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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.

THE SECRET FOUNT* —

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From out of the soul of the woman I love,
There floweth a stream to me,
That lightens the load of the burden I bear
And lifts me on the wings of the free.
For the soul of the woman I love is strong
And silent and deep as the sea.
I stand in the sun on the heights above
And men sing their praises to me;
But little they know of the fountain of strength
To which in my need I flee!
For what is their praise when I know in my soul
She waiteth alone for me;
And the deep of her eyes will look into the depths
Where no other eyes can see.

O soul of my soul, in your silent depths
Is the strength men praise in me.
To the deep of your soul I come for help,
As the stream urges on to the sea;
For the stream would not flash in the sun, my love,
Were it not for the strength of the sea,
Nor could I work on the heights above
Were your strength not under me.
And I call to earth's sons, my love, my love,
To praise not my work, but thee;
And I call to the angels above, my love,
To wait on still wings and see—
For even the angels might learn, my love,
The secret of strength from thee.

*"Dear Lady Blanche:—I am sending under separate cover 'Songs of Victory.' I believe even Thomas will enjoy 'The Secret Fount,' for it was while thinking over one of his eulogies of you, the inspiration came. Accept with my love the little volume. Henry Victor Morgan, 'The Library Shelf,' 854 McClurg Bldg., Chicago, Ill."

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** Hello!

*** All of you Christians!

*** I mean all of US, and then some.

*** I am preaching the gospel to you.

*** Do you hear me talking in the Silence?

*** It is I; be not afraid. The I AM of yourself.

*** Let us get rid of everything that is undesirable.

*** The year of uncertainty has gone out of existence.

*** This is the year of adjustment, and reconstruction.

*** Let us get into the new mind and make all things new.

*** Get all ideas of sickness out of your mentality by putting the thoughts of health into your mind.

*** There is no use in planning to get the old out by any other method than by putting the new into its place.

*** If there is foul air in your room, you can't get it out by talking about it and splashing around beating the air with your fists.

*** This method only makes the air that much worse and your breathing of it a little deeper. Your very exercise in the foul air increases its foulness.

*** This applies to all mental gymnastics of the negative kind. You read about the woman who was told to deny insanity. She got into the practice and she could not hear anything else.

*** The throwing out of the denial brought back an affirmation of the very thing that she was denying. She could only hear the echo of her own words, and those echoes came back in the form of an affirmation.

*** The mind was worn out with this teetering. It was a constant see-sawing, one end going up and the other end going down. I don't want you to practice any such methods in your mentality. There is no use in denying error.

*** Think the truth, and let error go to the devil, where it belongs. Agree with thine adversary quickly whilst thou art in the way with him, or he is liable to send you to mental jail. Don't carry on any dialogue with the devil.

*** I want you to get this fixed in your mind while I preach to you in the Silence, for my words will come up into your own minds as part of your own thinking, if you open the door of your mentality. Let your communications be Yea, Yea, and Nay, Nay.

*** But you need not go any further in your denials and affirmations. Yes and no is quite sufficient. You are the truth and the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Anything to the contrary is a lie, and you do not want to entertain lies of any kind.

*** What is the matter with the world? They are in a dispute with the devil, and the devil gets the best of the dispute every time. Just as long as you recognize the existence of evil you will hear the voice of the devil. The devil is the echo of your own ignorance.

*** You think you are a fool, and the devil endorses your thought. You think you are full of disease, and your thoughts are confirmed by the devil. You call yourself poverty-stricken, and the devil says you are a poor devil, hard up and broke, and all of the other bad words that he can send back.

*** The facts are altogether different, and you want to affirm the facts and realize the truth. Let us get out of our minds all thoughts of disease, no matter what appearances may suggest to the mortal mind. The mortal mind itself is a liar and the father of lies. And the mortal mind is located, bred and brought up in your own foolish thought.

*** The only real thought in the universe is the thought of God. There is not any other thinker. Thought is God, and, therefore, if you find anything other than God it is moonshine, a reflected light from the real Thought. Do you think that the thoughts in the mortal world were born of reality? Do you think they were begotten by the Spirit or were born of the Spirit of Truth?

*** Just look around you and see what mortal mentality is thinking about. They are thinking of disease, death and the devil. This is their triangle of thought. Disease for a little while, inevitable death and the devil in the hereafter. There are a few of them who are thinking that they will slide out of these three things through the sufferings of Christ or the prayers of the priest.

*** Mortal mind is scared to death. That is a scientific statement. For the thought of death is a bondage which brings the thing that is in the thought. The thing that you fear is almost sure to come upon you, unless you overcome your fears. I have told you in another place that thoughts are not things, but that all things are thoughts before they become things. In other words, thoughts are the creators of things.

*** The result of this mortal thinking keeps us in mortality. The thought of disease, death and the devil creates these conditions, and so we go to the devil. I am surprised at mortality for being as decent and respectable as it is under the circumstances. Although I know that this decency and respectability is a veneer, even that much clothing on the outside is a surprise. I don't see how people can live and breathe mortality without being miserable, if not maniacs. Just as soon as this veneer is rubbed off a little by war or riot, men and women turn into devils.

*** Just look at this civilized and polished period of mentality! As soon as the Italians enter into war with the Turks they out-Turk the Turks. Men are all savages under the skin. Mortal mind is indeed the very devil, and all it needs is to be turned loose and it will soon become a raving maniac. I saw the moving pictures of our great fleet of battleships, and then I closed my eyes and thought for a moment. All of that money, all of that steel-clad armor, all of those guns, all of that nitroglycerine,

all of that dynamite, all of that equipment, was for the destruction of men by men. They are moon-mad lunatics! Just as soon as they come into conjunction with the sun all of this foolishness is made clear to the real mind.

*** Don't look over this mortal mind aggregation with suffering and sorrow in your heart. This mental menagerie is all right in its place. It has no place in your mind. You don't belong to it. But you don't want to grieve over it, any more than you would grieve over a menagerie of wild animals. Just get that menagerie out of your own thought; for heaven and hell are states of mentality. Hell is made up of mentoids in the form of mortal thoughts. Heaven is made up of mentoids in the form of eternal and ever-lasting thoughts. The one kind of thinking is perishable and the other kind is immortal. You can go out of one into the other in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Paul is perfectly right when he says that we can and will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

*** It is mortal mind that goes on unfolding in what is called evolution. It is mortal thought that keeps marking time and counting the years. The spiritual mind is the same yesterday, today and forever. This is the reason why a thought that reaches to the quick kills instantly. You can be killed by a thought as quickly as with a bullet. A little schoolgirl ran across the railroad track the other day, just as an express train whizzed by her, and she dropped dead. Although she had reached safety, so far as the physical is concerned, the thought of death stopped the beating of the heart. This power of thought can be used for life as well as death. This is the reason why I treat for healing this instant, this minute, and never hold in my mind any thought of delay. The only delay is in your own mortal thought. You think you have to get well tomorrow, or next week, or maybe next year. You are to get well today. There is no tomorrow, and yesterday is dead.

*** Now is always the accepted time. Get it fixed into your thought that you live now, and that all of the has-beens are to be put out of your thought. What the has-beens were is nothing to you, and what the has-beens said is nothing to you. What are the wild waves saying now, sister? They are singing the same old songs that they sang to the morning stars. This thought that you are an unfolding being is of the mortal. I don't care how much I am contradicting myself. Consistency is not one of my jewels. This thought of unfolding has hindered my own advancement. I have been waiting for something when I already had it. This is the year to turn over a new leaf. The leaf is turned over. It means instantaneous mental healing. I said instantaneous *mental* healing; that is, getting the *thought* of error and disease out of your mind instantly. The mental change must be made, and we must keep right on making it every minute, until you get into the habit of thinking the right thought.

*** It is just as easy to get into the habit of right thinking as it is to get into the habit of wrong thinking. Right thinking will set you right and put you into the light. And while we are doing the thinking let us also be doing things. Get up and shake yourself. Put one foot before the other with vim and snap. Don't drag yourself mentally or physically. There is a great awakening among CHRISTIAN readers. The other fellow started out to get twelve thousand new readers for 1912. I never thought of putting her on that track, but she got onto it herself. She says that I talk as if she did not have brains enough to get onto anything unless I suggested it. That is the way my congregation talks back while I preach. Nevertheless, the twelve thousand names are coming, and all of you women are helping her to deliver the goods. And the new ones are as enthusiastic as the old ones! You send the names; we give the paper free for a year.

*** Let us get into the mental vibration, so that we all pull together for the resurrection and regeneration that is in the very atmosphere that we breathe. It is all around us, and all we have to do is to open the windows and let in the pure air. It is our business to keep you people busy in your own thoughts. And we don't want you to be busy in this old buzzy-fussy world of mortality. You only exhaust yourself when you get in that vibration. Levitation is practical. Flop your mental wings and fly into the pure thoughts of health, happiness and prosperity. Get wealth into your mind, and it will come into your environment. Get health into your thoughts, and it will come into your body. This is the work that we are going to do every minute of this year. We have cut out twelve months into one piece, and we are going to make good in it. Hurrah for all of US!

*** Say, wouldn't you like to be the pastor of this flock? It used to be that I had a little "donation party" about once a year. That was when I was pastor of a congregation in the flesh. This mental congregation beats that all out. We get jars of fruit from New York, maple sugar from Vermont, oysters from Texas, pictures from leading artists, and many other things too numerous to mention. All these things are part of the perquisites of the pastor. Who is the pastor? I don't know yet. That is one of the undecided questions. The other fellow helps herself to whatever she likes best, and acts as if she were the pastor. I guess she is when it comes right down to bedrock of the business. It is dual mentality, and you never know in blending two minds which is the other. This is the ideal marriage in mentality. A boss in love matters is utterly impossible.

*** Speaking of oysters from Texas reminds me of how the Spirit reigns in this work of Christian Fellowship. One of US down on the coast of Texas is in the wholesale fish and oyster business. He kept writing in here year after year in a modest kind of way, until I took notice of the headletter. I said jestingly that there was no reason why he shouldn't pay his way in

oysters. The result has been that we have received oysters right out of the salt water, every week during the oyster season, for several years. Last year he sent them right along every week, although I was in New York City. This year they are the very best I ever tasted. They come by express prepaid and are delivered at our door every Friday. This is not the old-fashioned donation party, for we give value received in mental treatments.

*** This reminds me to speak of the tyranny of mortal mind and how hard it is to get away from a triangle. The "three learned professions" have kept their place and power over the mortal mind for centuries. The people thought they had to support the preacher, the lawyer, and the doctor, whether they got anything from them or not. They were the learned men of the community. One had hold of your soul, the other of your property, and the other of your body. You never saw your soul, and you never saw the inside of your body; and so you were held by mystery. The law-books kept piling up, and the laws made by lawyers kept you in a tangle, so that you did not know how to take care of your property. This is all being changed by overdoing the matter. There is said to be one preacher or priest for every five hundred people, one doctor for every two hundred and fifty, and one lawyer for every one hundred and fifty people. This makes a scramble for business, and the result will be an awakening of the people to the fact that they do not need religion, medication or litigation.

*** The mental doctor is coming to the front, and he will educate the people to the point where they will not need any kind of a doctor or lawyer or preacher. The world has set a high standard for the mental doctor, and I am glad of it. He or she is not allowed to get sick. That is the top notch of the high standard. The medical doctor can get sick and enjoy grunts and groans, and send for his professional brethren to dose him with dope. But the mental doctor cannot enjoy any such favors; for the minute he gets sick everybody begins to sneer and stick out his tongue and say: "Aha, aha! Why don't you take your own medicine?" Moreover, the mental doctor has to be a lawyer, a preacher, a priest, as well as a doctor. He has to know everything and the price of it. The standard is high, and we shall have to work up to it. Humanity demands that we shall live and bear witness to health, and if we die they say that we were frauds. Let one of my patients die—they don't often do it—and I am to blame for it. The drug doctor can kill a dozen of them, and nobody will think any the less of his doctoring.

*** The result of all of this is the fulfillment of the prophecy, made by prophets ages ago, that we should all come into a knowledge of the truth, and not one of us will have to depend upon another. "They shall all know Me, from least to the greatest, saith the Lord." Now, when we all know the Lord we shall know ourselves, for

the Kingdom of God is within you. It is mental. The throne of the King is within your own mind. But Lord, how we have been depending on the other fellow for everything! Soldiers to fight for us, policemen to guard us, doctors to dose us, preachers to pray for us, lawyers to lie for us; and so it goes until we haven't anything much to do for ourselves except to pay the bills. This is mental bondage. I want my own God in my own mind. Yes, and if there is a devil, I want my own brand of devil. In other words, I want to be myself. Beloved brothers and sisters and fellow-travelers to eternity, the universe is built that way. It is individualistic. God is the principle of being, and you are an individualized expression of that being. The institution, with all of its learned professions and ecclesiastical authority, comes from mortal mind. Mortal mind is Satan, the adversary of your soul. All these things are obstacles in your way.

*** And I want to say and congratulate you on the fact that when you are onto your own job, no matter what it is, you can find a girl who knows how to make a home. Domestic science is not only being taught as to housekeeping and cooking and sewing, but how to purchase food and the keeping of the books for household expenses. The wife is no longer to be imposed upon by tradesmen. She is taught the science of life while a girl at school. And, bless your heart, it not only applies to the inside of the house and the outside of the house, but to the care of babies. The time is coming, and right at hand now, when the young girl will graduate as a trained nurse when she leaves the public or the private school. This is mental science. It is not religion or theology, but good, practical common sense; for common sense is the highest kind of science. You are taught to know who you are, why you are, and to make the most of life. This knowledge is becoming universal. It is penetrating into darkest Africa and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

*** The doctors have us divided up into many divisions. There is the eye and ear specialist, the nose and throat specialist, the lung and liver specialist, the heart specialist, the brain and nerve specialist; and so on and so forth, from the head to the heels. The brain and nerve specialist is on top of the whole bunch. He is the drum major at the head of the band. The primitive man seems to have been a healthy animal. He had a clear eye, strong muscles, and did not know anything about nerves. He had no trouble with his five senses; but he did not have much other kind of sense. Why should we pay so dearly for our civilization? It is because we have not learned to think. We have been thinking in the objective and making things out of things. It is a wonder that we did not invent a swimming machine before we learned how to swim. If so, we never should have learned, but should have always used the machine. I have said that you can look into your own nose and your own ears, and examine your own lungs, and pick your own body to pieces and put it together again mentally.

*** All of this carnality is passing away in the new spirituality. The new spirituality is not the invention of priests and preachers. It does not originate with the institution. It comes straight down from the sun. It is the promise of the prophets. It is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; and you know God is no respecter of persons. He pours out his Spirit upon all flesh. He glorifies the individual. Why, sweetheart, there are a thousand learned professions. You have to be onto your job or you can't hold it. Scientific farming is the order of the day. You can give your boy a thorough and practical education in scientific farming. The old mossback can't hold his homestead. The man who knows how to farm is a farmer. It is not only a learned profession, but it has big money in it. Farmers are just getting onto their job. An appropriation for scientific teaching was set aside or upset in some way in this state last year, and the farmers raised a howl and made up the money by voluntary subscription. They wanted the teachers who knew how to teach farming, and they got them; for the day has passed when men can farm without knowledge. Now, look over the earth and see what men are doing, and you will find out that you will have to know how to do it. This applies to women as well as men. Even domestic science has crowded out the old-fashioned housekeeping. Young man, see that your wife knows how to keep house!

*** This is the kind of work we are doing for each of you and are sending the thought broadcast all over the country. You can't confine the truth to any particular channel. If I think the right thought for you, that thought is certain to keep on spreading and reaching other people. Our fellowship is the fellowship of independent individuals seeking for Health, Happiness and Prosperity. We are together because we think together. Our thought is the thought of the universe. It is that which is spreading over the whole earth by telepathy. I know, for my sunphone tells me the truth. I use the sunphone expression to give you a new idea about the penetrating power of thought. I like to sit here in my big leather chair and pick you people to pieces and tell you that you are not in bondage to the pieces or the parts of your so-called physical environment. Just lift up the top of your skull and look at your brains, and see if there is anything out of order. By the X-ray of clairvoyance look at your whole physical system from the bottom of your feet to the top of your head. Scatter your limbs about the room, and then put them together again to prove that you are altogether mental.

*** But your mind has also been mapped for you. While the physicians have been making a map of your anatomy, the preachers and priests have fixed up your mentality. Just think of the theories and theologues that have been hammered into your mind when it was young and plastic! Your head is a kind of phonograph that has been fixed up for you with records ready for your

thought. You must go on turning the crank and grinding out the thought of dead thinkers. A school-teacher in this town said something the other day that made me feel like throwing my hat into the air. He said that the old methods of teaching, the old ideas of education, must go with the old theology. Now, wasn't that a very brave thing for a school-teacher to say right out in a teachers' meeting? We must destroy the old mental map and make a new survey of our mentality. There must be a destruction of the old thought before we can think new thoughts. Just as soon as a new idea comes into our heads, up pops one of the old ghosts. We have always been taught to believe that that ghost was the right thing, and so, in spite of our better judgment, we say hurrah for the holy ghost!

*** These ghosts are not holy. They are full of holes. They have been punctured and pierced by science. They are old rubbish and must be sent to the scrap-heap. Oh, you are doing it all right. You have such a high standard of what a mentalist ought to be that you won't let me wear my bald head in peace. Some of you have been twitting me about it for about twenty years, and I am getting a little ashamed of it myself. If I go to the toothsmith and have him hammer at a cavity and fill it with gold, you turn up your noses and think I ought to have done it all mentally. You even write about it and tell me that I am not living up to the standard of a mental doctor. The drug doctor can wear a bald head and false teeth and get sick and enjoy his misery, but not so the mentalist. I like it! It is the right standard. It is better to act the fool in the right way than to go on like so many parrots. This high standard was lifted for Mrs. Eddy and kept up until the very minute of her death. It is all right. We have got to come up to it.

*** Isn't it a pretty commentary on humanity that we have lived so long on this planet and are still looking up to the stars with dim eyes and dull ears? God bless you, we have mapped the heavens and made a geography of the skies. Yet we had to do it with dim eyes peeping through artificial lenses. Why shouldn't the mind have X-ray vision of its own? Simply because we have been looking at matter instead of mind. The old thought is that we are to develop mind through our work in matter. The man who invented the telescope, the man who invented the microscope, the man who made a map of the heavens, the men who are now surveying the skies night after night, are not developing their minds. The intellect is immortal and eternal. Thought is God, and God cannot be developed. What are these minds doing? They are playing with matter. They are doing in a larger sphere exactly what Beverly Boy is now doing in this room. He is playing with his birthday presents, making out that a wooden duck is a live duck. He is not developing his mind, but he is exercising his mortal thought. His Dad would like to be playing with an aeroplane, instead of sitting here dictating to this Girl of the Golden West.

*** Do you think that Edison has developed his mind by burning up his body inventing things? Not a bit of it. He is a boy at play. His playthings are wonderful. But he every once in a while turns toward the mental and declares that every atom is a point of intelligence. What are we to do if we don't go on playing with matter? Play with mentality. Let the power that examines investigate itself. One of the greatest thinkers has said that the mind cannot know itself. He declares that thought can no more turn around and investigate itself than matter can investigate matter. That is not true. Mind is vision. It is vision itself. A man could not see an object unless that object was made known to his mind. This has been proved recently and demonstrated. The mind is the seeing and the hearing and the being. Therefore mind can investigate itself. It can, not only look at matter, but it can look at mind. This is exactly what advanced thinkers are doing. Metaphysics is nothing more than the study of mentality. Psychology is the investigation of variations in spiritual experience.

*** When we have looked at mind and turned our backs on matter, we shall find that we are mentoids in a world of matter. We are all going to get together on this subject. Instead of grieving over the condition of mortality, we are going to turn it into mentality. I don't want you to think for a minute that I am criticising the preachers and doctors and lawyers. There are plenty of them on my list, and they are mentalists. I don't care what you do or what you have done. It is a question of what you are in your essential being. I care nothing for the past or the future, for I know that mind is omnipresent. In the coming mentality—and it is already here—we will not shed any tears over disease, death or the devil. We will dry our eyes and go to work to remove disease, death and the devil. That is exactly what we are up to in this fellowship. Lift your standard as high as heaven! Go on poking fun at my bald head and criticise every movement that I make that is not up to your high standard. I am a high-flier myself. You can't stretch your wings and go too high for me. I am just as tired of this dirt-dauber's nest as you are. Rise and shine!

*** I have made it a rule to send CHRISTIAN to people who are ready for it. I have never yet put it into the hands of news agents or on the counters of booksellers and newsdealers. I tried sending out sample copies promiscuously, but it didn't work. CHRISTIAN is unique and individualistic, and can only go to minds ready for it. But one of US, a newsdealer and agent, wanted to try it. Here is the result of his trial trip among his Ladies' Home Journal and other readers:

"The back numbers of CHRISTIAN which you sent me I distributed amongst my magazine customers. On Friday of this past week I received a message over the telephone from one of my lady customers, asking me if I knew that I was circulating a very dangerous paper amongst the public (meaning CHRISTIAN) and criticising me severely for doing so. The husband of this

lady told her that you were advocating free love, and also that you had been arrested in New York for this offense. The CHRISTIAN was given to me about a year ago by a friend, who is a great reader. He explained to me that your theory was more or less mentalism and Christian Science, and on this explanation I informed my patrons to the same effect. I kindly request that you will give this your prompt attention and reply to the herewith accusation."

CHRISTIAN will enter upon its nineteenth year this month, and this is the first time I have ever been accused of advocating "free love." I was never arrested in New York for that offense, or any other offense. Rumor has run riot for eighteen years, and I have been accused of nearly everything under the sun. But CHRISTIAN goes right on spreading itself over the earth, and the very best minds are in fellowship with US. Why, you can even find many of the leaders of the Chinese Revolution on our list. But I only publish the above comment to show you the wisdom of the Spirit in keeping CHRISTIAN in its own orbit. My friend, the news agent, had better quit distributing the dynamite. And you people who are sending in names had better inform your friends that you are sending the paper with your own compliments. If you are one of US, you know it. And if you are not, no one can force you into the Fellowship. A medical doctor called at my house the other day, and, being a stranger in town, he wanted me to help him get a start here in Denver. I gave him two or three copies of CHRISTIAN, and told him that he would know after reading them whether he was one of US or not. He came back with a five-dollar note, and is an enthusiastic worker after reading only two numbers. He knows!

*** "I am beginning to feel the need of an education and am bubbling with a desire to get one. I may want to teach or lecture some day."

This is from one of our young girls who is a married woman, and the treatments are just beginning to work in her mind and make her want to advance. I shall keep on helping the bubbles to bubble in your brain until you get what you want.

*** "I have been in the circle of Christians sixteen years, taking mental treatments for Health, Happiness and Prosperity."

This is from Boston, and it is to show the new readers how the fellowship works and how long it works.

*** "George Edwin Burnell is still teaching; at present in San Francisco, where one of his pupils tells me he has been having the time of his life. I believe he devotes himself almost entirely to private lessons. Mrs. Burnell also teaches in class and private lessons at their home on S. Flower Street in Los Angeles. Mr. Burnell is to return to Los Angeles in a very few days."

Good! I thought it strange that one of my correspondents should say that George Edwin had quit the game. He is not made of that kind of stuff. Annie Rix Militz and George Edwin Burnell ought to set Los Angeles on fire with the right kind of fire. It seems to be burning briskly with the wrong kind.

*** "Have you got to see and understand why I have not been in the fellowship regularly? I know God has not permitted me to do so, and that is about all I under-

stand about it. You have seemed to be with me in thought all the time."

It is utterly impossible for one of US to get out of the fellowship. You are of the Elect and have been where you are from all eternity. It is a way God has of keeping track of his own.

*** "Your last CHRISTIAN was so good it made me whistle and sing, so full of joy."

That's a man, you may know by the whistle, although my Baby Blanche can whistle equal to any boy. However, it is not often that a girl or woman whistles to express her joy. I whistle very often, and would sing, but my wife has no ear for music! She can't appreciate high art. Joy is the keynote for this year. Keep on whistling.

*** "I have been a subscriber to CHRISTIAN since its infancy, and about all of the real happiness I have ever had has been brought about through the combined efforts of you and Mrs. Shelton. You will feel my gratitude as you read this, for it goes with every stroke of the pen."

Such letters from people who have been with me for eighteen years are worth more than all the money on this earth. I tell you that real wealth is of the mind and heart. This is from God, in whom we live and move and have our being. It comes down from the sun and shines in the mind as the very light from the Father of Lights.

*** "Please find enclosed for more of your delightful treatments. Am doing nicely in my studies and also progressing in the Higher Thought."

This is from another one of our little Big women. Oh, when CHRISTIAN gets all of US women enrolled there will be something doing! "Delightful treatments" is a good way to express it. I do think we send out more joy than anything else; for there is nothing like happiness or the vibrations of joy to bring health and success, and everything that you want when you want it and as you want it. Pleasure is the very essence of life! I am puzzled with the mystery of pain. I don't know how disease and death ever got into such a glorious world.

*** "Yours with its vibration of peace came, and I certainly appreciated the fact that I could feel the message in advance of the letter, because I have never found anyone who could help me before."

You never found anyone who could transfuse with you. Isn't that a big word? In the transfusion of blood they must always first find out whether the blood of the healthy one will transfuse with the blood of the patient. There is a technical name for it, but you know what I mean. The husband may not be able to give his own blood to his wife on account of there being no chemical affinity. The same rule applies to telepathy or thought-transference. There are people whose thought irritates your mind and puts you on the defensive or makes you antagonistic. You receive my thought in advance of the letter, and you will keep right on receiving it, for we are One. You are one of US. You belong with the bunch. We are all working together for Good, and each one is a part of the whole. This is real scientific and up-to-date mental healing.

*** "Tell Mrs. Shelton not to give up writing. She is fine, and more easily comprehended than her husband! I do not say so; but many would. You are plain enough when you are not the other thing."

So writes one of US who is very high up in the scale of understanding. She is a former resident of Denver and about the first one to greet us in this city. I don't agree with you, but that is no reason why you should not be right. I think I can write as plainly as anybody on the face of the earth, but sometimes when things are very clear to me the surprise comes back that no one else can see it. Mrs. Shelton can't give up writing, for she is taking down what I am saying now, and she has to pound this typewriter every day of the world. When the inspiration strikes her she will preach another sermon. If she will take it down, let me whisper that she is very much stuck up over the praise and good feeling received from November CHRISTIAN.

*** "I would like to ask your advice about another matter. My mother and sister have been attending spiritualistic meetings for some time, and they believe that whatever they are told must be obeyed. I know they are free to believe as they think. But now Mama says I should do this or that according to a message a particular spirit gave her. I cannot agree with this, as I feel within it is not right for me. I need guidance, but I believe it must be my own spirit in conjunction with the universal spirit. If in the Silence I wait for the Voice within, can any of these spirits make me listen to them? I am not afraid, never have been, but do not wish to be annoyed."

You have expressed the whole thing in a few words. I have been all along this route and know every old stump and every quagmire and every old hollow tree and all the noises and confusions and voices in this wilderness. There is one rule that you may put down as scientific and absolute: The spirit of truth never dictates, never insists on obedience, never tries to coerce, but leaves you free to do as you please. It used to make me angry that God did not force me to do the right thing. I now know that God could not do it and be God. I AM free, and so is my Father Spirit. All of this psychic nonsense is from the devil. The devil is the lord of the psychic. If you are going to live in his dominion, you will be under the influence of demons. It is perfectly natural and a part of the unfoldment. It is hell. The only way you can get out of hell, get out of the psychic, is to listen to the Voice of the pneumatic. In the animal world you live as an animal; in the psychic world you live as a devil; in the pneumatic you are an angel of God and ruler over body and mind. Now, let the people who are on the animal plane live that kind of a life. And let those who are in the psychic live in the miserable conditions found on that plane. But if you want to get away from all of this, listen to the voice of your own Spirit! Your own Spirit is as true to you as the needle to the pole. It will not lie to you or deceive you in any way. But, sweetheart, it will leave you free. Your own Spirit loves you, and love cannot live under any kind of compulsion. Cuddle right up to your own Spirit and trust the vibrations of the voice, and you are all right. Resist the devils and they will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and God will draw nigh to you. And God, my beloved, is your own Spirit. The individualized expression of your own divinity.

THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

"We believe that the Christ is indeed manifesting in the Spirit and in power right now, but not in any particular person; yet friends of ours see such in the Abdul Baha lately arrived in London. What do you think of him and his spiritual status?"

I could not answer your questions in the right way without making a thorough investigation. You are quite right when you say that Christ is manifested in Spirit. The Christ is Spirit, and the Spirit never manifests in any other way. The Christ Spirit manifested in Jesus, but the same Spirit has spoken in all of the prophets. Life is its own light. Light could no more manifest in one person to the exclusion of others than life could manifest in one person to the exclusion of others. Modern science is throwing light on all of the ancient writings, and we are making a thorough investigation without reference to the dead books.

I quote from "The Literary Digest," whose publishers sold me the picture of the new prophet:



Abdul Baha (Abbas Effendi),

The leader of the Bahaist religion, who attended the Brotherhood conference in London. On the change of the Turkish government three years ago he was released from his forty years' confinement in Akka.

"Persia is showing to the world an example of religious unity that seems to make Western efforts in the same line appear elementary. Mohammedans, Christians, Jews and Zoroastrians are finding a point of approach without surrendering the vital elements of their individual faiths. This is called Bahaism, whose central dogma is 'the unity of mankind; and consequently, peace between all nations.' It has, to be sure, the further aim of 'the renovation of the teaching of the prophets whom God has sent into the world, and its presentation in a form suitable to our time.' The leader of the faith, Abdul Baha (Abbas Effendi), has been visiting London to attend the international session of the Brotherhood conference. To that center of many interests he is able to represent such facts of brotherhood among the divergent sects of Persia's religionists as these which he stated in an interview with Dr. R. J. Campbell, printed in *The Christian Commonwealth* (London):

"There is no more any war between them; each honors the head of other religions: Mussulmans are honoring Moses and Christ; Christians are honoring Mohammed and Moses; Jews are honoring Jesus and Mohammed. They have learned to love one another, and are becoming one. The cause of unity is the cause of life itself, it is divine; that which leads to division or hatred is satanic. Religion should make for unity. The prophets did not come to bring about distrust and separation. Ignorance is the cause of division and hatred. Religion is like medicine; it is meant to cure, but in the hands of unskilled or bad physicians what should effect a cure may create disease, what should give life may cause death. Therefore we must strive with all our strength, with all our heart, to promote only that which leads to unity and life."

It is not surprising, remarks Dr. Morgan, that people in increasing numbers 'are attracted to the Bahai faith by its catholicity, the loftiness of its ethics, the simplicity of its teaching, its complete freedom from narrow and exclusive dogma.' He adds:

"It has no organization, no hierarchy, no ritual, no fixed places and times of meeting; in short, it is spirit and life. It does not seek to proselytize; you can be a Bahai without ceasing to be a Christian, a Jew, or a Mohammedan."

This sounds very much like US and is in accordance with the principles adopted by this Fellowship. CHRISTIAN stands for the independence and illumination of the individual. In order to be an individualist, you must give everybody liberty to be what they will to be. This is Christianity. Christianity is the illumination of the individual. Christ is the illuminating Spirit. The Christ is not a person, but the universal Spirit. Jesus Christ never organized an institution and never authorized anyone else to form any society, church or association. He sent his disciples out as individuals. They were to go under the authority of the Spirit speaking within their own minds. This is as plain as anything can be in the New Testament, for each one went out on his own hook and did his own work in his own way. They recognized all men as brothers and the eternal Spirit as the Father of us all. They were not to preach Jesus, but to preach the Christ. Jesus was a prophet of the Christ, and they were to be like him in every respect.

Now, that does not sound a bit like ancient or modern institutions. Jesus did not come to set up a new or to reset old institutions. He came into this world to bring life and life more abundantly. What do you need? What is it that you are seeking? If you want to exercise authority over your fellows, and reign and rule over the minds of others, you will have to get out of Christianity. Christ is God manifest in the flesh. But you want this manifestation in your own flesh. The idea of us all getting around one prophet named Jesus and worshiping him as God is not even Jewish thought. It is pagan from the beginning to the end. It is heathen. That kind of heathenism which worships the man instead of the principle. The prophets proclaim the coming of a spiritual kingdom. Jesus is the last of these prophets. In him was the fullness of all the prophets. His cry from the beginning was: "The Kingdom of God is within you." Now,

if the Kingdom of God is within you, it is individualistic and personal to each individual. Every Christian was to be a Christ. Each man and woman was to manifest in their own personality the principle of Christhood.

This simplicity of Christianity was so astounding to Count Tolstoy that it almost unbalanced his mind. He saw how the Institution has usurped the authority of the Spirit. I saw this so plainly in this Fellowship that I have never issued a pamphlet or any kind of written word that could be accepted as authority. I even let my own two books go out of print, lest they be chosen as textbooks for others. I saw from the beginning that the Spirit must teach each one by telepathy. All I could do would be to proclaim the mental kingdom and help each one to get into his own place.

Life is Light!

Do you know what that means? Light is God, and there is no other God. The mystery of Light is just breaking on our minds. The records of the Old and New Testaments are being turned into science. The Christ then is a Thought. We use all kinds of words to express the one idea. Christ is the universal mind, the universal Spirit, the universal thought. Since a woman, with the aid of her husband, discovered radium, we are actually investigating God. Instead of standing far off and looking at a kind of Uncle Sam in the skies, we are picking up pieces of God and examining them with a microscope. The only immortal principle that we have found in matter is called radium. It is the eternal fire. It is that which was spoken of as the sacred fire on the altar in the tabernacle and in the temple. It is what the sun-worshippers tried to express.

Thoughts are not things, but all things are thoughts before they are things.

If you will study that sentence and get at its real meaning, you will get pretty close to radium. Science has taught us, and we know it has been demonstrated, that this planet, like all other planets, was projected from the sun as a little globe of fire. I believe the sun is radium in its substance. There is a photosphere surrounding the sun which we see, but the real sun is hidden from our eyes. It is that eternal light called God to which no mortal can approach.

When this globe of fire was projected from the sun, it began gathering to itself a covering. It was surrounded by gases and vapors and mists, and after a while this crust got thicker and the dry land appeared. Spirit tells me that the core and center of the earth is radium, and therefore it is immortal. The water and dirt and rocks and other things that have been accumulated form a kind of shell for this inner fire. You know that life and light come from the sun. In the sun we live and move and have our being. Then there must be a spark of this divine fire in each mind; else we could not think. Life, then, is its own light. Angels are always represented to us as beings of light. Jesus, in his transfiguration, was a being of light. In the picture given in the book of Revelation the

prophet is represented as a sun. His face shines as the brightness of the sun.

I need not make quotations for Bible readers, for the whole book is full of this idea of light. Paul said of Christians that they were the children of light. We are all suns of the sun. And you know there are myriads of suns. I have told you that the Spirit tells me that the suns are radium. They are globes of radium, and therefore immortal and eternal. What has this to do with the prophet? I mean the man with the long whiskers. It is said that he and all of his fellow-prophets spend an hour each day in combing and caring for their beards. This is a suggestion from religion. It comes from Mahomet. All of the new prophets come forth with a good thought, but their old religions stick to them like so many burrs. Let me emphasize once more that Christianity is not a religion. If the prophet Jesus had not thrown away the religion of the Jews, he would never have been crucified. The man of vision is not a religionist. At least he is not a religionist while he is in the spiritual silence. It is only when we come out into the objective that we hear the clanging bells of religion.

There is no science in religion and no religion in science. You must come out from the one in order to get into the other. The kingdom of God is mental, for God is Thought. Therefore, the coming of the Christ will be by telepathy. This thought will not come as a man or a woman. It will come as Godhood in both men and women. It will come as a healing thought. It is already here. I consider Christian Science as the forerunner of real Christianity. It will be a Christianity that heals your sickness, casts out your devils, and raises you from the dead. It will be a universal thought taking possession of the individual mind. This is what Christian Science teaches, and they would practice it more perfectly if it were not for the old pagan thought of religion. It will come as pure science, separated from theology and the Institution.

It will not come as a book or in books. The day of books is passing. When we got rid of idols, we immediately put books on the altar and got down on our knees to worship words on the printed pages. The whole Bible is taken as a direct revelation from Spirit. When men got brave enough to criticise the book, such men were few and far between, and they were ostracised. Thomas Paine would have been president of the United States if he had been as diplomatic as his fellow-infidel, Thomas Jefferson. But we have long since grown out of all that, and today we are picking the Bible to pieces. We are not only picking the Bible to pieces, but we are cremating a lot of the rubbish of ancient writers. The printed page is no longer looked upon as sacred. We have actually got to where we do not believe everything that we see in the newspapers. This is light. It is moral and mental illumination. We have quit worshipping the past, and we are getting away from books. How, then, shall the

Christ speak in us? He will certainly not take his pen in hand to write us a letter. He will not dictate to a typewriter and send his manuscript to a printing-press.

The prophet Jesus is modern. He is the one who keeps pace with the unfolding ages. He did not write anything. The only writing he ever did was to make a few marks with his finger in the dust. While he was doing this marking in the dust there was a mighty lot of thinking going on. Such thinking did not need to be written or spoken. You remember the occasion when a woman was dragged before him by a lot of men. They wanted to crush her skull with stones. Jesus said: "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." Then he stooped down and began writing with his finger in the dust. It is said that they sneaked out one after another, and when the prophet looked up he found himself alone with the woman. "Where are thine accusers?" This was his only question, and then he told her to go on her way and not to get mixed up with such men any more.

He did not write, and he never authorized anyone else to write. He spoke from the eternal and everlasting, and knew that marks on paper were only for the day and the hour. Writing is temporary and transient. Thought is the same yesterday, today and forever. Jesus knew that Spirit would go right on thinking. He told his disciples that the Spirit of Truth would come into their own minds. There would not be any need of middlemen. If God could speak in one man, he could speak in other men. Spirit speaking in me is proof positive that he could speak in you. All this is made plain in the prophets. Jesus was only speaking by the same Spirit that spoke in all the other prophets. All of your bibles and books and other printed matter is as nothing when you hear the voice of your own divinity. Christ in you is the hope of your glory. This seems to be what the old prophet whose picture we give you is teaching. The unity of the Spirit. The harmony of the universe. The adjustment of your own mind to the thought of the universal. Coming into vibration of the sun. Letting your own little spark of radium glow in its own light. This Spirit speaking in Jesus said: "I AM the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." The radiant woman who asked the questions with which she started this essay needs no other light than her own. She could not use any other light if she had it. If she were blind, all the lights in the universe would be as darkness to her. Don't you see, sweet-hearts, that you are the suns of God?

I want to confirm your minds in the statement that books are passing; and, as the Christian Scientists say of a dead person, they are passing out. The world has been heaping up dead books until they have worn out their eyes trying to read. In trembling nerves and dim vision we try to read the writings of men who are no wiser than we are. They only got into print, that is all. Listen to what Lord Rosebery said

the other day in a speech at a great library in Scotland; when he said that the sight of so many dead books gave him a hideous depression. The library contained one hundred and eighty thousand volumes. And when Lord Rosebery was told this fact, it seemed to weigh as heavily upon his spirits as though the whole mass was heaped upon them. He went on and called these great libraries cemeteries of dead books.

This bold statement of Rosebery's put courage into Edmund Gosse, librarian to the House of Lords. This is the way he talks:

"Let me have the audacity to say that I am, and have long been, in favor of an enormous destruction of printed books. I believe in selected and concentrated libraries. The most exquisite and probably the most valuable private collection in England is contained within the drawing-room of a small house in London. This includes nothing which is not a masterpiece of condition, of rarity, of quintessential literary value. Here we have, of course, excess in direction opposed to the huge aggregations of the Carnegie libraries. I do not wish to see all public libraries turned into jewel boxes. But something must be done in that sense; we must start a tendency toward concentration and selection, or else librarians will go mad, and the public, face to face with these gigantic masses of rubbish, will give up reading altogether. Why should a printed book be considered a sacrosanct object? Why should it not enjoy its hour or its day of usefulness and then disappear?"

I only make these quotations to show you the tendency of modern thought. The lawyers are swamped with the law books. The doctors are overwhelmed with text-books, and the preachers are smothered with the manuscripts of ancient writings, to say nothing of the modern books. On top of all this comes the magazines and the newspapers. We are being talked to death. Solomon said: "In making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh." What would he say today if he could stand in the presence of mountains and mountains of dead books? Paul was a genuine Christian, and he wrote his little letters without the slightest idea that they would be gathered up and printed in a book. He tells his readers that they are his epistles; the living people themselves were his books. He goes on to say that they were not written with pen and ink, nor on tables of stone, but in their hearts and minds. Here is a little fragment from his second letter to Corinth:

"And such trust have we through Christ to Godward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God, who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

You must remember that he does not use the word "new testament" in the sense of the book we call by that name. The new testament he speaks of is the new covenant, the spiritual covenant, which guarantees to each individual the inspiration and illumination of the Spirit. It was a long time before there was any such a book as our New Testament.

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