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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

What's the Answer?

"Thou shalt surely die."
"Ye shall not surely die."
Is this conflict going on forever?
Intellect in man threatens death.
So far he has delivered the goods.
Man has devoted his life to death.
He has given his time to killing.
Intuition in woman promised life.
Up to date she has made good.
If woman had not supplied life
Man could not have gone on killing.
Is the promise to stop with generation?
Does it not prophesy regeneration?
Yes, when Intellect and Intuition unite.
The twain must become One.
They are mates and it is time for their mating.
This is the light of modern science.
It is also the keynote of the scriptures.
Get together and stick together.
I AM the resurrection and the life.
Intellect and Intuition
IS the I AM THAT I AM.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** Thanks!

*** And congratulations.

*** Over one thousand names.

*** Added to the list in twenty days.

*** The first twenty days of August, as the list is sent to the printers on the twentieth.

*** This list will be closed on the twentieth of September, and it looks as if we would have another thousand by that time.

*** We return thanks and send you congratulations; for it is in the Fellowship, and we all rejoice over this great success.

*** It is so much better than getting a list of names from other publishers; for there are no "dead" names sent in by our own people.

*** We give each name credit on CHRISTIAN for one year; for we have found out that sending samples is no good. It takes about a year to get acquainted with US.

*** Therefore, if new readers get CHRISTIAN with their names printed, they will know that someone has paid their subscription in advance for one year. This is to induce you to come into the Fellowship.

*** All are entitled to one subscription for each dollar sent for treatments, and in this way we are all engaged in sending out the Word in CHRISTIAN. I said it cost about fifty cents a year, but I had forgotten the correcting of the list and the wages of the mailing clerk.

*** It costs us all of the dollar, and therefore it is a free-will offering all around on our part and on your part; but you get the treatments, and we have the glorious satisfaction of being able to reach the people. It is really and truly a mental fellowship. If you could see the surprise and joy of thousands who get hold of CHRISTIAN!

*** That collection that we began taking up has worked wonderfully. You remember Mrs. Shelton called upon you to pay up your back subscriptions? Well, keep it up until you have 1913 on your subscription slip. The year 1912 is going to be full of the best things that you ever read, if I do say it myself.

*** Did you read the two columns by the other fellow? Well, she did not write it for CHRISTIAN, but scribbled it down on some wrapping-paper, and I gave it a heading and signed her name. It was not even proof-read, and she had a small fit when she saw the errors in it. It was the only way I could get her into the paper over her own name.

*** About ten years ago, some of you remember, she wrote a splendid article for CHRISTIAN. And Hugh O. Pentecost, of blessed memory, criticised her for the stand that she took. I told her that a criticism from as big a man as Pentecost was a compliment. Such men do not sit up and take notice unless the writer is saying something.

*** Hugh was an old friend of mine and thought he had a right, and I have no

doubt but that he intended it as a compliment. He has gone to heaven long ago, and his adverse criticism kept Mrs. Shelton out of CHRISTIAN all of these years. All of your kind compliments came to her as oil on the troubled waters. I think she will come back into the columns of CHRISTIAN without any fear.

*** Therefore, get ready for 1912 by crowding as many names as possible into the printed subscription list. If it is at all convenient, send a postal card to the names you send to me, and tell them the subscription is with your compliments. But if you can't do this, send on the names anyway—the more the merrier. All of you new readers must remember that we are paying the bills, and not trying to force CHRISTIAN on you unless you want it.

*** In entering into this fellowship you come as an independent individual, and have a right to think your own thoughts and hold your own beliefs in your own way. You can come in and go out at your own sweet will, without offering any explanations or making any apologies. We have no objective organization, no faith to formulate, and no creed to confess. Shake hands with yourself and recognize your own divinity. You know what Yahveh said, after man partook of the forbidden fruit: "Behold, the man is become as one of US."

*** So, you see, if you are one of US, you are a sinner. And, as it is said that man is born in sin, and Yahveh said himself that the man is become as one of US, in this Fellowship, we will take in all of the babies and all of the angels. Of course, it would not do to leave any of the devils out; so everybody is taken into this fellowship. Let me tell you that if you are on good terms with yourself you are in good fellowship with the whole bunch—heaven and hell, angels and devils.

*** By the way, this reminds me to tell you that all of the big men are mentalizing and recognizing the divinity of the whole universe. Don't pay any attention to the little, old, mortal-thought politicians and preachers. The really great men are mentalizing, and that means recognizing the mentality of the universe. The universe has a spirit and a mind, and that spirit and mind is omnipresent. You can't touch anything without touching the mind of God. Every living thing lives by the Spirit of God. The old mortal-mind idea of God was awe-inspiring. But awe is not an asset; it is a backset.

*** This backset has held us in fear and in weakness generation after generation. This is the reason why I say "Mister God" when I talk to the Spirit of the universe. You see, he is no longer a giant with a club in his hand. He is not a big, irresponsible immortal who is ready to crush me if I do not treat him with proper respect. I know that I am stepping on God when I tread the green grass; that I see the movements of Spirit in everything that is alive. He is not only in me, but he is me? And this is the way the big men of the world are mentalizing at the present time. Darwinism is as dead as a door nail.

*** Many new men have come into the field of thought, but I will mention only one or two of the big ones. Professor Elie De Cyon, of Russo-French origin, has written a book called "God and Science," in which he shows himself a pronounced anti-Darwinian. The book has not been translated into English yet, but the gist of the whole thought is expressed in these words: "The Creator reigns and his Spirit governs." He declares that in 1909, when the English university centers celebrated the centenary of Darwin, and Paris performed a similar service for Lamarck, it was a funeral function in honor of dead theories. The world is turning away from materialism and is beginning to mentalize. This will not bring us back to the old mortal thought of God, but will bring us into a scientific interpretation of Spirit.

*** Along the same line of thought, Henri Bergson, professor at the College de France, has written many books. His latest is called "Creative Evolution" and has just been translated into English. (Henry Holt & Co., New York.) He takes the position that humanity is going through a mental unfoldment; that there will be a union, a merging of Intuition and Intellect, and the individual will be absolutely free from any and every kind of bondage. He will be able to fly in the air and to go from planet to planet and from solar system to solar system. He agrees with Paul that the last enemy, called death, will be destroyed, and that man will live forever. All this is in the man himself. You will find a very good review of Bergson, in September *Nautilus*, by William Walker Atkinson. I have just received his book, and shall have more to say about it in next CHRISTIAN.

*** If you are in Fellowship with the unfolding mentality of our solar system, you will see how the whole mentalizing movement is going forward. This is what I mean by my sun telephone. Each sun is the center and Spirit of a system of eight worlds. All suns are in direct communication with each other. The Spirit of the universe is forever in vibration with itself. A movement on one planet is felt on all other planets. A word sent forth from one sun is sent forth from all the other suns. In other words, thought vibrates throughout the entire universe. As you come into this fellowship, you are lifted up by the vibrations. The first effect is to make you feel the littleness of mortality, the misery of bondage; the next effect is to make you know to a certainty that life is everlasting. Instead of being isolated and localized, you are made partaker of the whole and feel yourself in fellowship with the real God. Your own Spirit is divine, and you know it.

*** These new writers are swinging into the spirit of the Bible without knowing it. Science is the same yesterday, today and forever. In our kindergarten period of unfoldment we got a lot of mental pictures in the mind, and these pictures stopped our progress. We saw God as a big man. The translators made it "God" in the singular, whereas the Hebrew word is "gods" in the

plural. Our God was one big man, and there were no other gods. The angels were men and women with wings growing out from their shoulders. This is a very childish picture; for the Bible never mentions the wings of angels, for the simple reason that they have no wings. They are men and women with electrified bodies, and they move through the atmosphere by electrical power. Modern science is confirming the Spirit of the Bible and giving it a true interpretation. Angels are kinsfolk, and, instead of standing with awe in their presence, we are ready to shake hands with our own folks. God is One principle and many individuals. Everywhere in the Bible immortals were introduced to us as human individuals. They are not even supernatural beings. We are all one in different stages of unfoldment.

*** But how long would it take preachers and theologians to get up to this scientific interpretation of the Bible? They never would get there; for there is no progress in religion. It is made up of pictures in mortal mind, and these pictures never change. Jesus Christ said, in so many words, that he would not write or speak, but would leave everything to the Spirit. It was all Spirit, and that Spirit was to speak in each individual. All the prophets had spoken in the same Spirit. There was to be no institution, no organization, no superiors or inferiors; for each man was to have access to God in his own mentality. As this mentalizing movement goes forward, each individual becomes his own priest and king. He is to be a free spirit. There can be no freedom in the Spirit when we depend upon any other person. There can be no freedom in the spirit when you are confined to any one place. If your body is heavier than the air, you are a slave to your body. If you do not control every nerve, every bone, every drop of blood in your body, you are not free. If you have to go to any other person, mortal or immortal, for help, you are in bondage. Modern science says you are coming into absolute freedom in your own personality. This is exactly what the Bible has been saying all the time. The keys of the kingdom of heaven are in your own mind.

*** This is what we are teaching you in the Silence as well as on paper. I would not think of giving mental treatments where I entered the mentality of another person to dictate or assume personal authority. This is the reason we say that our office is in the sun. It is in the Spirit of this solar system. We don't want you to come here to us; for we are not here. In giving treatments, we are not localized. When one enters into the Silence, he is in the Spirit of the Universe, and not in any local place of mortal personality. It is the I AM in us talking to the I AM in you and helping your mind into mental freedom. This is the only way that you can get rid of your ailments. There is not any kind of disease in the body that will not give way to spiritual mentality. But the healing is all in your own mind. The only thing that we can do is to quicken that mind into ac-

tivity. We give you a mental uplift, the same as we would reach down and take you by the hand if you were stuck in the mud. Preaching the truth to you until you are able to preach it to yourself. Helping you into your own divinity and making you understand that you are One with the Universe. This is the only kind of mental healing.

*** This mentalizing must include the whole body. We are getting out of the thought that matter is a solid substance. We know better. We know that matter is composed of electrons; atoms carrying negative electricity, rays of radium. Jesus taught the same truth. He said your whole body shall be full of light when electrified. A few days before the crucifixion we have what is called the Transfiguration. The radiant light from his body came through his clothing above the brightness of the sun. All these flashlights were given for our learning, that we, through knowledge of the Scriptures, may come into an understanding of mentality. It is not something strange, something supernatural; but the order of the universe. We are electric beings. Levitation is an element in mentality; else we could not fly in our dreams. Mortal man, with his machinery, is simply struggling to get up to his natural birthright. He knows in his spirit that he is an aerial being. He has been dealing with matter as matter, and thinks he can't handle anything in any other way than by material means.

*** This is a great mistake. It is the mistake of childhood. It is the infantile period of our unfoldment. Men built the pyramids, and they kept on lifting things with things by the lever of materiality. We now know that Jesus was scientific when he said that mind would pick up a mountain and cast it into the midst of the sea. He was speaking scientifically when he said that mind could pull a tree up by its roots. The wonder-worker is modern. We are just coming up to the miracles of the Bible. In the eyes of men like Bergson the whole universe is mind, and when you come to think just a little bit of thinking you know that this planet is floating in mentality. What is holding up the earth? The ancient mind of mortality had to put something under the earth to hold it up, and so a great turtle was invented. They had to have something under it. Modern mentality knows that it is held by mind. We are whirling through space at a rapid rate. We know that space is mentality. The universal mind upholds all things.

*** It will not take long to destroy the material world when we get into the mental vibrations. You know how hard it was for us to believe Jesus when he spoke of casting a mountain into the sea, and some of us tried to explain it away by saying it was a mental mountain. Many teachers have tried to spiritualize the words of Jesus, and make him mean something other than he said; but modern science is coming into a literal interpretation of his wonderful words. It is the gross materialism in our minds that makes us hesitate. We know that the worlds

and systems of worlds were brought into visible form from the invisible mentality. Why should they not be dissolved in the same way? They can be. In no other way can you interpret mentality. Mind is a fire, and the flame will dissolve anything. It will burn water and iron and the solid rocks. Mentality is nothing more than a flame of fire. What else can be mind? We speak of the electric current, and we know that this current is the life of everything in the universe.

*** When Jesus spoke to the paralytic, he was speaking from mind to mind. He paid no attention to the man's legs. He was not looking at the paralysis of the flesh, but of the mind. When the command came from the mind of Christ, the mind of the paralytic immediately picked up his bed and walked. Why, bless you, the universe would be lame and deaf and blind under any other law of being. The very eyes of God would go out and his ears become dull of hearing. I understand the position that Christ held in his own mind. He did not see the material universe; for what is visible to the mortal mind is invisible to the mind of the Spirit. This is as clear as sunlight to anyone who has ever had any experience in clairvoyance. I am not leading you into the mist of metaphysics, but into the clear light of truth. It is the light of the mind. Your mind has been crowded so full of mortal pictures that you have eyes to see and ears to hear, and yet can neither see nor hear. You only see pictures like the pictures at the moving-picture show. These are the pictures that have been formed in your mind.

*** I said a while ago that if your body were heavier than air you were in bondage to earth. Yet men are moving through the air with a heavier-than-air machine. They have a motor that is powerful enough to lift them from the earth. Now you know that your mind is mightier than the flesh; else you could not lift one foot before the other. There is a motor in you mightier than the law of gravitation. It is your own spirit. This mentality will soon be able to lift men above the earth. Men will learn how to fly just as they learned how to swim. A man who does not know how to swim will sink. But a young girl, just the other day, swam from Battery Park to Coney Island. She knew how. The knowledge was in her mind. Just as soon as a man knows how to fly he will soar into the air. He will learn to fly. Some man will come along with the knowledge and impart it to other men. The record of humanity through the ages speaks of men who were able to fly. It is not all fable. Modern science is bringing us into the facts. The facts are universal. They are not only universal, but they are everlasting.

*** Where is your headache? You had it a while ago, and something attracted your mind away from your head. The ache left you. Now, the principle is broad enough and deep enough to raise the dead. Men are coming into the thought of life and getting away from the thought of death. The resurrection is mental before it can be physical. In fact, "physical" is a word which carries

with it an untruth. There is not any physical outside of mentality. Mind is being, and there can't be any being outside of mind. You are ready to say with Paul that we live and move and have our being in God. Then you look up to the sky for a personal God in the form of a man. We live and move and have our being in Spirit, and Spirit is life. Life is everlasting. It is God. It is the principle of being. It is you. Get into the consciousness of your own divinity; for you are God. There is absolutely no other being for you to be. It is hard work to get that old man of the sea and the sky out of your mind; but you must make a new record of your mentality and put in new pictures. Spirit gives life, and you want that universal life flowing into you.

*** Religion has made Jesus a teacher of morals. It has also made him a kind of mystic, living in an unreal world, and in some respects an unnatural world. There is nothing in his life to justify such a conception. He was a Pragmatist. He taught practical life. Life is Light, and Light is Life. It is not only moral, intellectual, intuitional, but it is literal. It is just as practical as the electric light in your room or on the streets. He was a teacher of morals, but not in the sense of the priests and religionists. He said that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. In the face of life and death, there was no room for quibbling over morals. The man was physically dead, and Jesus gave him life. He did not wait until the next day. He never offered a prayer in the temple and was never known to offer a sacrifice on the altar. You say, he was God? Then you ought to act just as God acts. You ought to think God's thoughts. Jesus went about doing good, but not in the goody-goody sort of way.

*** "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I AM the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Now we know that no individual, no person, no man, mortal or immortal, is the light of the world. No man can speak sanely and call himself the moral light of the world, no matter how great a saint he may be. There is only one Light. You can't divide light. It is the one thing in the universe that is indivisible. Then we have in these words of Jesus one of two things—a madman or a man speaking as a prophet. Jesus is not mad. Therefore the voice speaking in him is the Spirit of the universe. The only Spirit there is, and the only light and life there is, in the universe. You see in Jesus a man speaking from the subjective, without any recognition of the objective, thought. No wonder he has been a puzzle to the ages! Now comes the leading scientists of the world saying that the Spirit of the universe is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent intelligence. In other words, LIGHT.

*** What kind of light did the Spirit in Jesus promise? The only Light. I will send you the Spirit of Truth, and when He comes He will guide you into all truth. We talk about following the Spirit in some things and our own mentality in other

things. You can't do it. It is the Spirit or your own mortal mind. The carnal mind has no affinity with the mind of the Spirit. The two minds will not mix. You must follow the leadings of the Spirit in everything or nothing. I go still farther and say that the Spirit is not only Life, but it is knowledge. All our educational systems, all of our so-called progress, is simply going around and around in a circle. We are not educated into anything. We have a few things put into the mortal brain, like the records in a phonograph; and that is the end of it. The promise of God is that the Spirit will give you light. It will educate you; for the Spirit knows all things. Illiterate men, who knew only their own language and that not very well, spoke by the Spirit in seventeen dialects and languages.

*** The gift of tongues is the gift of knowledge. The sunlight is filled with all the knowledge there is in this solar system, and it is in conjunction with all the knowledge there is in the universe. Jesus told his apostles not even to think about what they were going to say when they were brought before kings and those in authority. The literal words are that they are not to meditate or be anxious as to what they were to speak; "for it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit that speaketh in you." Spirit, speaking in Jesus, said that He would attend to his own affairs. The greatest eloquence ever known from the lips of man was spoken by these same disciples without any preparation other than to speak as the Spirit gave the thoughts. Can't you see what this will do for an individual? When you carry your own light within yourself, you will get rid of all of the mortal lords of creation. The war-lord, the land-lord, the liquor-lord, the drug-lord, and even the so-called spirit-lords—these will all go; for the earth is Yahveh's and the fullness thereof.

*** "I am glad that you won't go on a lecturing tour."

And this is from New York City. I am cured. There is no danger of my going into the hot-air business. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of telepathy.

*** "I am so glad that you are going to stay at home, and I know we all feel more settled."

And this is from San Francisco; so you have a voice from the Atlantic and one from the Pacific. I found out long before I got your letters that you wanted me to stay at home. It is very bad business to move about and change postoffice address. You will find me here and can reach me by the silent word, or any other kind of words that you want to send. There is no one on the platform that is doing half the work that I am doing here in the Silence. Spirit tells me that even the printed word will be out of date and mind will speak to mind without wires or words.

*** "I thank you for sending me that lost copy of August CHRISTIAN; for 'The Mental Anarchist' was and is a feast to me. What a glorious privilege to bring the Light to US!"

Yes, that Mental Anarchist in the mind is playing havoc with old thoughts and old conditions. How we do hate to give up old things! Except old age—and we all want to

give that up. But old age is an old idea growing in the garden of the mind with a lot of other mental weeds. A lot of these weeds are poisonous as well as ugly. It does my soul good to hear God say that he will make all things new and that old things will pass away. They are passing rapidly. As the lightning shines from the East unto the West, so shall the coming of the son of man be. This new movement of the Spirit will sweep the whole earth. It is sweeping it now. It does not take wrong thoughts long to get out of fashion. Think of how many thoughts used to be the fashion among the thinkers. We send thoughts to the scrap-heap every day of the world. Not only political schemes, but other trashy things, have been swept away. The war-lord is dying hard, but he is dead, and almost ready for burial. He does not know that he is dead, but all men of vision can see his finish.

*** "Could you and Mrs. Shelton put your heads together and answer some things for me by mail? I should like for you to answer some questions for me in regard to my own life, and life in general; also in regard to some things hinted at in CHRISTIAN, such as male and female mentality, the triangle, etc. If you can do anything for me, let me know, giving me your very best terms."

Let me tell this new reader, and all other new readers, that we are not clairvoyants or fortune-tellers; and we can answer all of your questions in CHRISTIAN or not at all. There are some things in regard to regeneration that must be received direct from the Spirit by telepathy. I give mental treatments to lead you into your own mental kingdom. There is no freedom for you outside of your own mentality. The genuine teacher of Truth will help you in the knowledge of yourself. This knowledge must come by inspiration; for the kingdom of your own God is within you. You can't enter into the kingdom of any other fellow's God. There isn't room enough for two individuals to worship in any one temple. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and your Spirit is holy if your mind is full of light. Get into your own kingdom. We can help you to do it; and that is all that we can do.

*** "I think you cannot have received my two letters, for you generally reply by letter. I am sure you received the thought, however, by the swift results for Good. Never have I seen anything work like it before. The patient did not have typhoid fever after all, and has improved rapidly ever since, in spite of unseen drawbacks."

The two letters were received and answered in the Silence, and one of them was answered by mail; so you see the letters have nothing whatever to do with the mental treatments. We are always in this thought, and you can tap these wires any time day or night and get a response. If I should tell you the truth, in unvarnished words, you would call it moonshine. I mean those who are not in this mentality. The writer of the above has been with us for many years and is in constant conjunction with this center. I dislike anything that sounds like an advertisement, but we stop the process of typhoid and other fevers, instantly, when we reach the patient. Instantaneous healing is our aim at all times, and especially in acute diseases.

*** "I enclose another dollar for a month's treatments. I have got rid of my rheumatism and am better in a good many ways."

Isn't that about the cheapest cure for rheumatism that you know of anywhere? Why, you can't get a rheumatism "cure" in the drug stores for less than a dollar a bottle. Bless your heart, you want to get rid of everything that corresponds to rheumatism or any other disease; and that is the reason we are keeping up this fellowship.

*** "I want to enter more thoroughly into the mental fellowship and be able to lead the planless life led by the Spirit. So far my mind is too dense to hear the Spirit's voice."

I wish you could see her glorious handwriting; for this letter comes from Germany, and the writer writes in English. She has been in this Fellowship for many years, and her mind is not dense, but she has advanced to such a high place that she can see the Great Light. This makes her present mentality seem dense in comparison. The planless life is the only life you can lead by the Spirit. Plans are made by mortality. You expect to stay here a little while, and so you make a little plan. When you get into the vibrations of eternal life, you feel the peace and poise of eternity. This does away with all plans for the future, all regrets for the past, and all anxiety in the present. The sunshine is very calm and serene and silent. It does not make any noise, but keeps right on shining. When your Spirit can say I AM the first and the last, the beginning and the ending, you are not going anywhere. There is not anywhere for you to go. You have arrived. You are here. This is the way of the Spirit. It is everywhere and it is everything, and, being in fellowship with it, you are in the whole. But you must realize it in order to understand what I am talking about. If you get into this silence only a little while at a time, it will do you good. When the turmoil and noise of the outside disturb you, enter into the depths of your own being. All this mortal life will then seem silly. What disturbs the world does not disturb me. It is not by getting into despair and saying, "What's the use?" It is the serene majesty of your own divinity.

*** "I am getting a deeper understanding of what it means to be one of US. It is true that this number of CHRISTIAN is the best ever put out. It is like being in the room with you two when you have given yourselves to the Spirit to find help for all of US. I think we were there with you; for you have given us back our own thoughts. I wonder if Mrs. Shelton felt a little restraint in making her first appearance. She need not; for her two columns are like a steady hand to the wonderful craft of light in which we sail. I think her depth and strength are powerful, the more so since she has written my own thoughts clearly for me."

This is a very clear expression of the mental fellowship. It is a common thing for the readers of CHRISTIAN to get the gist of it by telepathy. It is also a mental exchange. I am sure that we often get your thoughts and put them in words as our own. Telepathy is a universal principle, and we have only begun to get into a practical un-

derstanding of it. I often pick up thoughts about the house here and think they are my own, when they are only thoughts from the other members of the family. It takes practice to discern the different thoughts which will come to you as your own. In giving mental treatments we expect our thoughts to come up into your mind as part of your own thinking. This is the only true principle of healing. You must think the right thoughts for yourself, even if we have to put the thoughts into your mind.

*** "You forgot to reply to my last. Suppose those on the fellowship list are small potatoes now."

I did reply to your letter, and because my answer was lost in the mail you lose your head. If you suppose that the people in the fellowship are small potatoes, you have another suppose coming. The people in the Fellowship are sweet potatoes, with roast beef and brown gravy. My terms have not been changed, but are precisely what they were in 1895. They have always been from one to ten dollars a month; but I changed the statement to make it more emphatic. Now will you be good! A few of the fellowship people got touchy, and it was nothing more than jealousy. The most of them have been with me for a dozen years or more, and they think they are the only pebbles on the beach. I like it; for it makes me know that you appreciate good company and want to be right up in the band wagon.

*** "Let the brightness of the sun shine on! You know what I want; for I have called you over the wireless many times. It means much to me—a new home near to nature. Do not fail me, and call dear Lady Blanche to the rescue, please, and Baby Blanche also, and Beverly Boy too, and that will do."

It so happened that when your letter was opened the whole bunch was in the office; but, as it was a beautiful day, we sent two of the B's into the back yard, thinking their treatments would act better from their playhouse. By the way, there are only four in my bunch at present. But you know in the science of numbers four is the number of the family—father, mother, son and daughter. Glen has entered the University of Virginia, and "Mama" has gone to Charlottesville to be with him and keep him company. This leaves us all alone in our glory, and it is just a little bit lonesome. But, before leaving the subject, let me say that I like the idea of calling in Baby Blanche and Beverly Boy for the healing vibrations. "A little child shall lead them," is an old saying of the prophets. Jesus said we could not get into the kingdom of mentality any other way than by becoming a little child.

*** "But how glad I am that I have followed and can follow Shelton's teaching. I can see how you are away in advance of all others. CHRISTIAN frightens and confuses the beginner, but none of US can afford to miss a single lesson. I understand what it means to be able to say 'Mister God.' There are whole volumes of instruction in those two words."

Yes, we have been so afraid of God that we were ready to crawl on our hands and feet in His presence. The priests and politicians took advantage of this fear and assumed the authority of God. We acknowl-

edged their assumption; but there is a rattling among the dry bones at the present hour. When the great army of laboring-men got together in England, they made all other kinds of authority look cheap. In the face of hunger, nature knows no law except the law of hunger. If those in authority wanted to keep their authority, they should have killed the man who invented the printing-press. Learning to read is the road to liberty. The man with the dinner pail sits down and reads the newspaper. He is getting to be one of US. He is recognizing his own divinity, and Mister God is also Mrs. God and Miss God; and God knows where we are going—but we are on the way.

*** "Don't get excited now. Hold your horses. I know you will, for you know how. You are as far away from 'fatalism' as anyone I know. And you have succeeded so well that you don't mind telling it and demonstrating its reality. That is good, for it is so needful. It has been a long time since I spoke directly to you in this physical way, while I have always been with you often in thought. I well realize your position. It is significant. It means so much. It is all, in all, and over all. A superior 'outclassing' of error that few attain. You are miles in the vanguard. I think your early life was civil and commendable to this afterwork which came upon you. That some way you had a good start. That you were the agency to fill a special niche."

I think I had a very poor start, so far as the present incarnation is concerned; but I do not know how far back I started. I was born a twin of poor parents. They were poor in health as well as in wealth, for they both had consumption. Before I started in this work the board of pension examiners said that I had disease of heart, spine and lungs. I could tell a great many other things; but I am going on seventy, and still going some. The above words of commendation are from a medical doctor; and I have many of them on my list. I can't somehow corral the preachers; but the physicians are my good friends. Now, as to fatalism, it is the old Presbyterian doctrine of predestination. There are a good many arguments in favor of it. But I believe the whole thing has to do with mortality, and the subjective or spiritual universe is eternal and unchangeable. What I really am I have always been and shall always be. It is something like wearing a business suit in the morning and a dress suit in the evening. Then taking off both kinds and putting on overalls for a little work in the back yard or the garden. This mortal phase of being is the putting on and off of bodies, and they do say that we change the whole body every year. The reason we do not get a new suit of flesh is because we build after the old pattern and we build with old material. It is a matter of mentality. We have always looked upon the body as something solid and substantial, whereas it is the merest moonshine. It is made up of little atoms of life. Just now we are coming into the thought that we are masters of our environment. We take fate by the nape of the neck and cast him into outer darkness or turn him into a profitable investment.

*** "I hand you check for ten dollars for another month's treatments. Business

is looking good, and should like to see health conditions keep step with other improvements."

Get the right vibration and understanding of business, and you will find that your health will keep pace with your business. If you do business in a healthy way, you will enter into it as sport, as pastime, as a plaything. You are so much bigger than business, if you would only think so, that making it a plaything is like my Beverly Boy building houses with building-blocks. Do you catch the point? Men put it into practice; and we will help you put it into practice by talking to you every day in the Silence. Don't take anything too seriously; for mortal life is a joke. The only thing that is real is your own inner spirit, and it is God. You can afford to laugh at all of the so-called troubles and tribulations of mortality. Just as I write, here is a letter from a business man who knows exactly how to do what I am telling you to do. He handles millions and millions of business. Dealing in lands by the thousands and thousands of acres, while carrying on a brokerage business and other financial affairs. He does not take any more on his nerve or on his soul than he would if he were playing billiards. The fact is, I think he plays with money in the same way that a boy would play marbles. He has been paying me for treating him for many years, but he is always a good treatment to me. I am trying to make this so pointed and personal that you will catch it, as there is no sense in your health being behind your business; for if you keep that up, you know your business will break down your health entirely. I want your business to build up your body. While I am on this lesson for you ten-dollar men who are bent on business, let me rub it in good and hard, and make you understand that you must boost the body by playing with your business. You can do it, and God will keep you from filling your brain so full of blood that your nerves are unstrung. You are God, and God is bigger than the whole universe of materiality. What are all the millions and billions of business compared with you in your own immortal self?

*** "I notice from your comments in CHRISTIAN on the quotations from my letter that you are still determined to make me Chief Justice. Well, tag, you're it! Of course, if you insist, I will buckle on my armor and work for it."

So writes one of my young women lawyers. And, by the way, her name is Blanche, and I never knew a Blanche that was a failure. The devil is in some of them, but that gives them snap. All jokes aside, you had just as well get ready to hold the highest offices; for the women are coming to the front. They are going to take possession of this country, and the mayor of Hunnewell is not the only one who will have a hard rub with the men. Isn't she a dandy? I hope she will throw out that entire council and get women in their places. I don't like to be run by women myself, but I like to see other fellows run by them. And all that talk about John Jacob Astor and his young wife is silly. He is only forty-six years old, and when I was forty-six I had not come to the age of dis-

cretion. Let the women get to work and make the whole thing over anew and use new material.

*** "Do you advise reading 'Science and Health?' It seems to me it only awakens hope to be crushed. What do you advise me reading to help me raise my family? I have done what I thought best, and failed."

Mrs. Eddy's book "Science and Health" is about half science and the other half religion. I never could get much out of it. The best book I ever read for my own unfoldment is the New Testament. But no one can prescribe reading for any other person. I don't think you did what you thought was the best, for you followed suggestions and thought it was your own thinking. We all follow the fashions in raising families, the same as we do in anything else. It takes a brave soul to follow the Spirit and do what your own intuition leads you to do.

*** "Oh yes, the words of Jesus Christ are scientific, and I was electrically thrilled with joy when first I discovered, through CHRISTIAN, this and other eternal truths."

Not only is Jesus Christ scientific, but the New Testament is about the only scientific book on earth. The latest books on science are stating the truth of the New Testament in modern language.

*** "Just here I have realized that Mr. Shelton is a long-suffering, overworked man, and I have not only given him my own troubles, but those of a million black souls besides. If you have the power, enable me to help these creatures. I am sending you a magazine about the island. If Mrs. Shelton is so interested in things tropical, why not give her an orange and grape-fruit plantation?"

This is from one of US in Porto Rico. And she made me laugh in the first part of the above statement. The idea of me being a long-suffering and overworked man! Now, wouldn't that jar you? A man who is lifting the burdens from other backs weighing himself down with too big a load! I never do any work, and am not long-suffering. I play from morning until night, and sometimes I play in my dreams. I have a high old time flying through the air and over the oceans and the mountains and into the blue spaces above. And now let me tell you to quit suffering over the blacks or whites, the reds or yellows. Quit suffering over anything or anybody; for the world has enough of that kind of nonsense. If you are going to be a student of mental science, you must cut out the suffering. I have just been telling business men to make a plaything of their business in order to build up the body. We are carrying on our work with delight. And telling all of you people to enter into the joy of living. That's our job. It is our job to be joyful. Don't I know what the other kind of thought means? My mother was a beautiful woman—fair skin, light hair, blue eyes; and she died at thirty from overwork and long-suffering. I have heard the old misery so often that I wondered at people who had to live in it. When one neighbor met another it was a tale of woe, and each tried to make his tale more woful than the other. Some of you people say that my kind of science is selfishness. Not a bit of it. People can be selfish in their sorrows. The only way you can help the world out of its misery

is to get out of it yourself. If I went as a missionary to the heathen, I should go with joy in my heart. "Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone," is not true. Misery loves company, and weeping is just as "catching" as laughing.

*** "Say, T. J., be a good little man and tell me if I am one big fool for putting any faith in you, will you? I have tried time after time to get help from you, calling you up daily, and nothing doing. Say, is it all a joke? It's a mighty unfunny one if so. I don't mind the little dollar so much, though they are scarce enough. Experience comes high."

Yes, experience is a dear school, and it is said that fools will not learn in any other. Now, if you think you are a fool, you are a fool; for as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. What do you think of it? I would not take my grist to a mill to be ground unless I brought home some meal; and, if you don't get any benefit from my treatments, the best thing for you to do is to stop right away quick; that is, if you think it is my fault. I know I send you more than a dollar's worth every month, but I can't make you take it into your own thought. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink. I send you the thought, and if you don't get it and can't think it, the fault is with your own thinker.

*** "My daughter and I are getting rid of that sense of distance, so that we are with you daily in our mentality."

That sense of distance is a delusion. It is a mental delusion or, in other words, an optical; for it is seeing far off in your mind. All vision is mental. Objective vision is the use of the organs of real vision. But this delusion is deep-seated. When the telegraph was first invented, people were astonished. When they began to talk about wireless telegraphy, everybody laughed at the idea as being almost idiotic. When we were on the ship the wireless operator was kept busy receiving and sending messages. One man with a peculiar name had trouble 'n getting his message. The operator said that he would get it all right, for he had heard his name floating around in the air. He finally got it. It was so close to the operator that the name was buzzing about his head like a bee. The sense of distance is overcome; for there isn't any such thing as space in mentality. Mind fills everything full, and there is no room for any kind of vacuum. Our sense of distance is almost entirely gone; else we could not give treatments. If we ran over to India and began giving treatments to our friends over there, and then had to hasten back to Alaska, we could not do it.

*** "Kind o' see that I keep in with the bunch that are out for a new mind and a new body, 'cause one gets careless and neglects it at times, you know, if left by himself."

This is all of the letter except the check, and it came from the office of a lawyer. Can you put it any more tersely or in fewer words? It is our business to keep the bunch in tune with a new mind and a new body. The new mind will bring the new body all right.

*** "Do you think treatments follow people after death? And why do you suppose little children die—infants, for instance? Don't you think their death is premature? I surely don't see anything in their coming for only a few weeks, or days, or hours, or minutes. I wish you would write and tell me what you think about it."

I do not know that treatments follow people after death; and yet I almost know it. I am certain that I have received mental messages from people after death, and that some of our folks in this fellowship are talking to us from the other side. I know it as well as I know anything telepathically. We are in the habit of calling for proof in the physical, and ready to reject everything that does not come under objective observation. I know I talk to people after what is called death, but I am not going to try to prove it to you. As to the birth and death of infants, it is a hard question to answer. Jesus said that little children were omnipresent in the Spirit. His own language is that their faces are forever present with God. I think the physical body is of very little consequence. There is a disorder, a seeming chaos, in mortality. I only see perfection in the Spirit, and therefore turn my eyes away from births and deaths in the mortal. But as to the mind being immortal, it is no longer a question. I could give you a thousand instances of individual responses to my own thought. Persons who were talking with me while in the flesh, in utmost privacy, have repeated the very same words after passing out of the body. I say "passing out of the body," but I don't believe anyone passes out of the body except the mortal envelope. The mind has a body of its own, and it is never separated from that body. I do not advise you to try to get up communications with the so-called other world. All my experiences have come to me unsought.

*** If I follow the Spirit—or, as the saying goes, follow my nose—I always reach the right spot, at the right time. One day in New York I had a toothache and asked a friend for a dentist. He sent me to one, and he worked on me for a few minutes and said I did not need anything. I knew better, and walked back to the hotel. The next morning that tooth was aching as bad as ever, and the Spirit told me to go down a certain street and I should find one of US who was the best dentist in New York City. I found him, and he fixed me up for the next ten years to come. When Mrs. Shelton returned, I took her to the same dentist, and she agreed that the Spirit was right; for he is undoubtedly the best dentist that we ever met. He was so much one of US that he split our bill in two and charged me only half price. When we got home we put him into the Fellowship, giving him credit ahead, and sent him a good pink letter. Here is his answer:

"My dear Shelton: If I had answered your letter before the sweltering weather of July had toasted me, I should not feel so much like roasting you now.

Your office is in the Sun! Well, I am ready to sign a round-robin to compel you to vacate. I can cheerfully recommend you for the position of Chief Stoker in any old Inferno here or hereafter.

Some Americans, as you know, are great lovers of antiques, genuine or otherwise. I fear I am no exception to the rule; for I have turned to your letter, which has remained unanswered until it is now crackling with age.

Have scrutinized the date, and it is authentic. You should write on parchment and give a fellow more time.

You have given me credit on CHRISTIAN several years ahead and in the Fellowship for a whole year! For all of which accept my sincere thanks.

Now, if you will just ask my creditors here to extend the same courtesy to me (list to be had on application), your success in that direction would be a potential power and bring me rest and happiness unequalled by Sun-Cholera Mixture!

There are so many beautiful thoughts and things crowding me (besides those of creditors), that I have decided to just let the latter wait; thoughts, I feel sure, that would help to guide your young mind in its formative stage. I dare not give them to you until I write the 'Fra' and find out from Elbert whether there is a formative stage in second childhood.

You wrote me 'that you appreciated my work more than anything that was done for you in New York.'

These words have given me genuine pleasure, so unlike the sensations you enjoyed while in my chair. I am as grateful as you are, and will not *bore* you any more.

In your 'partial confession' you state that 'you are lonesome for New York.' The papers have commented on crime diminishing; thought it due to the new police commissioner; never supposed your leaving Manhattan had anything to do with it; just a coincidence, I suppose (the dates); perhaps my wires are crossed.

Never confess to hoss-stealin' in Texas; 'their religion are dead agin it!' If you ever get caught, do like the Irishman: Ask the sheriff to put the rope under your arms; tell him you are a little ticklish about the neck!

This Irishman was wiser than the alderman here who couldn't see why the devil we couldn't raise all the gondolas we needed in the park.

Speaking of necks and Irish wisdom, what do you think of my unwittingly (only way I could go) taking an Episcopal minister to see Eva Tanguay? The pilot dined with me, and we were so long over our cups; rushed off; grabbed tickets from a speculator (robbed myself). 'I don't care,' the first I heard her say. Guess that's why Elbert admires Eva so much!

The minister was game and thanked me for taking him. I pointed out, among other things, the lengthened shadows of the clothes she might have worn, and showed him the enormous saving that could be made if everyone dressed like Eva. Take one item alone. Moth balls!

I hope and pray Mrs. Shelton will keep a firm grip on you and not let you escape again. Suppose this will recall some of your orgies here.

Perhaps I can get a pass like the one a fellow obtained from an irate railroad president, which read:

'Conductor, allow the bearer to walk between this city and Jintown.'

The applicant smiled and boarded the fast train, walked up and down the aisle, until the conductor asked for the pass and pronounced it no good. "This pass tells me to let you walk."

'Well, ain't I walkin'?'

The conductor allowed he was too good a lawyer for him and let him alone.

I am trying to get a pass to Denver. I have seen a picture of that front porch and the grounds, and long to get out there where Mrs. Shelton can send you on an errand long enough for me to plunk down in your chair and shout: 'I am!'

Addendum: You say 'I should have ten thousand dollars over and above all my expenses, for I earn it; a man should have all that he earns, and then some.'

Say, the whole trouble lies in the fact that I am hearing from every soul that owes me in the silence! Never saw collections so bad. How can I make money talk that I can't get?

I am passing through my dull time now. You will have yours when you read this letter!

This letter is characteristic of the dentist. He is a regular Mark Twain. He keeps you in a good humor by telling you funny stories and can even make old, worm-eaten chestnuts sound funny. It is against my rule to give names and addresses, but there is no rule against giving his name and address in a private letter if you need his work. I haven't an artificial tooth in my head and hope I may never have to wear "plates" or build "bridges;" but if I ever do I shall go back to New York to this man. Now, let me say, while we are on this subject, that you are to use all scientific methods in patching up the old body until you are ready through mental vibrations to build you a new one; and the new body must be rebuilt right along all the time. The whole body is an organ of the mind and you must not force these old organs by trying to leave off glasses or doing without the dentist for you can never get regeneration in that way. It is a new begetting and a new birth in a new mind; and the headquarters of the new movement is in the sun. The sun is the center of generation and regeneration. Electric vibrations are the movements of the Spirit and the centers of Spirit are in the suns of the solar systems.

*** "But people tell me and keep harping on the subject that I can never get well by thought alone, that I must diet, live on coarse breads, fruits, vegetables, etc. After reading CHRISTIAN I came to the conclusion that it made no difference what I ate. The Spirit was eating. But after all of this thought, about combining diet and thought, perhaps I should eat very few things and fast often."

It is the Spirit that does the eating for there is not anything else that can eat. Spirit is the only eater in the universe. When Spirit eats on the plane of the vegetables and animals it invariably selects the right food. The bee never makes a mistake. When we domesticate the animals we often pervert their natural taste. Now the Spirit in you has been perverted by suggestions, and you force it to eat and drink many things that it does not want. This is why your spirit is restless and nervous and crying out for the truth. This is why your subjective self, as you pervert it, is at war with its environment. It wants what it wants but you, in your mortal thought, are stuffing it with all kinds of things that it does not want. Take the drunkard, for instance, the spirit rebels against any and all kinds of intoxicants. It raises hell when forced to drink liquor. The same is true with all kinds of eating and drinking, and therefore you want to consult the subconscious—the *sunconscious*—self in regard to eating and drinking. Eat what is set before you and mentalize it.

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