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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

AN OPEN LETTER

MY DEAR CHRISTIANS:

It is up to us!

Here is an off-hand letter of advice.

January number, with the Mental Healing supplement, opened our eyes to mental malpractice.

It is no new thing. It is going on day and night everywhere and every hour. It has been at work since humans began to unfold. The reports of this mental malpractice from all parts of the world are coming in to me. People who were ashamed or afraid to report are now awakened and ready to unload. They are being hypnotized and hounded into fear and disease. Nerves worn to a frazzle and finances frustrated by these mental devils.

But, beloved, we have located hell and the devil. This gives us the victory. Just as soon as you can locate the enemy, the battle is won, for truth must prevail.

Hell is not in animal magnetism. You can't lay sins on the innocent animals. The hells and the devils are, and have always been, malicious mortal mentality. Where you find an institution you will find an inquisition more or less infernal.

Let us fight this good fight to a finish. There is no disease or death in the body. It is all in the mind. I glory in this fight. It has put new mettle into me. "Resist not evil." This is scientific, for you can not drive out these thoughts by sending the same kind of thoughts. You send out the very opposite kind.

I will be with you in the whole armor of God. I AM,

T. J. SHELTON.

EYE TO EYE

*** Ha! Ha!

*** What's the use?

*** Did you hear me laugh?

*** It was that skull in December.

*** What a dead calm came from December number!

*** Yea, verily, if December skull caused a dead calm the January number raised a storm—and so we are even.

*** What made you raise such a howl over that skull? Alas! poor Yorick, it was a good skull on a stack of books. The ideas in the books came out of the skull, but the books last longer than the skull from whence they came, so the artist asks a reasonable question, "What's the use?" Nobody has given a reasonable answer to this question and it is still going the rounds asking the baldheads and highbrows for an answer. Damfino is the echo from all the sinners, and the saints are saying that we will get the answer in the sweet bye and bye when our own skulls are in the boneyard.

*** One good woman stops her CHRISTIAN and warns me that I will hear the answer in hell. She tells me that there is a hell to shun and a heaven to gain and that I am sure to land in the place prepared for the devil and his angels. Maybe so! I don't care, so I get the answer to the riddle of the universe. If there is any hotter hell than mortality I don't know where they get their heat. Listen to me, you sinners, this is no primary class. I have not been preaching and studying for forty years without learning something. I preach the gospel truth, of science, every day and heal the sick. There is no question in my mind as to the reality of being.

*** The only question is in regard to the way this reality of being shall be preached until it is realized in the individual. My supplement was received with joy and paid for with alacrity, that is money. You understand it as a powerful lesson worth more than a car load of these prepared lessons that are being sold at fancy prices. The truth is that Christian Science is far in advance of this little poppycock stuff called New Thought. I have said, and repeat it, that Christian Science is the resurrection or second coming of Christianity; but it will have to go through the process of the institution until the individual rises in insurrection and sets the science free from religion and graft.

*** When Helen Wilmans died the Newthoughters lost their grip on individuality and immortality in the flesh. Ella Wheeler Wilcox came out and declared that Helen was mistaken and we had all better drop it and prepare for death. She said that death was inevitable and went on with a lot of rot, like one of my funeral sermons, telling us to be good and get ready for the undertaker. Since that time the Newthoughters have been following Ella in a kind of hark from the tomb vibration.

*** What is the essence of Christian Science? The healing of sin, sickness and death. The whole thing. They do not compromise with death or the devil. All must go. Not a vestige of mortality remains. There is no time limit. Do away with moral thought and you are immortal here and now without waiting for a hereafter. This is the science of Christian Science. It is not to be compared with the twitterings of the Newthoughters. IT IS. There is something to it, and all of their internal strife comes from religion. There is no science in religion and no religion in science.

*** The key to Christian Science is not found in Mrs. Eddy's book with its Oxford binding—that is religion—but in the thought of healing the body by a resurrection of the real mind. This is science and the keynote of Jesus Christ. This thought is clearly expressed in the New Testament. It was revived by Christian Science with a lot of religion and churchism tacked on to it. Horace Fletcher called our attention to chewing our food instead of bolting it. You don't have to read his book or join him—just go on chewing. When an idea gets loose in the world catch it and keep it as your own without regard to its source. There is no new truth. Truth is neither old nor young. It is.

*** Is there any other idea in the world worth entertaining? How can you think of anything else after you once get it into your mind? Jesus was a prophet and he was speaking for science. Science means truth in a system of practical thought. The healing, casting out devils, raising the dead were not incidents in the life

of a supernatural being. There never was a supernatural being. There isn't anything superior to nature, for nature is all there is, here and hereafter, now and forever. This work of Jesus Christ was only the flower of what had been done by ancient prophets. I say the flower; for the fruit, the full harvest, is to come in the science of mentality. "Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go to the Father." These greater works are being done right now by putting the works of Jesus into a practical system of thought and eliminating the blighting effects of religion. Christian Science got rid of much of the machinery of religion, but they kept just enough to hobble their work. The Lord Christ is here and the Spirit of Truth will fill the human mentality with the healing thought.

*** But we must eliminate religion, for religion is founded on fear. It is childish. It belongs to heathenism. They talk to you about the religion of Jesus when the fact is he didn't have any kind of religion. He never offered a prayer or a sacrifice in the temple. He never recognized any place of worship, except on one occasion when he healed the lepers. He told them to go and offer sacrifice that Moses had commanded. He did this to keep them out of jail, but the healing took place before they were out of his sight. If Jesus had recognized religion he could have been the high priest and the king and had all authority in the institution. If he had worked his miracles in the name of the institution they would have clothed him with all power and made him the idol of religion. He settled this whole matter with the devil in the wilderness. He was an individualist and Christianity is the illumination of the individual. As soon as the institution took hold of Jesus they made him out to be a supernatural being. They bow down to Jesus because he healed the sick. But he ordered his disciples to do precisely the same thing. The institution set apart certain individuals who were to do this healing in an official way.

*** God never does his work in that way; therefore, the Spirit of healing never entered the institution. The institution is living on dead records of healing that took place under the authority of the Spirit in the individual. They bow down to Jesus because he worked miracles. Why not bow down to Paul and Peter and James and John and thousands and thousands of others who worked miracles for three hundred years before the institution got its grip on Christians. Why not bow down to me? Throw up your hands now in holy horror! Tell me that I blaspheme. And yet, I work miracles right along every day. If all the records of my healing were put into a book and the truth, nothing but the truth, told, it would be a much bigger book than the Bible. You see the record of my healing covers nineteen years, while that of Jesus less than three years. Do you think that God ever vacates his own throne or delegates his power to a viceroy or a vicegerent? Not a bit of it. That thought is religion. That thought is the basis of kingcraft and priestcraft. They try to make God out as a big Priest or a big King. He is nothing of the kind. God is Spirit and Spirit is formless and universal. The only place where Spirit reigns is in the individual. He does not reign through an official individual set apart over other individuals.

*** How then do I heal? I don't. The healing is by the Spirit of God acting through me. Why does this Spirit of God act through me? I don't know. I have often wondered why. I have asked the I AM why many and many times. Why should I be called to preach and heal? Why wasn't I a barber or a butcher? Why can't I do what I want to do instead of being made to preach and heal? I never could stand being a reverend and for twenty years I fought against the office and the title. Since coming into the kingdom of truth I find that Christianity prohibits both the office and the title. The work of healing and preaching I will gladly do, but the Spirit of God must deliver the goods. I will not be made a fool of by any power visible or invisible, if I can help it. This is my only contention. I just begin to see that Jesus was the prophet of the individual and for this reason the institution nailed him to the cross. The individual is just now coming to the front and all that he needs is the credential of God. When a Mrs. Eddy comes along that can heal herself the institution will fall to pieces. Just as soon as God turns a prophet loose in the world the dust of the ages will be flying in the air. For this very reason I am telling you to keep yourself free from all kinds of bondage. What you want is the healing of your own body through the resurrection of your mind. This is the only thing for you. There is no use to talk to us about

working for a cause. There isn't any cause except the cause of God. It may sound like supreme selfishness, but it is the truth. The kingdom of your God is within you and it is the kingdom for the now and now and not something for the sweet bye and bye. What matters the glory of the heretofore or the hereafter if your lungs are falling to pieces? How is your rheumatism going to be cured by looking backwards at the healing of a paralytic in Jerusalem?

*** What is the use of lying to yourself? You are not caring so much about the deafness of a Jew on the streets of Jerusalem. The only thing that will convince you of the truth is the healing of your own deafness. It is a very pretty little story about the healing of blind Bartimeus, but does that help your blindness? It is all well enough to read about the resurrection of Lazarus and others who come up from the dead, but you are looking at the dead face of your own loved ones. God is not a God of the past, but of the present. The work of this hour is for this hour. To-day is the day of salvation. Yesterday is gone and to-morrow never comes. Here is a case of withered limbs that were filled out and the crutches thrown away. This took place yesterday. It is modern and up to date. Here is another cases of glasses thrown off the eyes and vision restored. Here is a young man in a railroad wreck that was given up for dead, but he was healed in answer to a telegram. Why bless your soul, we are right now in the vibrations of the New Testament. Christian Science started the thing going and all hell can't stop it. I sit here at this desk and speak to a man in London and he hears my voice. I talk to a little child in Calcutta and she is saved from an operation. I sit here on the throne of the prophet without official connection with any institution. If I put myself in connection with any institution I would be disconnected with the Radiant Center. I can do nothing of myself and I can do nothing in connection with other individuals in an institution. The only power that works in me must be in conjunction with my own Spirit. If God speaks through me to you it is one free individual to another. I don't know how to get hold of words to emphasize this principle. It is the keynote of the resurrection. It is the trumpet of the archangel. The devil is forever deceiving men in regard to this principle.

*** Just as soon as a man begins to grow old he thinks he must incorporate himself. Charles Fillmore has turned his work into an institution and begun to send out officials ordained and equipped with authority. The word "church" has been worked to a frazzle. We have two or three Divine Science churches in Denver and even one Psychic Science church. The Psychic Science fellow took up the word church so that he would not have to pay license as a fortune teller. At this writing he is in jail. The account against him is thirty thousand dollars and still going. I knew when he started his magazine and began selling stock in his publishing company that it was a swindle. I don't want you people to jump at any of these things without consulting me. As individuals you are supporting CHRISTIAN as a beacon light on the troubled waters. You have a right to its light. And now comes Elbert Hubbard, the apostle of agnosticism, starting out to organize churches. I am certainly ashamed of Hubbard at this stage of the game. He calls his branch churches "chapters," but the meaning is quite the same. When B. Fay Mills began organizing branches of his Los Angeles Fellowship it was Elbert Hubbard who called him to time and told him in plain words that we already had too many sects. The way of the institution is past finding out, for just as soon as a man feels the effects of time and gets wobbly in his knees he incorporates himself. It is the only kind of immortality he can grasp. An old man or an old woman hates to say farewell to their work and leave it to take care of itself. They must send it on down the ages under their own name. An immortal institution founded by mortal individuals. The world is being filled with accumulations of this kind. The rubbish left by dead men and dead women. Human history is the record of suggestion. A man says something pretty good and puts it in the record. The old phonograph goes right on, century after century, grinding out the same old words. Jesus Christ recognized the fact that the letter killeth, no matter how good it may have been, but the living Spirit is the life. Spirit can always make new words.

*** The stream of life, mortal life, is suggestion and the suggestions generally come from the dead. We are forever lauding and applauding dead men. They are kept before our minds all the

time. Now this stream of suggestion is not clear water. It is a dirty stream filled with all kind of floating things. It is full of rotten logs, trash, dead dogs, dead cats and dead men and women. You are liable to see anything floating in that stream. It is a kind of a whirlpool anyway and never gets anywhere. Around and around the same old float. Jesus startled men by saying that the stream of life was within the individual. He sat looking into Jacob's well and said to the woman of Samaria: "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." There are no dead cats in this water. There is no looking back at the past and worshiping the hasbeens, for it is a new spring every day. There is nothing in this well of living water excepting your own individuality. There isn't room for any other individual, not even a soulmate. The light that is in thee is your own light. You couldn't use any other individual's light anyway. How could you see any other light if the light in you were darkness? It is utterly impossible for you to be saved by proxy. You are yourself. You can't be any other person. When you begin to worship or follow any other person you are degrading yourself. You are putting your own neck into a yoke as soon as you join anything or anybody. Jesus was the light of the world while he was in the world. He tells you that you must cut off everybody, even your own life, in order to be a disciple of the truth.

*** One illuminated individual would set fire to all the institutions on earth. He has done it many a time. The institutions now in existence were founded by individuals more or less illuminated. The institution always starts with an individual and the trouble is that the individual, as soon as his light begins to flicker, incorporates himself. This is what makes the institution. You all know this at a mental glance. There is no need for me to call names. Now what are we trying to do? To get away from the institution and organize the individual. You say we must have organization and association. Perhaps so until we are individualized. Just as soon as you have an organization of people who are not individualized you have a few men and women who run the whole thing. It means that there are so many people who can't think for themselves and who are led by others that you have ignorance forever following intelligence. The few are exalted and the many are abased. It is all right for the people who need these things. In this fellowship we have made a step higher. It is our business to organize the individual into a self-thinking, self-supporting, self-governing institution within himself. They told me years ago that it could not be accomplished. Nearly all the men and women who told me so are dead and gone. It has been accomplished. The people in this fellowship known only as Christians and free individuals are growing more and more powerful every day. If I should call on them for money to found an institution they would laugh at me. If I should ask them for money to build a temple or a church they would smile and then smile some more and say that Shelton has lost his grip. Not one cent would they contribute towards the establishing of an institution, and yet this fellowship has plenty of money for the preaching of the gospel and the healing of the sick. They are the most liberal people with whom I ever associated. They are now educated up to the point where you can't put any kind of a yoke on their necks. They do not belong to anything or anybody and each individual is seeking for his own health and happiness while radiating health and happiness on his immediate environment. The individual can be established. We are here and we have no officials, no titles, and no authority over each other. I AM the illumination of the individual.

*** Oh, yes, we are going on with our work and getting reports from branches, churches, chapters, but these are all located in individuals. Every man is a Christ and every woman is a church. It is so much better to hear direct from individuals than it is to hear from officials of an institution. Besides, we are all intending to stay here. If one of us happens to leave he waves a good bye not to the institution, but to the individuals. Our faith in the immortality of the individual is being tested. Some great individual said: "If immortality is not true it does not matter whether anything else is true or not." This is our creed. If the individual is not an immortal what is the use of being an individual? It is not being at all. It is only a seeming, a make-believe existence. Bev-

erly Boy called me upstairs awhile ago to eat dinner at his table. The table was spread with dishes and I sat down to be helped to tea and cake and he even spread butter on a piece of bread for me, and yet, there was not a piece of bread or a drop of tea or any other kind of food on the table. It was all make-believe. I went through the motion and praised his feast. That is the way religion has been doing with us for thousands of years. I have quit. All of us are on a strike. This is the reason why you must report to me all cases of healing. I invite you to a great feast, but it will be real. I will speak the word for instantaneous healing and keep right on speaking it every day. It is my wireless C. Q. D. sent out into the psychic atmosphere. I will keep it going in all hours of the day and night. Some one will hear it and you will keep on hearing it until you are delivered. I want to hear from you because I am going to tell others about it. I can't print all of your reports, but I will send the word out in the silence. It is going to be the quickening of our mortal bodies and that is better than all of the theory on earth. The healing of one case of sickness is worth more than all the books that have ever been written about healing. It is the thing we are after. We are getting it. Make yourself a center of attraction for health, happiness and prosperity. Let what you get radiate on others. The way to help others is to help yourself. The way to heal others is to heal yourself. It is said that the streets of Jerusalem were kept clean by each one sweeping in front of his own door. The time has come and is at hand when the healer must heal himself. If the word will not work in the founder of the institution the institution is founded on fiction. Take a look over the institutions of the earth and see if they have any foundation in fact.

*** "I am happier than for a long time. I want to sing or whistle all the time. Isn't that a good report?"

It certainly is, Kate, and you are in my vibrations, for whistling and singing is my chronic state. It is true that wife of mine makes fun of my singing, but she doesn't know the "Star Spangled Banner" from "Nearer My God to Thee," and I used to write songs. Beverly Boy takes after his Dad and is an excellent singer.

*** "She still goes to the same lady for healing and pays two dollars a day?"

Let me see, two dollars a day is fourteen a week and sixty dollars a month; and yet people write to me, or at least one or two have lately, and criticize me for asking for money. Two dollars a day is the regular price for medical doctors if they only make one call a day. I don't see why mental doctors should not receive as much or more, for they don't send you to the drug store.

*** "I am glad that a few months ago a roll of CHRISTIANS were sent to me by a Friend with a little note inside with these words: 'You may have them, I am afraid of the dod-gasted things.' When I say that I am glad I mean away down inside."

This is one of the ways to circulate CHRISTIAN. When you are afraid of it pass it along to the fearless one. It will not do anybody any harm, but some people get scared at anything that is alive.

*** "You are unfolding. You did not write like your last number six years ago when I first knew you. There is one thing in December number that I can't make out, and others wonder also. When you say that Christmas is no more than a heathen holiday."

Well, that is all that it is, and I thought everybody knew it. Christianity hasn't any kind of days. You certainly don't expect the birthday of Jesus Christ to be observed under his authority when he declares he is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, the same yesterday, to-day and forever. The kingdom of God is within you and this is the keynote of Christianity. There are no days to observe, no ritual, no public prayers, no organization, no institution of any kind, for the whole thing is within you. You are your own king and your own priest. Christmas means Christ-Mass and you had better not say Mass. It is a Roman Catholic institution taken from the heathen holiday of yuletide. It is heathen in its origin and heathen in its vibration.

*** "Will you kindly cross my name off your mailing list, as I do not care to have such literature come to my home. I can only say may the dear Lord have mercy on your soul and grant you repentance before it is eternally too late. For some day you will have to bow your knee before him and acknowledge him Lord of all. There is a hell to shun and a Heaven to gain. Where will you spend eternity?"

This sounds like a quotation from one of my old sermons, but it isn't, for I threw the whole barrel into the wastebasket nineteen years ago. I thought this kind of stuff had gone out of date and

this sounds like an echo from the past; but the good woman meant every word she said and I thank her for the frank expression of her opinion. I hated to mark her off the list, for while there is life there is hope. I would hate to spend eternity in Heaven if I knew to a dead certainty that even one soul was spending eternity in hell. I would jump over the jasper walls and go down and keep the poor fellow company.

*** "I think 1910 is going to be a great year for all Christians who tend to business. I think you have CHRISTIAN about right now as to form, and your business arrangements are plain and fair and square. I enclose five dollars for special treatments for January, and I shall send you five dollars each month thereafter. I intend to be so businesslike myself that I shall not be upset by the surprising things that will happen next year (1910)."

This prophet of the new year is a business man of New York. He starts in with the financial vibration of five and he starts in the right way by entering into the full financial fellowship. This is the year ten and it will be a much better year than last year, for nine is the number of judgment. This will be a year full of fulfillments. It is the year when things are going to be rounded up and filled full. Get this idea in your mind and keep it there all the year through for it is true. Hopes that have been deferred will be fulfilled. Prophecies that have been hanging fire will materialize. It will not be much of a year for talk and plans, for it is a year when plans and talk are to be realized in fulfillment. This man is quite a prophet and his last sentence is worth your while to consider and ponder. It is a good rule for your every day affairs. Surprising things will happen this year and you want to stand firm on your feet.

*** All of you who are reading after Judge Lindsey had better take his statements with a bushel of salt. We are not half as bad as he paints us. You had better not read that kind of literature anyway. It is like drinking impure water. Such men as ex-Governor Henry A. Buchtel, Chancellor of the University of Denver, have replied to Little Ben. Dr. Buchtel closes his reply in the following gracious words:

"My last word is a word of general appreciation of the men of Colorado in rejoinder to the wild riot of charges against everybody in Judge Lindsey's story. It seems from reading his story that everybody he meets is wishing to corrupt him. My experience is directly the opposite. I accepted the nomination for governor of Colorado on the 20th of September in 1906. From that day until I retired from office on the 12th of January, 1909, no one ever proposed to me, directly or indirectly, that I should do anything out of harmony with my character as a minister and the head of a great Christian school. My testimony, therefore, is that Colorado is full of purposeful and strong people of the finest moral fiber."

So you see our vision of other men depends very much on our own eyes. I suppose you have read what Jesus said about getting the splinter out of your own eye before you undertake to get the speck out of your brother's eye.

*** Edgar Wallace Conable is dead. He passed away in the midst of a prolonged fast. You will remember him as the editor of *The Pathfinder* and late contributor to *The Nautilus*. He settled the food question and wrote a book about it. He solved the sex problem and wrote a book about it. Then he settled down and closed his eyes in death. Do you wonder in view of all of these things that I published the skull on a stack of books and put the artist's question, "What's the use?" under it? I tell you, my friends, if the resurrection is not at hand nothing is at hand. The mentality of mankind has reached a place in this metaphysical movement, where they must control matter or go mad. It is mastership or madness. The food our minds fed on fifty years ago will not sustain us now. The old religion of a sweet bye and bye for the good and a red hot hell for the bad will no longer work. If Jesus rose from the dead and Christianity is true it will have to be proved in the objective by actual demonstration in the present day. The records of the past are no longer relied upon as proof of a living principle. The voice of the I AM in the last book of the New Testament declares himself to be he who was, and is, and is to be the Almighty. The Spirit is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. A hearsay God is an echo of the past. Get telepathic connection with the Radiant Center and see if there is anybody at the other end of the line.

*** It is not the solving of the sex problem or the food question, but a resurrection of the real mind. Mortal mentality is in a muddle. It has always been in a muddle. Mortal man never did have any sense and never will have any sense, for he is a natural

born fool. You talk about horse sense, but the mortal man never had it. A horse was never known to do such foolish things as men do. Then we fall back to the old statement of Jesus Christ that a man can not enter into sanity except by a new birth in mentality. This mortal mind is a kind of a shell on the outside. If you want to see what kind of a thing the mortal mind is just look at the mortal body. They correspond with each other. There is a mind beneath this surface that is of the Spirit. It is all right. It knows everything without having to learn. It is everything that it knows. Men and women are being born into this mentality as never before. It may be a resurrection of the men and women of vision who lived in past ages. No matter how they got here they are here and at work in the world. All this talk about regulating things from the stomach or any other part of the mortal body is nonsense. Every vestige of mortality must go. This is as plain as anything that was ever written in bodies or books. When the mortal mind is swept out of existence the mortal body will go with it. As the new mind is raised from the dead or born again it will bring with it a new body. It will create its own body for this mind is God. Shall we pay no attention whatever to food and other things concerning the mortal body? Not much. Jesus says for us to take no thought of the body. He tells men not to pay any attention to what they eat or their clothing, as the true mind will regulate all of these things and the false mind can't do it. The only question is the question of mentality. Mind controls matter, you say, but whose mind? What mind?

*** "I have it in black and white—but I have no attic to go look for the proof—that you said you wouldn't print damn any more."

Of course, I said it and lied about it. Have you found out that I am not like George Washington? He couldn't tell a lie, but I can. I can lie like Beverly Boy, and his mother says he lies just like his Dad. All jokes aside, when I said that it was under the influence of other people. I have made up my mind to say what my own Spirit speaks without regard to consequences. I must be myself. CHRISTIAN would be very tame if I edited it by proxy. I must be true to the voice within me. I lose subscribers once in a while, but I can't help it. I don't belong to the goody-goody kind and I hate a hypocrite.

*** "Oh God! if I am not free from this money bondage soon I will do something desperate. I know I shall. Damn it, there!"

"P. S. Here is your money and a happy New Year goes with it for you, for me and for everybody. Swearing was not lady like, but it had force."

Her name is Alice and she is a darling. I bet she nearly jumped out of her skin when she wrote that word damn, but it acted like dynamite. It exploded undesirable conditions. The Bible is full of that word. It is not profanity. It is not taking the name of the Lord Thy God in vain. Many a person has been raised up from nervous prostrations by getting up and kicking over religion. Smash to smithereens everything that comes in your way and remember, in the darkest time of your life, that words are dynamic. I used to preach night after night in revivals in elegant language and nobody would move. They went away praising the sermon, but not remembering a single word in it. This would go along for awhile and then I would get up and smash things and have all the old elders and deacons shocked and shuddering and some of them threatening to close the meeting. But words began to stick in the minds of the people and sinners were converted and souls made happy. Why, bless your heart, the language of the New Testament is slang in many places. Our language was made by what you call slang. Men had to invent words that were full of dynamite. This girl made a prayer when she said damn it and her prayer was heard. She was ready to kill herself and I suspect that her damn was repeated after me in the silence. It came to her by telepathy through my treatments.

*** "Bless your dear heart, you old jewel you, just received your letter and was so glad to get your kind and loving and heart-felt words that I could hardly keep back the tears of joy. I do thank you more than I can tell you. I left lots of true friends in London. I had many presents when I left. God bless them all. Shelton, I want to tell you that you have been the kindest to me of any editor and treated me with more respect and love and God bless you for it."

So writes Flora Paris Howard from New York soon after landing from her long trip in Europe. She has been doing good work

and stopped off in New York to teach a class and then one in Chicago and another in Cincinnati and is to gradually make her way to Denver and back to her home in Los Angeles. Bless you, Flora, you need not give me any credit for I really and truly love you. I never talk about people I don't love. I have been in fellowship with you for many long years and found you true to the truth.

*** "When I wrote you I was suffering with a severe cold, coughed so hard at nights that I could not sleep or my husband either. The second night after I wrote you I did not cough once. This morning I received your letter and I want to tell you that I feel as fearless and as vibrant as a bird."

I quote this as a sample of many such letters and to show you that the treatments reach you before your letter can possibly reach me. Treatments do not depend upon the mail. They come quicker than the telegraph. Many people receive the treatments without writing a single line, for this center is always in tune and ready for the wireless message.

*** "Have bought the place where I expect to make the fifty dollars promised you in the silence. Have been especially favored the last month."

I do not ask you to make me a mental promise, but if you do make it be sure that you keep it. I say this for your own sake, for it does not concern me in the least. I own the earth and a potato patch on the moon. A man made a promise to me that if he sold a certain piece of property he would send me a hundred dollars. I was already advertising the property in the psychic atmosphere and sending out the word for a purchaser. He was paying me one dollar a month, but made the mental promise of one hundred if he made the sale. He made the sale and promptly sent me a check for one hundred dollars, explaining why he did it. A woman made me a written promise and sold her property for seventeen thousand dollars and sent me a dollar. I much prefer the mental promises made in the silence. They pan out better.

*** "In Denver, long a centre of mind-cure propaganda in general, and the home of the Divine Science movement in particular, there are no less than five of these publications. One of them, the CHRISTIAN, is in its sixteenth year. It enjoys a somewhat unusual reputation, considering its small size, on account of the forceful style of its editor and publisher, Thomas J. Shelton. Here is a sample of Mr. Shelton's writing taken from the cover of the last number of his magazine:

"Friendship! Make friends with mammon. Money is a great friend. It all belongs to you. Make friends with it. Hold no enmity, and you will have no enemies. Antagonizing thought hurts. Above all, make friends in your mind. Shake hands with your thoughts. Call all your thoughts good. Don't array one thought against another. Have no war in your mind. Eternal friendship with everything! Shake, Old Universe! Let all of us shake hands with God."—*The World's Work for January*.

I quote this to show you that what shocks some of you people is the first thing quoted by others when they want to commend CHRISTIAN. That shaking hands with God so shocked several people that they ordered their paper discontinued. Why are people so silly about shaking hands with God when you can't shake any kind of a hand without touching the hand of God?

*** "Papa is ever so much better and we are all rejoiced. If I had the money I would send for another month, but dollars are very scarce since he has been unable to work and I could not leave home to follow my profession, trained nurse, but we are pretty well into the vibration of 'Us' and will come out all right yet. I had a strange experience with your letter. I was not home when it came and when mamma showed it to me we were very much worried about papa and he seemed to be getting worse instead of better. I held your letter in my hand while we were talking and suddenly I became so relaxed I fell over on the table and was drifting off somewhere, when mamma became frightened and roused me, but in that few moments I realized that papa would not leave us just yet and would get well. I went to him and told him you said he was going to be all right and he began to improve right then and went to work in a few days."

The pink letters were started on their mission the first day of January, 1909, and some people have been inclined to sneer at the thought of giving treatments to letters and envelopes. If any one can read the above without feeling the vibrations they are certainly very dull. Here is a trained nurse, sensitive to all influences surrounding a sick room, and the sick one was her own father. The pink letter was like an electric shock, but she got the message. I wouldn't give such a letter as the one from this girl for all the gold in Colorado. It is the resurrection and the life.

SATANIC SCIENCE

THE MORALS

"And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham.

And he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said: My father; and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.

So they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham; and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me."—*Genesis*.

"I am the Lord, and there is none else.

I form the light and create darkness;

I make peace, and create evil;

I the LORD do all these things."—*Isaiah*.

"So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough; stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing place of Araunah the Jebusite.

And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house."—*II Samuel*.

"And the LORD said, Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."—*Luke*.

The morals!

What about the morals? God hasn't any kind of morals. God is just God. The preachers are very much concerned as to whether they are to use the Bible, the whole Bible, as a moral text book. Just now they want the Bible in the public schools for the sake of its morality. The free thinker objects. The preachers are trying to trim the book so that it will fit the modern mind. I have read several learned essays from bishops and other clergymen, advising that the Old Testament should not be used as a moral text book. Some of these gentlemen want to select and eliminate so as to get the good morals separated from the bad morals of the Old Testament.

Now, the morals of the Old Testament are precisely the same as the morals of the New Testament. Satanic science interprets the whole Bible as a whole. The only way you can establish a science is by gathering all the data and putting it into a system. The Scripture can not be broken. You can not pick out the good and eliminate the bad from the Bible. It is all one from the first word of Genesis to the last word of Revelation. The men who are wanting to select moral texts are the same men who would like to establish mental healing, but are afraid to speak the Word as Jesus Christ spoke it. They are ready to call in the medical doctors for a diagnosis and then treat by mental suggestion. You can't do it and be a Christian. Christianity demands that you speak the whole truth. If you can heal a sore finger you can raise the dead. If you can heal nervous prostration you can cleanse the lepers, cast out devils, and heal all manner of sickness.

The same is true of morals. God is God. He must be the same God in the New Testament that he is in the Old Testament. You can't blame anything on the devil. He is not responsible. No individual is responsible. All responsibility rests with the only authority. The prophets understood this principle. They knew that Yahveh must speak before the devil or an angel could act.

The theologians are wanting to eliminate the order of Yahveh to Abraham for the sacrifice of his son Isaac. They call this bad morals. Then you will have to eliminate the book of Job. The same principle holds good with Job. Satan is destroying not only the property of Job but his children. He is slaying people as well as sheep and cattle. He afflicts Job's own person with sore boils. This is all done under the orders of Yahveh. This is the same Yahveh who speaks in Jesus Christ. You can not separate the Yahveh of Job from the Yahveh of Jesus. It is the same Yahveh who ate roast veal with Abraham. The same identical Yahveh who ordered the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is the same Yahveh who tempted Abraham and put him to the test in offering his son Issac as a burnt offering. The same Yahveh who tempted Abraham tempted Jesus Christ. The same Yahveh who spoke to the prophets of the Old Testament spoke in the prophets of the New Testament.

What are you going to do about it?

Tell the truth. Don't try to apologize for God. Take the whole book as it is written or leave it alone. I believe in the Bible. It is the unfolding of the mind of man. I believe it is the science. But, my beloved friends, the morals of the Bible are satanic from the beginning to the end. The very first case of murder was by the hand of the first born of Eve. When this man Cain was born she exclaimed in her joy: "I have gotten a man from Yahveh." This was true. Cain is just as much a man from Yahveh as his brother Abel whom he murdered. I tell you that the whole of the Bible from beginning to end is satanic so far as the morals are concerned. What is the record of Moses for morality? By what moral standard are you going to excuse the plagues of Egypt and the death of the first born? You know the angel of Yahveh passed over the houses of the Israelites, but slew the first born of every family in Egypt. There was a wail of sorrow piercing the air from every mother in Egypt. What kind of morals do you call it?

It is satanic.

Don't fail to get this fixed in your mind and tell the truth to your child, your brother, and above all tell the truth to yourself. Don't lie to yourself. The only power to whom you must render account is within your own mind. When the children of Israel got ready to leave Egypt they borrowed from their kind Egyptian neighbors all of the jewelry that they could borrow, with the promise that they would return it. They told their neighbors that they were going to take a little journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to their God, but that they would be back in due time. Part of this jewelry was used afterwards to make a golden calf. It is a clear case of stealing. Then when they got through the Red Sea and crossed over on dry land the entire army of Pharaoh was submerged. The whole army was drowned, with the horse and his rider. This is under the orders of Yahveh. Satan always executes the orders of Yahveh. Why should I call your attention to any more of it?

The whole thing is satanic and you must acknowledge it. The people were ruthlessly slain and whole nations were wiped out of existence. Orders are issued for the extermination and they slew the babe at its mother's breast. This wholesale murder was not only of the heathen but of the Israelites themselves. On one occasion the earth opened and swallowed up, at the orders of Yahveh, a whole company of Israelites with their women and children. It was the work of Satan. The very giving of the law with the trembling of the mountain and the flashes of fire shows the work of Satan. I have told you that Satan stands for the law. There was never on the face of this earth a more devilish set of laws than the ones issued by Moses. I say this and I believe in the science of the Bible. What are you going to do about it? The death penalty is attached to all kinds of petty laws. Women are especially subject to the penalty of being stoned to death. Did you ever read anything in your life that was so full of Satan as the history of the Jews? They were a devilish set of people. It is human nature. All that the law and the prophets have done is to bring out and unfold human nature. Yahveh and Satan are both in us. It is all in your own mind.

The morals of the New Testament are the same as the morals of the Old Testament. The only place to find the standard of morals

is in the mind of Jesus Christ. The best of the rest of us are a bad lot. The carnal mind is enmity against God. It is not subject to the law of God; neither, indeed, can it be.

Paul tells us in one of his letters that Jesus is to return in flaming fire, taking vengeance on all who know not God. This is from Paul the Jew, and not from Paul the apostle. Jesus does not take vengeance. Peter is an example of the New Testament morality. He killed Ananias and Sapphira because they told a lie. It was a very common lie and had reference to keeping back part of the price of their own land. Do you suppose that Jesus had anything to do with that murder? He had warned this same Peter that Satan desired to sift him as wheat.

Peter was an expert liar. He denied Jesus and lied about it with an oath. He told this same lie three times. He was worse than Judas. Peter went out and wept bitterly, but he didn't go back and acknowledge the lie. He went on his way and left the lie remain where he had left it in the minds of people who heard him lying and swearing. Judas repented, threw the thirty pieces of silver on the floor of the temple, and went out and hanged himself. Peter was a liar and a coward. Judas was a brave man. All this has to do with the morals of the New Testament. The power of Peter began to wane from the hour in which he killed this man and wife. But his example has been followed by the slaying of thousands and thousands of people. The morals of mortality are under satanic influence. They are satanic and there are no saints. Let us tell the truth. We have been worshipping heroes who were not heroic when it comes to morals. The cross, the sword, the fagot, the rifle, the revolver, the battleships, all these are characteristic of the morals of the so-called Christians.

You certainly will admit the Ten Commandments are to be taught? I do not admit anything of the kind. I am a Christian. I am not a religionist. You will find the prophet Jesus, who is called Yahveh in the New Testament, teaching the right kind of morals. This coming of Yahveh in the person of a man gives us the real insight into the human soul. He sets aside the ten commandments and all of the law of Moses. Take for instance the law against killing. The crime of murder is certainly immoral. The law says, Thou shalt not kill. Jesus knew that this law written on a rock could not keep anybody from killing. He knew that a law written in stone on a monument was of no more avail in keeping men straight than the inscriptions on tombstones. He knew that a moral textbook would not keep people moral. The whole kingdom of God must be from within the mind of the individual. Jesus quotes this commandment against killing and then tells his disciples that they must not think killing. It is a matter of their thought. They must not even think evil against their brothers. The thought of killing must be eliminated from the mind. The standard of morality must be in the mind. The law says, Thou shalt not kill with a club, with a stone, a knife, a gun, or any other weapon. I say that you must not kill in your thought. The man who is angry with his brother has violated the law of brotherhood. The translator thought he was making too strong a statement, and so they put in the phrase "without a cause," so as to modify it.

Jesus did not qualify his statements. I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment. This is Christianity, but it is not religion. Take that other law against adultery. Thou shalt not commit adultery. This is the way it reads on the tombstone. It is the way it reads in the law books. It never had any effect in controlling the passions of men. The preachers are preaching this law and have kept up their preaching thousands of years, but men and women go right along committing adultery. This sin is growing worse instead of better. Why? Because an external law advertises the sin. It simply keeps it before the minds of the people the same as the problem play advertises the problem. Satan keeps this advertising going right along all the time. He will furnish you all of the cloaks that are necessary for your hypocrisy. When you want a hiding place the devil is ready to furnish you the hole into which you may crawl. The law of commandments is full of such holes. There never was a bigger hole than this law against adultery. How did Yahveh dispose of this commandment when he spoke in a man? Yahveh speaking in the mind of men is altogether different from Yahveh speaking on a stone. "The letter killeth." It always kills. It is the Spirit that giveth life. How does this Spirit speaking in the mind

of a man dispose of this law against adultery? Listen. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery; but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." This is morality. The standard is in the mind. "The pure in heart shall see God." "You can not see God in a law book or on a tablet of stone. You can not see God in a moral text book. You may select the very best passages in the Bible and print them on beautiful paper in large type and bind them with costly binding, but they will not show you God.

The only way to keep from committing adultery is not to think it. The only power that can control your actions is in your own mind. All the priests, police, sheriffs, soldiers and preachers backed up by all the angels can not keep you from committing adultery, killing, stealing, lying, swearing or any other sin, because all these things take place in your own mind. Just as soon as you think wrong you are wrong. The moment you think right you are righteous. This is the reason why Jesus told his disciples that they must wait for righteousness to come to them in the Spirit of Truth. When this Spirit of Truth takes possession of the mind they would be free from the law and under the dominion of the Spirit. God is good. When a young man came calling Jesus good he enlightened the mind of the youngster by telling him there were none good except God.

There is only God!

If you don't keep to this statement you will wander into the wilderness. There is no law of morality. There is the mind of God under the control of God. Therefore, Yahveh takes all the responsibility. Jesus, speaking as Yahveh, declares the whole truth concerning the morals of men. He sets aside the law and the prophets by condensing them into one sentence: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself." This he declares to be all of the law and the prophets. Love the whole with all of your heart and all of the parts as yourself. You may burn all of your law books and smash all of your tablets of stone when men come into this vibration. This is exactly what Satan is doing for us. Mortality is hell, and we will remain in hell until we learn the truth. Satan is using all of the fire and brimstone to purify the mind. There is no other kind of impurity in the universe. "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." It is a pretty tough schoolmaster, but we do not seem to be able to learn in any other way. The whip of the devil is teaching us the truth.

Let us go back for a moment to that law against adultery. A lot of men, young and old, dragged a woman into the presence of Jesus, tempting him to see what he would do with that law. They did not care anything for the woman or the law, but, like all other religionists, they wanted to trap this prophet. They seemed to have let the man escape. But they pulled the woman before Jesus and quoted the law. They bore witness to the fact that they had caught her in the very act. Jesus did not condemn the law. He only revealed to them the startling fact that law was supposed to be enforced not by the law breakers, but by the righteous. If the law is to be enforced it must not be by sinners. He said to these witnesses, Let him that is without sin cast the first stone. This was a lightning flash of Satanic science. They sneaked out of the presence of Jesus one at a time. When they were all gone the man who had control of his own thoughts turned to the woman and said: "Where are thine accusers?" No doubt they had gone outside to practice throwing stones at a stump. Jesus did not condemn the woman. Jesus never condemned anybody, except hypocrites. What are you going to do about the law? Let the law go to the devil where it belongs.

You will find a few other things in that sermon on the mount. There is a law against swearing. The religionists are very much exercised about what they call profanity. Let us look at that law, and see how Yahveh, speaking in a man, disposes of it:

"Again, ye have heard that it hath been said of them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shall perform unto the LORD thine oaths; but I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by earth, for it is his footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."



ITEMS AND IDEAS



*** They are all gone!

*** All the back numbers of CHRISTIAN.

*** Not a copy of last year left in the house.

*** I can't keep up with you people in supplying back numbers.

*** I print four and five thousand extra copies and they are all gone.

*** Hot cakes never sold on the market like hot CHRISTIANS, in the present vibration.

*** I can't afford to change the vibration, therefore will have to keep on printing more extras.

*** When you miss a number let me know right away, so that I can supply you before back numbers are out of print.

*** When you make changes please give both addresses as the mailing clerk cannot keep the list in her head, even if she does have a pretty good head.

*** This admonition also applies to letters, for she addresses the envelopes and, therefore, you should give your address in every letter. The full address.

*** And women, ladies, girls do not sign initials to your letters, even if your name is Mary Ann or Maria Jane. It is your name and you had better sign it.

*** My initials were fastened on me and so I use them, but I named my boys and girls with one name, so they couldn't very well use initials. Your given name stands for yourself.

*** You don't have to acknowledge the receipt of my letter until the time comes around for your regular monthly letter. I do not give treatments by the week, for the month is a natural division of time, and I use the solar month of thirty days.

*** You are entitled to one letter each month, no matter if you pay your dues in the Circle of Christians by the year in advance. I ask for you to pay yearly or quarterly as there are too many transients coming in at one dollar a month. You regulars can pay whenever you feel like it, for you are a part of the business.

*** Spirit fixed my terms years ago at from one to ten dollars a month. I have tried to change many a time, but couldn't do it. People go right on sending me according to the old terms, and so I think I will let Spirit run things to suit himself. You can send me from one to ten dollars a month and know that when you double your dollar you double your treatments.

*** I was surprised with three bound volumes of CHRISTIAN for a Christmas present. My wife slipped the files out, from A to Izard, and they made three beautiful volumes, in the limp leather, with gold edges. I have been reading over these back files, and it makes very interesting reading. I don't endorse all of it by a long shot. The self of today hardly ever endorses the self of yesterday.

*** I was surprised in the back files to find that the highest eulogy ever pronounced on me was written by the hand of Elizabeth Towne, and printed in glaring capitals in *The Nautilus*. If Betsy doesn't quit throwing flings at me about my bald head, I shall print this eulogy. The first puff of *The Nautilus* was in CHRISTIAN, and her first subscribers came from my readers. And yet, she had the temerity to publicly call me bald headed! She also said that I didn't thrill her with electric vibrations. Big women seldom start thrills in me, but if I had known she wanted one I could have searched around for an old second-hand thrill.

*** Get the idea out of your minds that we do all of the work on CHRISTIAN. We do not now, and never did do any of the work on CHRISTIAN, except to furnish copy. The subscription list is in type down town, and the paper is printed and folded, the subscription list corrected, and it is taken to the postoffice and the postage paid by the printers under contract. I have no time to bother with it. What we meant by doing all of our own work is the work of healing. I do not try to delegate this work to anybody else, not even to my wife. When you send to me for treatments you want my treatments. This thing of trying to syndicate healing and do the work with a lot of typewriters is unscientific, not to say dishonest.

*** The little yellow envelopes seem to hit the spot. One lady says the color stands for prosperity. I used to furnish you with a return envelope until the postoffice thieves got to stealing my mail. You must still be careful and send money order, either postal or express, and don't send personal checks for one dollar, if you can help it. When the bank charges me fifteen cents for collection, it leaves only eighty-five cents, and out of that I must send you CHRISTIAN for a year and pay the postage. Many people who only pay for CHRISTIAN by the year, and are not in the circle, send one dollar and fifteen cents so as to cover the postage. You can send any kind of currency in a registered letter, silver, gold or greenback.

*** If for any private reason you do not wish my reply to come in my envelope, enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope of your own. I give treatments to both my envelopes, the yellow and the pink, and treat the pink paper on which the letters are written. I can't explain how it is done, but it is done, and many people know it by their own mental vibrations. It is a very old thought, for the lover can always feel the presence of his sweetheart in her letters, handkerchief or anything else that comes from her body or mind. The same principle was used by people who sent handkerchiefs and napkins to Paul for his blessings. CHRISTIAN is treated in the same way, and it is a common thing for the paper to start the healing vibrations. I was very much surprised at this when it began many years ago.

*** I don't know why it is, but the most of us are stingy with postage stamps. We will write a letter and enclose ten dollars, but hate to put in an extra stamp. I want you to get over this, for postage stamps are a big thing in this office. Did you know that it takes several hundred of you one dollar people in the Circle of Christians to pay my postage each month? The postmaster-general in his report says that it costs over nine cents a pound to carry second class mail matter, and the government only gets one cent a pound for it. They make CHRISTIAN pay third class, or one cent on each paper, which is sixteen cents a pound. So we Christians are helping to pay that sixty-four million dollars a year deficit for carrying second class mail. We can do it all right, and all I wanted to say was that you must quit being stingy with your stamps. If I furnish envelopes both ways, you must furnish the postage both ways.

*** Another thing let us bear in mind, and that is that the Circle of Christians is a Fellowship. It is a financial fellowship, and it includes everything in your mind, body and business. Some of us can't pay more than one dollar a month until we get on our financial feet. Others can pay more, and therefore matters are balanced and the fellowship continues in righteousness. Some of you put the whole family in the Circle of Christians, and send from five to ten dollars a month. No matter how we fix it we are clasping the hands of each other, and the one with one dollar a month comes into the vibrations of all. The boy with his first job and the girl at the typewriter is in fellowship with the big men who are handling big money.

*** The science of numbers has something to do with it. One is unity and puts you into the fellowship. Keep in mind that in this fellowship you do not join anything or anybody, and you are free to come in or drop out without any explanations or apologies. It is your own private business, and it does not concern anybody else in the fellowship. If you drop out no one will follow you with malicious mental malpractice, in the form of threats or solicitations. The center of your own Circle is within yourself. This is a fellowship of independent individuals. Five is a financial number, and is the money half of twelve. Seven is the spiritual half of twelve. Numbers do not go any higher than twelve, and you know that two is community, three is the trinity, four is the family, five is the covenant, six is physical life, seven is spiritual life, eight is regeneration and the new life, nine is the number of judgment, ten is the number of the covenant under the law, eleven is the number of doubt or uncertainty, and twelve is the number of fullness or completeness. Select a number that suits you, and remember when you double your dollar you double your treatments. Keep your own dates and accounts, for I will not be a bookkeeper. Your treatments begin the date of my first letter to you, but it don't make much difference to me about exact dates.