Hart family. I saw the younger lying face down in the water, and his brother grasping his clothing, trying to hold onto him. I was able to get a good grip on him and we pulled him onto the bank. The boy soon recovered and appeared to have suffered no harm. He was soon fishing again. But, I had seen enough to know that he had fallen into the river because he had suffered a seizure that rendered him unconscious. I questioned his older brother about this, but he seemed quite certain that he had not been so afflicted before, and thought this was the first time. Thereafter, when out with the boys, I kept a closer watch on the young Hart lad.

As I sat with my head bowed on my desk that afternoon, a picture of young Hart lying in the river was painted for me by Spirit Hands. And then a Voice:

"You remember the day you took the Boy's Club fishing? My brother didn't push me into the river, did he, Rev. Chaney?"

"No, my boy," I answered the Spirit Voice. "You became ill and fell in."

"Don't let them blame my brother for this, Rev. Chaney! Please, don't let them blame my brother for this!" pleaded the boyish spirit voice.

What I have related to you seems to have covered a great deal of time, but I am certain that I received all I have reported here in a space of five minutes; so clear and vivid are spirit manifestations. All this could mean only that the Hart boy had suffered another seizure and had died. But, under what circumstances, or where, was not clear to me. Neither did I understand why the boy's spirit asked me to clear his older brother of blame for his death.

Hurrying from the parsonage on Gromley Street, I ran to the Hart home and found everything in confusion. The family was weeping, the mother near prostration. I learned that the undertaker had just left the house with the boy's body. The story that the mother pieced together for me was this:

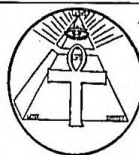
The Hart family was eating their noon meal, when, as often happens in a family of youngsters, a quarrel began between the two brothers sitting on opposite sides of the table. In a burst of anger, the older boy threw his fork across the table and struck the younger in the chest just over the heart. The boy tumbled off his chair onto the floor under the table, and was dead when picked up, with the fork still sticking in his chest.

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NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Miss Young Oon Kim, from South Korea, was ordained recently at a beautiful spiritual service held at the Spiritual Unity Center, Alameda, California, the ordaining Minister being the Rev. E. L. Archer, Pastor. She was presented for ordination by the Rev. Ethel L. Archer, Co-Pastor.

Ministers in attendance were, Dr. B. J. Fitzgerald, who assisted Rev. Archer with the ordination; Rev.

Mary Fitzgerald; and Rev. Rafaela Galvan. Special music was played by Rev. Ethel Archer.

Rev. E. L. Archer wishes to invite metaphysical students to attend the classes which are now starting at Williams College, Berkeley, California. Rev. Archer is assisted in the class work by Rev. Ethel Archer, his wife. This will be their fourth year of holding classes at the college.



Above, the Rev. Minnie E. Corb of Nutley, New Jersey, and the Rev. Carrie Kellenberger, taken May 19th, 1961, at the opening services of Ethel's Memorial Chapel, West New York, New Jersey. Rev. Kellenberger was ordained in 1960 by the Rev. Ann Rugar, Pastor of the Spiritual Church of Divine Guidance, Union City, New Jersey, which was founded by the Rev. Sophie E. Busch over twenty-five years ago.



The First Christian Spiritualist Church of National City, California, held an impressive double ordination service the evening of July 2nd, 1961, before a packed Church auditorium. The Rev. Mouzon A. Speer and his wife, the Rev. Dolores E. Speer, of San Diego, California, were presented with Ministers Credentials from the U.C.M., the Rev. Georgia Hunter, Pastor, officiant.

Special music was furnished by Alma Laflour and Ruth Hanna, soloists. Mrs. John Brown, pianist, furnished musical selections.

Ministers participating during the evening were: Rev's. Florence Wheeler, Carrie Kelly, Lillian Courtney, Emma Diebler, E. C. Van Hise, Cora Beardsley, H. Meador, Stella Kleckner, Delta Hewitt, B. Durfee, B. Kemmerer, J. McKinnon, Harry Haynes, and Al Wheeler.

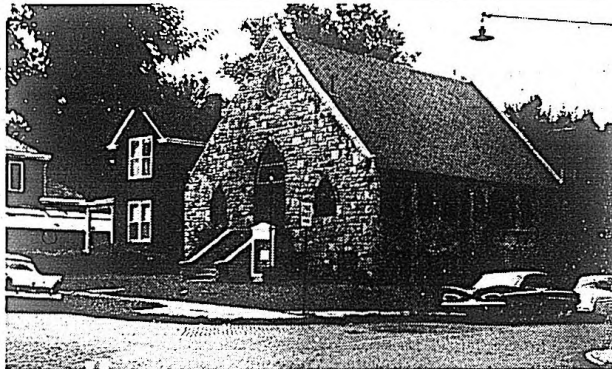
Above, Rev. Jerry W. Ford and Dr. Hal Styles, Pastor of the Church of the Good Neighbor, Reseda, California. Rev. Ford, Pastor of the Price Chapel, A.M.E., Los Angeles, is West Coast representative of the Western Christian Leadership Conference. Rev. Ford served Church of the Good Neighbor on July 23rd, because of his great interest in things of the spirit. He was the first negro to so serve.

The Rev. William Du Bois, of New York City, served several Churches in San Francisco, California. Among those who welcomed him were, Guy C. Hudson, Rev. Harry Anderson, Rev. Ruby Lee Thompson, and Rev. Helen Bereu.

Following his appearances there, Rev. Du Bois served the New Era Spiritualist Camp, near Canby, Oregon, where he demonstrated ink patterns, transfiguration, and exorcism, and delivered revivalist sermons.

Rev. Du Bois also served Camp Edgewood, near Tacoma, Washington, the Spiritualist Temple of Christ, Grays Harbor, and Mary A. Tower Memorial Church, Seattle. For the first two weeks of October, he will serve the Temple of Radiant Reflection, Los Angeles, California, of which the Rev. Mary Winynger is Pastor.

On Sunday evening, August 13, 1961, a special service was held at the Spiritualist Science Church of Hollywood, California, of which Rev. Mae M. Taylor is pastor. The speaker was Rev. William C. Donovan, C.S.S.A. President. After the address, President Donovan presented a Spiritualist Healer's Commission to Mr. Clifford B. Wells. Present to assist in the ceremony and to congratulate Mr. Wells were C.S.S.A. officers Rev. Katherine F. Tobey and Rev. William F. Meier. Beautiful vocal solos by Gordone de Lagniel added to the spiritual significance of the occasion. Following the ceremony, spirit greetings were given by Rev. William Donovan and Rev. Mae Taylor.



Truth Tabernacle, Columbus, Ohio, had a unique program on July 8th, 1961, when the organ was moved out onto the Church steps, and the audience participated in an outdoor lawn sing. Mr. Fred Locke, of Lancaster, Ohio, was at the organ, and was assisted by Mr. Dana Myers and his trumpet. Dana is an ex-member of the U.S. Marine Band. Mr. James Locklear led the singing. People who live near the Church came out on their porches to listen and to join in the singing.

The same program was repeated by request on July 30th, at which time Mrs. Lucille Barrow, regular organist, played the organ, again accompanied by Mr. Myers and Mr. Locklear.

Mrs. Phyllis Hawkins was elected Associate Pastor at the last Board meeting, at which time Mrs. Florence Ryder and Mrs. Frances George were elected official Church mediums.

The Pastor of Truth Tabernacle, the Rev. Curtis B. Morris, has the rare distinction of belonging to all the Masonic bodies, both York and Scottish Rite, plus the Shrine. He is the official chaplain of Alladin Temple Shrine, which has nearly thirteen thousand members. The members of Truth Tabernacle indeed feel fortunate in having one of the best mediums in the country as Pastor, plus the guidance of the Pastor's spirit teacher, Dr. Jameson, who presides at seances.

The Temple of Light, Chicago, Illinois, of which the Rev. Clifford M. Royse is pastor, reports that the Saturday evening services find people sitting in the aisles, on the steps, and even standing wherever there is standing room. A recent guest was the Rev. Helen Davis, of Redwood City, California, a trance medium.

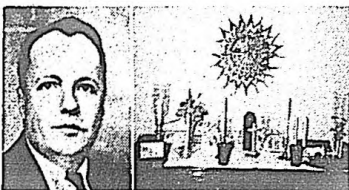
On October 14th, at 8 p.m., and October 15th, at 4 p.m., Church members are looking forward to the demonstrations of the guest medium and inspirational speaker, the Rev. Stanley Matrunick, well known spirit artist. Reservations should be made by phoning BI 8-2701.

PASSED

Brown, Charles DeRostus, May 24th, 1961, Escondido, Calif. Services May 29th, the Rev. Hildred Langford, officiant.

Brown, Alice Hawkins, July 30, 1961, Escondido, Calif. Services Aug. 3rd, the Rev. Hildred Langford, officiant.

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Don't Forget To Visit New Era

by Rev. Elvina Colburn

My husband and I have just returned from a ten day visit to New Era Spiritualist Camp at Canby, Oregon.

We had heard so much about this place that at the first opportunity we decided to go there. New Era Spiritualist Camp consists of about

In October, the New York Psychology Forum of New York City, will open its 41st consecutive year of presenting eminent speakers, Rev. Ann Koernig, Director. Meetings are to be held at the Laurelton Hotel, 147 W. 55th Street, 7 p.m. \$1.00 and tax for admission.

Among the interesting speakers will be Dr. Pierette S. Austin, giving an illustrated program on color, Oct. 10th. This will be followed on Oct. 17th, by Eloise Mellor, of Del Mar, California, lecturing on the coming of the World Teacher. On the 24th, Rev. Franklin Loehr will speak about laboratory evidences of life after death, and show colored slides of prayer-plant experiments. Zoe Nickerson, on Oct. 31st, will demonstrate her ability to bring information from the "smadhi" state of consciousness. On Nov. 7th, Rev. Beth and Rev. Ralph Hand will lecture on the Ceremony of Reincarnation in the Inner Planes. Rev. Ralph Hand, assisted by Alfred R. Smith, N.D., and Helen Hansberry, Psychic Artist, will be mediators. All are welcome at the meetings.

The Northwest Ministerial Council held their annual Convention at New Era Camp, Canby, Oregon, July 29th and 30th, 1961. Rev. Wm. Norton, President, presided, with Rev. Rachel Numamaker, Sec'y.

The hotel and all available cabins were filled to overflowing for the meetings, and the Camp dining room could not accommodate all who came during the Convention. Members were present from Canada, Washington, Oregon, and California.

After an absence of some years, the Rev. Reesa Shaughnessy, (Nee Rev. Reesa Hanson) formerly of Long Beach and Bakersfield, California, has moved to Santa Maria, California, and is once again offering spiritual counsel to those in need. Those interested may call her at WA 5-7794.

The Rev. Helen Davis, Pastor of the Temple of Inspiration Church, San Francisco, California, has just returned from a lecture tour throughout the mid-west. She appeared in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, where she made many new friends, who are anxious to have her return.



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THE OUTDOOR HEALING CIRCLE, New Era Camp, Canby, Oregon



The Open Door of Love Church, Bell Gardens, California, recently held a beautiful outdoor service during which the following were baptized by the Church Pastor, Rev. Amy; Rev. Leilah Rose Wells, Henry Prez, Jerry Vattendhal and Ken Nelson. Rev. Amy was assisted by her daughter, Dorothe Jean.

A picnic dinner was enjoyed following the services at the home of Jim and Elaine Noy.



Rev. Emily Ludmann and Rev. Fred C. Ludmann, of Chicago, Illinois, announce the recent marriage of Nancy Heppner to Francis Meddaugh, and Miss Evelyn Cichy to David Nichols. Rev. Emily Ludmann officiating at both weddings.

five acres and is off the main highway, three miles from the town of Canby, and a short drive from Oregon City.

The hotel is old but comfortable. In the lobby, the Articles of Incorporation are hung, "First Spiritual Religious Association Of Clakamas County". The date is November 8th, 1873. Thus we see that this Camp is eighty-eight years old and was organized only twenty-five years after the advent of Modern Spiritualism, which took place through the mediumship of the Fox Sisters in Hydesville, New York, in 1848.

The hotel lobby is often used for evening services and message circles, also for entertainments. It has a piano and rostrum and a friendly atmosphere prevails.

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From Getting To Giving

by Chester Mahaffie

For the last two or three centuries, the material world has been a world of getting. The government teaches the advisability of saving, but you have to get before you can save. Even the clergy teaches that Jesus saves. Saves what? The Soul they say. But the Soul is *already* saved, since it was *never* lost. Soul is forever, like God. Could you perceive of God getting lost? Then, how can Soul, which is a part of God, become lost?

Yet, the potential faculties of soul *may* be lost to you, because you have never put forth the effort to awaken them and use them in your life. But, these faculties are there, waiting to be used by you, but you are the only one who can awaken them, for they are individual, your person individuality throughout eternity. The qualities of Soul are God-Like, so it would be better to give others of your soul qualities than to save them!

The world is changing, and the people of the world must change with it. The airplane, television, radio, have brought the world's people closer together. We are world neighbors, whether we want to be or not. The birth rate of the nations of the world is increasing also, and in the more advanced nations, automation is replacing thousands of workers. Automation is a form of progression and cannot be stopped. Nor should we wish to stop it, for progression cannot be stopped any more than Truth

can be stopped, for progression is a law of God. So the question is what to do with these thousands of unemployed persons. The larger, more progressive companies who use automation and who are receiving financial benefits from it, will need to share the profits derived from automation with the workers, for everything in God's universe must be kept *in balance*, or we all suffer. And automation will throw the economy of the world out of balance if we do not share, because it is the working man who builds

came from; why he is here, and where he is going when he leaves the physical world. To learn this is the personal responsibility of every man and woman. It is *your* responsibility to the world and to God.

Though of the animal kingdom, man is blessed with the faculty of choice. This separates man from the animal, and because of this faculty of choice, we have the need to use righteous judgement in our choices. Censor every thought, word and deed before it is put forth into the Universe. Because of the Law, what we cause, effects us. Our very lives are the result of our many choices, good or bad. Are we shirking our responsibility in this? Only God and you know.

God is the only solution to the problems of today. Turn to God. *Always forward is the law of Life.* Really live the God Centered way, and by solving your own problems, you help solve the problems of the world . . . for the world is made up of billions of personal units, just like you and me. We need no creed, no ritual, no dogmas, no mystery, just the proven facts of life, and the willingness to each do our share.



Chester Mahaffie

OUTSTANDING MEDIUMSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

by Belle Turner Daiches

a sturdy economy, not the small percentage of the idle rich.

So the business man will have to change from *getting* to a program of *sharing*. Not giving, but *sharing*. The American people, especially, do not like charity. They want to earn what they get. Give to *any* nation, and you kill their incentive. But share with a nation's people, and they respect both you and themselves more. The world leaders will need to work out a plan whereby this can be done, or we will continue to have just a confused mass of humanity.

What the world needs right at this time, more than any other thing, is to be awakened to the truth of a most important law, the law of personal responsibility. First personal individual responsibility, then civic responsibility, country responsibility, state responsibility, national responsibility, and most of all, world responsibility. That is what is wrong with our thinking today, most of us shirk our responsibilities. Few will admit it, yet it is true, and most tragic of all, many shirk their responsibility to God.

A universal spiritual awakening will solve the problems of the world. Not thru the old worn out creeds, rituals, dogmas, but thru proven answers to questions many people ask. People need to know what God really is, whether man really lives on after death, and the truths of his own being; where he

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Spirit Forces Want To Save Mankind

by V. C. Christianson, Ph.D.

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Man is helpless without outside forces to help him. He is placed in a world filled with so many things that he cannot understand them all. He has temptations on every side, he desires to learn everything he can; he seeks for love and power and money. He has all kinds of desires and distractions. But, without some spiritualization in his life, he can get nowhere, and without some guiding principle, he will come to little or nothing. It is here that the spirit forces come in to help him, not only to organize his life on earth, but to teach him to understand why he is living here and what he will find when he leaves the present body.

There is no way out of the mess man has made for himself now except thru divine help. So it is to us, his spirit friends, that man must come for the help which he needs badly. People have failed to listen to what the Great Teacher taught so many years ago, and so they are in a world filled with fear and hatred — because men have forgotten God and hate each other. But, we could put them on the right road if only they would listen to us.

But how are we going to make men listen to us, or even to get their attention? It is our hardest task, and even those who are in contact with us do not work earnestly enough to spread the truth, so that more men will know about us and will seek our help. Something must be done about it, for chaos may break over the world if it is allowed to go on as it is, with ignorant, selfish men running things. There is no spiritual insight in government today, no thought of bettering mankind, but only of getting more for each group of people.

We offer so much which will aid man, and man does not know of our offer or is unable to understand us. We want so much to help you there on the earth plane, but you have gone so far along the wrong path that it will be doubly hard for us to bring you back to the right road. It is like talking to someone who cannot hear and who does not want to hear. But, if men could once get a glimpse of the wonderful possibilities of life on earth after they had gotten rid of their fears and hates then they would know that we were the only source of spiritual truth and knowledge of God.

No one is destroyed, but *civilizations can be destroyed*, and mankind could be wiped from the earth. But, this is not according to the divine plan, and for that reason it must be avoided. Other earths have been depopulated for the same reasons that yours may be, so do

not think that I am writing merely from imagination. What a great loss it would be to have all that has been created and developed suddenly destroyed, leaving the sphere as though no race as man had ever lived there! It is not to be borne, and we will do all we can to avoid it. But, without the cooperation of more men we may not succeed in saving it. We are hoping to do so, but only by helping us, by preaching the gospel of love versus hate, and spirituality versus materialism, can there be any chance of our succeeding.

Losing One's Desire for Physical Things

Man's environment is physical, so of course he must have physical or material things to sustain life. This is as it should be. He must take care of his body, he must eat, he must raise his offspring and make a living. All this is very necessary, although it is not so in our world or life. So man cannot be blamed very much if his chief interest is in physical things. They are the most important part of his life and must be attended to.

But, many men find that material things alone do not satisfy them. That is also natural, because he has this feeling from God, who does not want him to lose entire contact with the greater or spiritual life. But, the road to spiritual understanding or development is so difficult and so vague that many people are discouraged and give it up, while others are content to follow the false teachings of those who proclaim that they have the key to spiritual development.

Now, it is one of the most difficult things in the world to persuade people that spiritual things are of more real value than the material. For, of course, material objects can be seen, felt, heard, and enjoyed and it is not so easy to enjoy, much less perceive, spiritual facts. Therefore, it takes a great deal of study, thinking and experiencing for people to come to realize the real value of spiritual understanding and its great influence on the physical. For the spiritual is stronger than the physical, and can overcome it in every way. That is because the spiritual understanding comes right from God, whereas the material is a means only of giving certain experiences to struggling souls.

It is with a great deal of concern that many people give up or try to give up material pleasures in the hope of finding more spiritual ones. For they always seem to have a doubt in their minds as to whether or not they are doing the right

thing. Many have gone to extremes, such as religious fanatics, but they have simply cut themselves off from normal development, since they have *denied* physical pleasures without *overcoming* them. This is not real development, but simply a state of passiveness wherein they try to calm desires which have never been really subjected to the higher principles of the spirit.

It is necessary that men learn to overcome an excessive desire for material things by their study of spiritual evidence, and by trying to live lives based on such evidence. Then, they are not simply denying themselves certain pleasures and satisfactions, but are substituting *greater* pleasures, ones which are longer lasting and more satisfying. And, if they only knew it, they are preparing themselves for this highly spiritual world or life which they will enter when they leave their bodies.

The only way in which one can overcome his desires for physical pleasures is to develop a liking for spiritual ones. In this way his taste changes and he will, in time, wonder how he could have liked the former pleasures. A taste of spiritual truth makes material truth forever unpalatable. He has not really lost anything, but gained a great deal. He will be forever thankful that he has learned the way toward truth, the way toward progression, and the way toward God.

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A Time For Sowing



by Rev. Amy L. Jefferys

Creating within people a desire to learn more about the subjects of Spiritualism, Occultism and Mysticism has been, for the most part, a question of introducing the subjects in forms palatable to the open minded, ready-to-be-convinced seeker of the truth. We are now coming into an era wherein we must, figuratively, go out into the highways and byways and bring an understanding of our beliefs to those who are more or less unwilling to even listen to the reasons for stepping away from the path of orthodoxy and into that of Mystical Glory.

The road is fraught with pitfalls and genuine danger to the occultist who is "Bull in-the-China-Shop-pish", and equally dangerous is the road which the over cautious individual tries to follow. Therefore, a middle of the road policy must be sought.

Since it is always easier to say "Don't" than it is to say "Do", let us start with a few don'ts.

Don't wage a vocal campaign that is going to put you into everybody's Black book. It is just as easy to keep a still tongue around militant "anti-everythings" as it is to get into a quarrel. Quarreling over one's religious beliefs never gained a convert, and has done much harm to the Cause by causing our entire group of organizations to be branded as a bunch of crack pots, without the first degree of refinement.

We know in what we believe, so "Don't" make an issue of the other fellow's failure to believe as we do. It may be that he has never had a psychic experience, so how can he accept our belief on word of mouth

evidence alone? Agree with him that what he has always believed in has been good for him, but slip in a quiet word that says you would like to have him go to a service in your church in exchange for him taking you to a service in his. If you have never been to his church you stand to learn as much as he will, and what is more, when you understand his religion better you will be better prepared to lead him to see your side of the story. Remember that Spiritualism and Psychic Science are religious forms of Science and Philosophy. We have just as deep and sincere a theological background as any of the Orthodox religions, and unless we can show something besides the magnificent phenomena with which we are blessed, we cannot expect to lead new comers into our fold. Don't, therefore, overdo the phenomenal angle. It is of no use to talk about materializations unless you can produce one for your listener. There is no use in showing psychic photographs to strangers, unless you are able to explain their production and prove that they are not retouched pictures, therefore fakes. It is of no use to display even the most beautiful apport to the untutored unless you are in a position to demonstrate how they are produced.

You can do much to increase interest in our Beliefs by concentrating on the Theological, Philosophical and Metaphysical angles at any and almost all times. There are places where such subjects are not discussed, and if they are, the results are degrading not only to the subject but to the person so foolishly discussing it. Beer halls, taverns, dance halls and other places of revelry are not places in which to make a mock of that which is, or should be, nearest and dearest to you. We have those in our numbers who do drink, both publicly and privately. So be it. Let them not make sport of our religious beliefs by dragging them through the mud when in their cups. There are those who are fond of dancing. It is a healthful exercise, and creates a mood of fellowship among those at the dance hall or ballroom, but let them not drag the subject of philosophy up by its shoetops to be booted about like a lost corsage. The theatre is as good a place as one can find to spend a relaxing hour or two, but it is not the place to harangue an unwilling captive audience into a state of exasperation. None of these places can be called suitable for such conversations, but private confabs over the luncheon table or knitting needles can provide opportunities to introduce the subject without

making a nuisance of one's self.

Establish in your own mind the where, when and what of timely discussion, then go out and be a missionary in the field of that which we know is the best and most beautiful religion in the world.

HE KEPT HIS PROMISE

Ed Note: This account is taken from the magazine, "Yours Fraternally", the International Spiritualist Federation Magazine, published in England, in which we found this interesting account of an apparition, as related in the Protestantisk Tidende, of Denmark, reported by Rev. Kirkegaard, well versed in psychic science.

Apparitions of people shortly after their death are observed in the East as well as in the West. The Rev. Kirkegaard, who tells the story, writes: "My old student comrade and army physician, Carl Holdt, became acquainted with an old Brahmin, Ali Fezi Kahn, who was about 100 years old. He was a well educated man, who knew more about European savants and their scientific works than the physician himself.

Dr. Holdt was the learned Brahmin's guest three times, for over a half year in all, and they became close friends. The last time, when Dr. Holdt left to return to the military hospital in Batavia, where he worked, he told the old man that he expected to see him in a year, on his way back to Europe.

"That will be too late," replied the Brahmin. "I shall not be here anymore, but I hope that I will be allowed to announce my death to you."

Back in Java, Dr. Holdt worked for sometime in barracks in the mountains, about a day's journey from Batavia, where cases of contagious diseases were treated. Three months after leaving Ali Fezi Kahn, he was resting there on his camp bed at 5 p.m. Suddenly, feeling the presence of someone, he looked up and saw the old man, who greeted him with the gesture of Brahmin blessing.

Dr. Holdt jumped up, accepting the greeting respectfully, and called out, "Why Father, have you travelled this far to see me?" The Brahmin looked at him with a peculiar smile, and answered gravely, "God, our Father, has mercifully taken me home, but I was allowed to come to you to say farewell, as I promised, and to give you my last blessing. You have set your foot on the path of Truth; follow it and God will bless you and be with you."

Again, the old man joined his hands in blessing, and Dr. Holdt bowed his head. When he looked up, the Brahmin had disappeared, though the door had remained

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SO-CALLED DEATH

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Let us today take another step in exploring Man's age-long attitude to so-called death. We have seen much of his slow apprehension of life through the ages.

What is called "death" is actually no more than the dispersal of leaf and blossom which occurs in preparation for further growth. It is not a matter for sorrow when all the green earth loses its verdure, for experience has shown Man that in due time a greater fullness will be made manifest.

This is, however, not equally demonstrable when Man's so-called "life" departs from its material vehicle. Even the discarded vehicle becomes distasteful, whereas, up to the very moment of dissolution, it had been a source of happiness and delight to beholders.

Why then, in this case, is the attitude so divergent? No one shrinks from a barren tree in winter. To be sure, the discarded physical vehicle of Man does not again resume its former activity. But, Man cannot, as yet, see that the essential factor is one with all force, which to him is invisible. How can Man know that one force is not at once dissipated as others appear to be? He has no evidence which will prove to him that each force is indestructible and forever itself.

Yet, in spite of this lack of so-called proof, Man has cherished an unshakable belief or hope that the

force of personality does not cease to exist. The terminology accepted by the several bodies of religion is, as you know, immortality.

From remotest antiquity, even among primitive tribes, Man has never accepted the possibility of annihilation. Each race has had golden dreams of a here-after, but such have had singularly slight effect on daily life and thought. You are reviewing the countless ideas of the here-after which have appeased somewhat the questionings of the human heart.

But, all of them fail to achieve ordered and vital relationship between the entity as manifested materially, and as he is to be after the material is discarded.

It is at this point that Man must reorganize his thought and his daily conduct of living. The change is so much less than Man has ever imagined that he thinks vaguely that he will, at once, become someone totally renewed and totally unlike his present self, as he assumes it to be. As Man learns to identify himself with the great forces, he will more and more learn to walk now within the area of those forces.

May I use a very imperfect illustration? A student does not, for a moment, contemplate an entire change of personality when he enters an institution of learning of a more advanced grade. Greater fields for his exploration, to be sure, but it will be himself, and not some curious distillation of personality who enters them.

This then, is one aspect of our teaching. Man learns that all matter is mobile, fluid, and transitory as vapor, his own physical agglomeration as well. It is he who uses matter so-called, he who experiments and discards, he who goes on to other experiments, just as a child experiments and discards, only to grow into a seasoned maturity.

We strive to liberate the heart of Mankind from all sense of limitation. When the almost universal fear and horror of termination of physical manifestation shall have been accomplished, think, if you can, how sorrow and mourning will be as nothing. Learn to see only vaster freedom at hand when the sense of restriction to the material is no longer operative. Use the physical envelope as other forms of the material are used, and when its use is accomplished, lay it aside as any garment no longer adapted to use, and with as little sense of loss.

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It seems odd to dwell upon the past when we should set our eyes upon the future if we are to grow in knowledge and achievement. Yet, that is what most people like to do. They brood over the years behind and forget the promise of the years ahead.

We pain ourselves unnecessarily in grieving over past blunders, even past sins. Each leaves its mark; karma exacts its toll. But, even so, the law of justice is the law of Love. We rise on our dead selves to higher things.

Suppose you make a grievous mistake. *We all do.* You suffer; you may even cause suffering to others. In spite of that, you gain in knowledge, and knowledge makes you strong.

The race moves in spirals, as do individuals. A great wrong brings great suffering; great suffering refines the gold in human character. That gold is our only treasure in heaven, the one precious asset we take with us on the long journey of the soul.

The records of the past are important, because they are the foundation stones of the future. A mighty chain of cause and effect accompanies man on his progression or retrogression. But, he *must* learn at whatever the cost. Better the price of pain than sluggish security! Pain drives us on to seek for causes, explanations, an understanding of our own and other people's motives. *We are here to grow at whatever sacrifice.*

The past is important then in its bearing upon the present and the future. However, we live in the eternal, in which past, present, and future all blend into one great whole; a march of Time wherein all has its place as the spirit strives toward greater understanding, a closer approach to the perfection which is its destiny.

Do you think the martyrs dwell upon their martyrdom? Do you think the saints brood over their sins? All rejoice in the song of Creation as the race moves onward and upward to the goal which is always just beyond its grasp.

Do not dwell upon the past. Thank God for love, for life, for the promises that never fail. Believe and rejoice. Let your joy be full. Do not think you have completed your life. Every day brings new adventures, new opportunities. Look for them; wait for them; expect them. In the bosom of Time they are yours for the asking. Claim the gifts of the Present and the Future. The records of the Past are closed with the seal of God's unchanging Love.

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DON'T BLAME BROTHER . . .

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From appearances, everyone quickly reached the decision that the boy's heart had been pierced by the fork, and that this penetration of his heart had killed him. That was the reason for the call to the sheriff and the coroner.

I knew that under such circumstances the sheriff would have to take the brother to jail until there was an investigation, and that this would be an additional shock to the mother, who was already breaking under the strain. Furthermore, it would leave a stain on the brother's record for life. I had been clearly informed by the boy now in spirit that I was to prevent this second tragedy from befalling the family. And, since I had been asked by Spirit to do this, I could count on every Spirit Helper to assist me in carrying through successfully.

First, I rushed to the Shield's Funeral Home, and asked Mr. Shields to help me examine the body. We did examine his chest wound carefully and both of us were positive the fork did not go deep enough to injure his heart. I hurried back to the Hart home to explain to the mother what we had found in examining the boy's chest.

I had only minutes to head off the coming of the sheriff, and the telephone call must be made quickly to Kenton. Understand, that there was no time to make plans, but had to be led by the Spirit Guides that were also interested in helping the Hart family. Across the street was the big brick house that was the home and offices of Dr. Mundy, one of the town's physicians. The doctor was out, but his wife, a very kind hearted woman of about seventy-five years, offered me the telephone for the call.

The message was definite that I was to phone Judge Guernsey DeWitt. He was the one man who had authority to keep the sheriff in Kenton, and spare the Harts all the ignominy of a court investigation. I knew Judge DeWitt was a man who always put human interests above legal code, and to him I made the strong plea that I quoted at the beginning of this article. I described to the Judge the seizure I had witnessed on that fishing trip. The Judge agreed with me that the boy could have died from shock, and that when he saw that fork coming toward him, he suffered a seizure so severe that he died. He promised to phone the sheriff, and to let me handle the matter.

When I turned from the telephone, the white haired doctor's wife came over, squeezed my hand, and said, "Rev. Chaney, God is with you today. I never heard anyone make such an eloquent plea

as you just made to Judge DeWitt to spare the Hart family more suffering."

Late that afternoon, the family doctor confirmed what Spirit had told me in the beginning, that the sharp fork had *not* entered the boy's heart, but had stopped just short of it.

With a heart full of thanksgiving, I went back to the Hart home to tell the parents that the sheriff would not come, and that the family doctor's verdict would be accepted, thus sparing all of them more suffering and grief.

You can easily understand my emotions when I officiated at the boy's funeral. One can speak with great certainty of the survival of human personality at a funeral, after one has heard that departed person speak in direct communication, as I did with the Hart boy in my study. As I stood by his casket in the church filled with relatives and neighbors, I knew that this boy in spirit was rejoicing that his brother had been spared, and his dear parents saved from further suffering.

And, above all, I realized so well that the body before me in that casket was only the house in which a precious little boy had lived for twelve short years, and that even then, as we said prayers over his casket, he was observing us from his spiritual plane in his *glorified spirit body*.

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THE MYSTIC GIBRAN . . .

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Yet, his contribution to philosophy, religion, mysticism, is his greatest achievement, and in the East goes by the name of *Gibranism*, a new word coined to recognize his special gift to the world, the character and depth of his influence. To English readers, this means mystical vision, metrical beauty and mastery, a simple and fresh approach to the problems of life, including extraordinary power, deep erudition, lightning-like intuition, with an emphasis on beauty that permeates the entire pattern in everything he touches. The latter emphasis is so great that Gibran often cried, "Create beauty, and let everything else go to hell."

When he was asked, "What is a mystic?" He smiled and replied, "Nothing very secret or formidable — just someone who has drawn aside one more veil." Then he casually mentioned the times he had been reborn and added, "Three times have I seen Him, our Lord and Brother. I have spoken with Him." When writing *Jesus, The Son Of Man*, he tells us that he knew the twenty-seven characters and the events he narrated from actual experience. Sometimes, he would tell how his young heart longed to go back to the "above world", rather than to stay here where he felt a strange loneliness and an unchildish sorrow. The whole world was built on foundations that were not his own and

was lost in his atmosphere. He told that there were "whole days at a time that I feel that I have just arrived on this planet — human contours and sounds are strange to me." Again, after long moments of pre-occupation with some thought far removed from the present, he would ask his secretary, Barbara Young, to forgive him, "for so much of the time I am not here." To sit in his presence meant an exaltation of spirit.

Amidst all his literary and art work, Gibran carried on an overwhelming amount of missionary counselling. His purpose was to help bring about a world in which there is one great fellowship of understanding and sympathy. He was occupied throughout life with the depths he knew that the spirit of man was able to plumb, and the heights man was destined to scale, though he was ever conscious of the mental, spiritual, and physical poverty of a large proportion of the world's people. He knew their blindness. Over and over again he has painted *The Blind*, and he meant not the blind-eyed, but the blind-hearted. The sorrows and the stumblings of humanity crossed him wholly with a burning passion. He knew them well as he had ample reason to know.

The years in his studio were a succession of endless ministrations to human trouble and woe. Day after day, those who were in perplexity or anguish climbed the long flights of stairs and handed over their burdens to this man from another country, another world, and it seemed from another time. His quick apprehension was never failing, neither was his almost instant finding of some way to solve the problem, or at least to renew the courage and endurance of the troubled one. It was simply and beautifully done — a quiet reminder of some timeless truth, some law of life which, from his lips, had nothing of dogma or doctrine, but came as healing for the unseen wound. Then he would often say, "Out of trouble, perplexity, and happy anguish comes poetry that eases the heart."

Simplicity is a word that would characterize Gibran and his work, complete and entire — a word that applies to Socrates, Jesus, Joanne d'Arc, and Lincoln — to Gibran "the four most beautiful persons the world has ever known but put to death!" But, up his flights of stairs trailed the sorrowing ones. "If at the beginning, I could have understood about children, I would

have avoided so much trouble," wailed a parent. Then Gibran would quietly remind such a one that children are not really our children, though they come through us, but that they are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself — that we may give them love, but not our thoughts, for they have their *own* thoughts; that we may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow which we cannot visit, not even in our dreams. Also, we may not seek to make them like ourselves, for life goes not backwards nor carries with yesterday.

Then, among others, would come one who would ask how to live a life among trials, frustrations, among the boorish and the foolish of this world. The great seer would tell such a one to go on his way with singing, but to let his song be brief, for only the songs that die upon the lips live in human hearts. He was to tell a lovely truth in little words, but *never an ugly truth in any words* — to tell, for example, the maiden whose hair shines in the sun that she is daughter of the morning. But, if he should behold the sightless, he is not to tell him he is one with night. Then Gibran would tell him instead to listen to the flute-player as if he were listening to April, but if he should hear the critic and the fault-finder, he should be deaf as his own bones, and as distant as his fancy. And he would go on to tell his visitor that on the way of life he would meet men with hoofs, but he was to give them his wings. There would be men with horns to which he would give wreaths of laurel; men with claws, to whom he would give petals for fingers; men with forked tongues to whom he was to give honey for words. All these and many more he would meet. "I teach you your larger self which contains all men," would say the counsellor. "Call none among you foolish, for in truth we are neither wise nor foolish. We are green leaves upon the tree of life, and life itself is beyond wisdom, and surely beyond foolishness."

As to frustration, discouragement, anguish, often Gibran would say to a visitor that when darkness was upon him, *the darkness was his dawn yet unborn*; and though the night's travail were full upon him, yet dawn would be born unto him as unto the hills. *Truly, the dewdrop rounding its sphere in the dusk of the lily was not unlike himself gathering his soul in the heart of God*. It is well to remember that life sings in our silences, and dreams in our slumber — even when we are beaten low. Still, life is enthroned and high, and is free even when we drag our chains. "But, if your heart is a volcano, how can you expect flowers to

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Often the great Syrian scholar and mystic was asked, What is religion? He would reply that he knew only life, that life meant the field, the vineyard, the loom, that Church is within us and we are our priest — faith was an oasis in the heart, never to be reached "by the caravan of thinking". If we are to know God, we are not to be a solver of riddles. Organized religion had no attraction for him nor creed or dogma. When some sought to convert him to orthodoxy, he would follow the Upanishad maxim, "Never argue with the once born". He was absolutely certain about reincarnation and speaks in his books of some of his memories of other times and other lives. If in this life he does not get certain truths uttered, he tells us, "Forget not that I shall come back to you", for after a little while he would gather dust and foam for another body — "a moment of rest upon the wind and another woman shall bear me."

Though not orthodox, he was thoroughly Christian, a follower of the Master Jesus. In his wonderful little book of aphorisms, *Sand And Foam*, in a sentence or two, he hints at the difference between man-made religion, orthodoxy, churchanity, and Jesus' religion, true Christianity. He tells about the time when, once every 100 years, Jesus of Nazareth meets Jesus of the Christians in a garden among the hills of Lebanon, and they talk long; and each time Jesus of Nazareth goes away saying to Jesus of the Christians, "My friend, I am afraid we shall never, never agree."

Gibran wrote inspirationally. Frequently he would say after some utterance of shattering power, "My God! I did not know I was going to say that." His books are not books, but rather a host of living entities, breathing and vocal. His secretary, Barbara Young, who probably knew him better than any other living mortal, said that it seemed that all the pages of *The Garden Of The Prophet* came directly from some infinite and informed consciousness; and were, as Gibran said poetry is, "the inevitable words in the inevitable place." During creative hours, he would often remark, almost under his breath, "There is a new whisper of life upon the firmament." Thus he spoke when he had uttered a truth of such power and beauty that his own heart was torn within him.

When eighteen months of work had gone on with *Jesus, The Son Of Man*, Miss Young, taking down the notes as he uttered them, one night saw a radiant Light shine upon Gibran's countenance, from which she was constrained to turn away. His real soul was laid bare; he was transfigured and not to be

regarded by human eyes. At other times a Light, tenuous but clearly visible showed above and about the poet as he walked up and down the studio dictating. Once the secretary alluded to the Light. He had stopped pacing to speak a low, slow sentence. She looked up and saw the Light, and in spite of herself, said, "Kahlil, the Light!" It was unbearably clear and dazzling white. He turned away and began pacing again.

Each of the 70 characters in the book came alive in that place; each voice spoke through the lips of this man from Lebanon. Often, the drama of some incident was so overwhelming that she felt and said, "It is so real; it seems as if I had been there!" The answer from the mystic came almost like a cry, "You were there, and so was I." This faith in the "continuity of life" was a reality to him, changeless as day and night.

It was when the poet and secretary were working on *Sand And Foam*, that she piled cushions on the floor and sat upon them rather than in her usual chair. She exclaimed that she had a strange feeling of familiarity about the gesture, saying, "I feel that I have sat beside you this way many times, but I haven't!" He waited a moment and then replied, "But you have. We have done this a thousand years ago and we shall do it a thousand years hence."

His parable in *The Madman*, is a revelation of his timeless memory when the mystic tells how he has climbed for three thousand years a holy mount to speak with God, but for each of the first two thousand years, his words did not move the Infinite to a reply. The third thousand years, he spoke thus to Deity: "My God, my aim and my fulfillment: I am thy yesterday and thou art my tomorrow; I am thy root in the earth and thou art my flower in the sky, and together we grow before the face of the sun." This time, God answered him and seemed pleased with his words.

Words are timeless entities and one should utter them with their timelessness in mind. Gibran felt that we would never understand each other until the language was reduced to seven words. He asked others what theirs would be if they had only seven words, then gave his own list as "You, I, take, God, love, beauty, Earth." Going over the words, one sees they are everything, all of life and all of death, which is a part of life, and of eternity, which is God. He put them

together as follows: "Love take me. Take me Beauty. Take me Earth. I take you, Love, Earth, Beauty. I take God."

Space permits but a word about Gibran's art. He captured bits of eternity and placed them upon canvas, painted man as the divine human, as a thing of sensitive beauty, flesh that is not fleshy, body that is disembodied of earthliness, spirit thinly veiled. How unlike he was to William Blake, whose subjects were saints, angels, demons of myth and legend! Gibran's were never these, but dreams of perfection without fault or blemish, his spirit motif being the poised reverie of a soul wandering in dreams of infinity, serene, harmonious, controlled. In one of my talks with him, I told him that I thought he was much greater than William Blake, but he replied, "No, William Blake is greater." Of course, this could be Christian courtesy, humility, the considering of every other soul as better than oneself, according to Scripture.

To the Syrian artist, a work of art was a mist carved into an image. Just as simple as that. He considered art as a step toward the Infinite. He, himself, took the step firmly and beautifully, grateful to those who accepted his gathered fruits, whether they might be wise or foolish, the scholar or the shepherd. The qualities of the East and the West were blended in him with a singular felicity of expression so that while he was a symbolist in a

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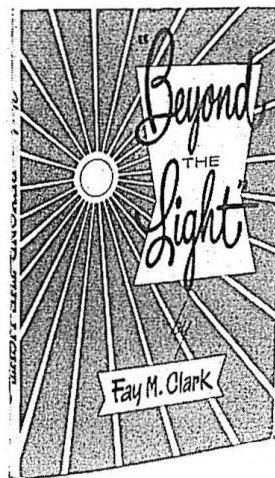
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becomes impossible for it to do so
directly. But, to pass thus from
earthly influences, it must become
so perfected that the truths it must
communicate would so far tran-
scend man's ability to receive, that
they would be valueless to him.
Hence, you often receive crude
answers from the ignorant and de-
ception of this lower class, ever
ready to communicate, while the
elevated have duties to perform,
and cannot, or will not, come at any
hour they may be called upon.

Then one in the circle said: "If
they have such boundless love and
philanthropy for us, they would
surely delight in spending all their
time instructing us." To this came
the answer:

"Suppose the angels you call
should give you their whole time,
just for your benefit. How much
would you surrender to them? What
farmer would leave his plough? What
mechanic his bench? What merchant
his place of business? You answer
that these are our employments and
we cannot leave them. *We in spirit have our
employments also, even more essential
than yours.* We save a minute,
while you waste an hour. Every
moment of time is precious to us,
and if our philanthropy sends us to
earth it is at a great sacrifice. The

spirit advances by study. The more
we learn the more expansive our
minds become; we have our aspira-
tions, our hopes and expectations.
We ardently desire to become ele-
vated into the brilliant circles above
us. *How we desire to sit down in
the groves of the sphere above us,
one day's journey nearer the omni-
potent God!* The visions from above
rise in our expanding souls, beauti-
ful and surpassing expression!

"I would that I could impress you
fully with the value of a *single hour.*
There is nothing so ruinous as the
waste of time. Though life is an
eternity, the moments count, and
wield a potent influence on the
character who wastes or preserves
them."

"Would you have all faculties
employed?" asked another.

"Yes, every faculty has its ap-
propriate function, which it should
be allowed to fill, but not exceed.
The moral faculties are monitors
over the lower, while the latter give
strength to the former. The mind is
composed of antagonisms, which
mutually compensate each other
and prevent excessive action. It is
wrong for *any* faculty to absorb the
whole energies of its nature from
the others. The social faculties and
affections should be drawn out by
mingling with friends, but their
cultivation should not become the
aim and end of life. The intellect
should be cultivated, but *not* at the
expense of the physical being. The
animal organs should be kept alive,
but should not infringe upon the
higher functions. The result of pure
affections is to lead man into so-
cieties; their ultimate effect will be
to form associations, communities,
etc. It is as wrong to destroy or neg-
lect them as it is to improperly ex-
cite the basal organs. Their exer-
cise within their prescribed limits
is as right as is the exercise of
benevolence or friendship. The
doctrine which teaches the contrary
has descended from the ages of ig-
norance. All faculties, functions,
and powers of the entire being
should be maintained in unity and
in harmonial activity."

*Next month, we continue with
the chapter on "The Change Called
Death".*

OUR BABY LIVES . . .
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then ran from her mother to her
great grandmother! *She had walk-
ed,* but it was a long time before
she walked alone again. And when
she did, she would take two or
three steps, then fall. There were
two years of this. Because her bal-
ance was poor, she learned to
spread out her arms in order to bet-
ter maintain her balance.

In the summer before she was
five, she was enrolled in a private
kindergarten, where there was a
limit of just twenty-five young-
sters. A bus came to pick her up,

and she learned to sing and do
finger painting. The teacher there
took a special interest in Carolyn,
and she was very happy.

Carolyn is still retarded as to
activity, but this year she is going
to regular school, and we are hope-
ful for her complete recovery, as
she is still steadily improving. Now
Carolyn does not need to sit on the
side lines, but can enter into the
fun with her friends.

I am sure that it was faith, and
the grace of God that healed our
Carolyn. God has been very good
to us, in more ways than we
deserve. If we could always re-
member in time of need, trouble
and happiness, Christ is always
near. Let us always place our hand
in His as a great Companion who
always understands and who gives
strength for our weaknesses. We
often try to carry the load alone,
forgetting Christ is near to help us
with it. I am also guilty of getting
impatient for results. In Carolyn's
case, it had to be "faith and pray-
er", for after humanity had done
all possible, there was faith and
long waiting upon the Lord for
results.

God is no respecter of persons,
for all are the same in His sight,
and His will for every one of us is
perfection. When, thru prayer, we
tune in with His Will, great spirit-
ual power flows forth, and the
manifestations for which we *hope-
fully pray, come into being. What
was done for us, can be done for
you also!*

SUSAN B. ANTHONY . . .
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his mundane interests. He is as
much concerned with Parliamentary
affairs now as when he was on this
plane."

Susan then said: "Well, that is
the most sensible thing I have yet
heard about the other world! It
encourages me. I have always felt
that if I entered the next life before
women were enfranchised, nothing
in the glories of heaven would in-
terest me so much as woman's free-
dom on earth. I shall be like
Charles Bradlaugh, and I shall
hover around and continue to work
here!

This anecdote proves that both
were Spiritualists at heart, and
knew about the world of spirit.
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her indomitable energy, we may
assume that she, Susan B. Anthony,
continued to work for her goal from
the Spirit Realm.

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while thou art in the way with him,
for this is humility and humility
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who sent it.

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Whose poison doubles after one
has spent it.

—Margaret E. Bruener

THE GREAT MYSTIC . . .

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true sense of the word, he was not fixed to traditional expression. He disliked the word symbolism and preferred to say of his work, it was truth made visible, it was tangible beauty — simplicity, not symbolism. He considered simplicity a divine quality, for lack of which the world of human beings is lost and wandering in time and space. Likewise, there was no conflict in his art as to whether the idea should prevail over the emotion, or the emotion sway the thought — both were so equally established that one was not conscious of the dominion of either. In this fusion, Gibran's art transcends the conflicts of the schools and is beyond the fixed conceptions of the classic or romantic traditions. His drawings include many portraits of notable persons, — Jesus, Socrates, Edwin Markham, Masefield, Paul Barrett, Henri Rochefort, Debussy, Maeterlinck, Edmond Rostand, the younger Garibaldi, Rodin, and a host of others.

Besides being a poet, artist, missionary counsellor, Gibran was also a prophet. He saw that a vast value was being lost in America by the close and constant contact of men with machines, and the standardization that had descended like a plague upon the country of his adoption. He said that we had harnessed the Earth to the fiery steeds of science and they were running away with the planet into a hell of machinery, and that this monstrous misconception called progress must be stopped in its tracks before the minds and spirits of men can once more be freed to their rightful inheritance.

He declared that destruction and desolation would visit the lands of Earth, and that the young men and the maidens would go down in their path like buds stripped from the almond and olive trees and no fruit therefrom. However, he believed there was an Angel mindful of America that would bring back the eventual integrity and nobility of the country that had wandered from the road of great and good men, that had the disease of "faster and bigger", young and drunk with the gadgets it had achieved. It would "go back to the road of Jefferson, Franklin, Emerson, Whitman, and of Abraham Lincoln, the blessed." He was confident that a

new day would dawn, for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and His is the kingdom of the heart. "In Him," Gibran often remarked, "is our power and fulfillment, and we have eternity."

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20 MINUTES TO 5 . . .

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By this time, the woman had finished her work at the table, and turned around. I looked into her face. It was Marion! Not the Marion of today, but it was her counterpart beyond a doubt! She had the same beautifully formed nose, the same expressive eyes, and shape of face. Her hair was long and black, and she walked with the same vivacious grace of the Marion I knew on earth. Again, I touched her, on the head and on the shoulder, but still she gave no indication that she was aware of my presence. I tried very hard to make her aware of the fact that I was there, but was unable to do so.

Then, I had a sudden desire to return to my body. After taking one last look around, I turned and went out into the street, and made my way to the place where I had first entered the village.

So far, so good. Then it struck me. The trip here, wherever here was, had been a pleasant drifting sensation, much like floating along with the current of a river, but the return trip might be an entirely different thing!

A strong magnetic pull seemed to prevent me from moving forward. It required all my strength to move against it. Again, the great bars of color began to appear. Luminous colors of every imaginable shade pressed in around me.

I began to panic. The prospect of being stranded in time, neither here nor there, was not a pleasant thought. I wanted to continue to live.

Desperately, I fought to make my way inch by inch. The lights became more intense, the force be-

came stronger, my progress became slower. My one dominating thought now, was to keep going, to get back.

What seemed like hours passed. Despair began to grip me. What kind of a situation had I allowed myself to drift into? I asked my Spirit Band to assist me, and they did.

Slowly, very slowly, the colors began to fade. The magnetic pull became weaker and weaker. Ultimately, after what seemed an eternity, I felt free. The colors changed to white clouds again, the pleasant feeling of drifting returned.

Suddenly, with a snap that shook me violently, I was back in my body. I opened my eyes. I was soaked with perspiration, and breathing hard, as one who had just concluded a difficult physical struggle. I continued to remain in my chair, not having enough strength to rise to my feet.

Slowly, my mind cleared. Glancing at the clock on the wall, I saw that it was seventeen minutes to five. All this had happened in only three minutes of our time! What had seemed like hours, had been telescoped into but three minutes. Unbelievable!!

So ended my first and last adventure into the ancient past, as recorded in the Astral. Suppose my next trip should be of a greater distance, would I have the strength to fight my way back. I have no intention of ever finding out.

Yet, I am glad I went, for I have learned things of great importance, for it is a fact that strange and wonderful things come to us from the Spirit World.

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NEW ERA . . .

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something not easily found in this day of noise and speed.

We were told that years ago many of the farmers in the surrounding area were Spiritualists, and on Sundays they would come to the Camp with their families, driving in with their horse and buggies. They had picnics, attended the services and seances, and it was the usual thing to have several hundred people there on a Sunday. They stayed all day and everyone had a grand time.

Near the camp, years ago, there was a small store where groceries could be obtained. Steps led down from the camp to the store and were called Jacob's Ladder. The old store stands neglected now, among tangled vines, and the steps are no more.

Monday is rest day in the Camp. No one does more than they are obliged to do, but the rest of the week there is much activity, with circles, services, and private consultations. Saturday nights are given over to entertainment of various kinds.

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EDITORIAL . . .

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every word that was printed on every page. We recognize that certain truths cannot be accepted by every person in the same manner. To this end, we even print editorial notes with certain articles, because we are trying to lead our readers to think as they read.

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