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REGENERATION OF THE BODY BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE MIND.



The Soul's Dear Land

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I know the Blessed Islands somewhere
In rose-crowned splendor on a sapphire sea,
I know the Age of Gold can never die,
And far Hesperides has fruit for me.

White towers of fair Atlantis pierce the blue.
Her terraces and temples vine-wreathed stand,
Dream-haunting music floats the glad hours through,
With lulling waves that lap the level strand.

Cool groves of asphodel where young nymphs play,
Lush vales where Dian leads her laughing band,
Dim paths of Arcady where lovers stray
Have never faded from the soul's dear land.

The glory of Olympus heeds no ruth;
The fair gods live and love, and never passed.
All beauty that the soul has known is truth,
Immortal truth, more true than life—at last.

—Harper's Weekly.



ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** What is truth?

*** This is Pilate's question to Jesus.

*** He did not wait for an answer to his own question.

*** The most of us ask a question and then make such a noise that we can't hear the answer.

*** In this Fellowship we are supposed to be independent individuals; and that is the only attitude of mind to assume if you want to know the truth.

*** It is easy to talk about being an individualist, but hard to practice. There are all kinds of institutions ready to hypnotize your thought and bring you into subjection.

*** All of the old institutions are still here knocking at the door of your thought by the suggestions and lessons that were put into your mind while it was plastic and a ready receiver.

*** At the present hour the new institutions are clamoring for recognition, and you are offered all kinds of inducements to surrender your individuality and march under the banner of some sect or party.

*** It is a time when you must be alert and watchful, if you are to preserve your independence. It is so easy to get with a bunch of people and hurrah for the Cause. Then, when you once get into it, you are filled full of prejudice in favor of your own little pet party.

*** Now, take Socialism, for instance. We have had lists of books, and pamphlets and papers, showered on us since March CHRISTIAN was put into circulation. These people think that we don't know what we are talking about. Each little sect or cult has its own literature.

*** This literature must be circulated by the adherents, and you know any party in politics or any sect in religion can get followers who will yell for it like a baseball fan, and all because they have "joined" the institution. So you see it is not an easy matter to be an individualist.

*** Let me tell all of you once for all that I have read everything on Socialism that is worth reading—and very much of it is worth reading. I know all about Karl Marx and am one of his disciples. At the same time, I do not believe in Socialism or any other ism. The only way to find the truth is in your own mind.

*** Jesus told Pilate that the kingdom of truth was not of this world. It is a mental kingdom. It needs no soldiers or any kind of an organization. It is a question of man's own thought. The dominion is the dominion of truth, and truth originates in Spirit. In other words, God is the Truth. Now, what can a man in command of soldiers know about such a statement?

*** He will know just as much about it as the man who is in command of an institution and shouting for any particular ism. If you don't mind you will get the disease, and it will cause blindness in your eyes and deafness to your ears when the Voice of Spirit speaks and the Light of

Truth shines. I know all about it. I was brought up at the feet of a man who believed a certain creed, and I preached that creed with all the power and enthusiasm of my mortal mind.

*** The creed was an abomination in the sight of God, but it was all right in my sight until my eyes were opened. It had been fixed in my thought by the adherents of the institution. I had great reverence for my father and the men with whom he associated. I found many good men and women who were full of the Spirit of Truth, and yet my creed condemned them to everlasting fire and brimstone because they had not been baptized by immersion in water, I suffered agonies over such people.

*** I baptized one of the best women who ever walked the earth, to save her soul. She had been a shouting Methodist for many years and her soul was in a much better condition than my own. But she had only been "sprinkled" and my creed said she had to be immersed. This is only one of many. Where did I get it? It was an inheritance from the institution. It was like pulling eye teeth to get it out of my mental system. It is nearly all out, but there may be some fragments still sticking around. Tolstoi is quite right when he says the concept of the Church is the wickedest thing in the world.

*** I used to be a radical Republican and felt sorry for the Democrats and all other kinds of politics. I thought the Democrats were no better than the rebels, and as I had been in the Union army I thought all the rebels ought to have been hanged. It was a part of my infernal creed in politics. I got that out of my system in short order. I know that some people say it is on account of my association with Satan, the leader of all the rebels. I think that is one reason why I like the devil—he is a rebel. Down in the depths of your own divinity you are a rebel against objective authority.

*** There is not one of us who likes to be bossed, but we all like to boss. I stood up and called all of my fellows my brethren; but all others were sectarians and outside of the fold. I bolstered my faith with many arguments in favor of my creed. I did the same in politics. And counted the men on my side as heroes and statesmen. The people on the other side were simply stupid and ignorant. All they needed was to hear me preach and be convinced. Lord! what a little man a man can be whilst swelling up with self-conceit! It is the mortal mind, and that mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God—never was and never can be.

*** What's the use to get red in the face and yell at the top of your voice over your own little creed in politics or in religion? This Fellowship is not founded on any kind of restrictions. Each one of us must think as he pleases, and think it when he pleases, with the glorious privilege of changing his thought whenever he feels like it. There are plenty of people in the world to build up the sects in religion and parties in politics. Let them go on building. If

you want to know the truth, dig down into your own heart and set your own thought free. You can never be a saint unless you are free to be a sinner. If you are afraid to be a sinner, you can never be a saint.

*** In this hour of political hot air, let us reason together and maintain our mental fellowship in the truth. I don't care what you do or what you think, if you will let me alone in my own doing and in my own thinking. I have quit being interested in the morals of men. I am not a soul-saver. I will not acknowledge that any soul is lost. I give you the privilege of doing as you please. You may steal the dome off the capitol of Colorado, for all I care. It's my dome, or part of it, but you can have it if you can get away with the goods. Do you see what I mean? I believe in you, and therefore I turn you loose and let you go. I could not hold you anyway if I tried. If anybody undertakes to save my soul without consulting me, he is impertinent, not to say impolite.

*** It is my own soul, and I will do with it as I please. Is this selfishness? Is this attitude of mind satanic? Perhaps so. It is my attitude. I don't know what you call it, but it lives and moves in me. I had rather reign in hell than be in bondage in heaven. I think this kind of thought was put into the mouth of Satan by the author of "Paradise Lost." It has always made me respect Satan. I respect the sentiment even after I have found out that Paradise was never lost. Who is God that He can make arbitrary conditions for an intelligent being? He never did and never will; for he could not do this and be God. He would be a poor old mortal man, full of religious bigotry. God is the Free Spirit of the universe. It is this kind of God that moves in the world and moves the world.

*** I came to bear witness to the truth. This is what I am here on the earth for. The truth is mental. The truth is not made out of dirt and mortar. You can't build the kingdom of truth on money. It is not made out of material. It is in the mind. The man who said these things was led away to be crucified. The man who condemned him washed his hands and went on his way. Pilate soon ceased to be a ruler among men. Jesus has never ceased to be the king in the mental kingdom. He reigns supreme in the minds of men. The soldiers marched on their way to obscurity. Jesus was crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. It is the only way. It is your way and my way. For we came to bear witness to the truth. We are here for that express purpose, to bear witness to the truth in our own mentality. It is not an easy task. It is a cross. But it is also a crown.

*** Friends in this Fellowship, we are not here to bear witness to Socialism, Calvinism, Campbellism, Republicanism, Democratism, Unionism, or any other ism. You are here to bear witness to the truth, and you will find the grains of truth in all of these isms, but the ism itself is unscientific and untrue. It is one set of minds lording it over other minds. It is a fixed faith made

to bind men in bondage. You must leave yourself free to believe tomorrow something other than you believe today. You may get new light. You may come across new thought. You may uncover new truth. You never can do these things while there is a fence, a barbed-wire fence, around your faith. It is like having faith in a stone wall. You know the Chinese had faith in that old stone wall century after century, and it caused them to sit down in the dust and ashes, until a resurrection blew them out of their graves.

*** It is of vast importance that you bear witness to the truth in your own mentality, or you will find yourself entombed in error. You don't want to make a graveyard out of your own mind. If you don't leave yourself free to change your mind, your mentality will become so encrusted with error or hypnotized with false teaching that you can't change it. Atrophy will set in and your thinking faculties will move in a certain groove, and you can't get out of that fixed rut. This means death. It not only means death to your mind, so far as present activity is concerned, but death to your body. I would not be a Republican, or a Democrat, or a Socialist, with no power to change my thought. Always hold in your mind the free will to change your thought if you feel like it. It doesn't make any difference about the neighbors or your party leaders, but it does make a difference about your own thought. You can go on about your affairs and exercise your own freedom without causing too much comment.

*** I often go into the barber shop and take sides in a political discussion just for fun. If a man is advocating a certain cause, I always oppose, just to see him get red in the face, make gestures, and try to convince me that I am wrong. I like it. The very next man I meet may be on my side; then I will get over on the opposite side so as to keep up the fun. You can do this in politics, but you can't do it in religion. Men never reason in religion. You will make an enemy, and you don't want to arouse enmity. But in politics every fellow wants to talk. He is ready to argue. You can't please him better than to start a discussion. Let me tell you not to take any of these things seriously. Leave your mind free to act each day on new thoughts. Why, some of our new-thought people get their ideas so fixed in their minds that you could not get a new thought into their brains with a crowbar. If you make a religion out of your thought, it will not be long until it is stereotyped. It takes a sect but a very few years now to settle down into an institution.

*** What is truth? That is for you to find out in your own mind. What is called truth by religionists, or the partisan in politics, is simply dogma. The truth is something that is free and always moving forward. The truth is a rebel, an insurrectionist, a progressive, for it never stands still. It is always turning things over and investigating. It is the light of the mind. The only way that you can keep that light shining is to keep on thinking. And you must

keep on thinking new thought. It will not do to hold the new thought too long, or it will get old and musty. Be a rebel, but don't turn your rebellion into a religion. The truth of your own being will assert itself if you will let it. This is easy to preach, but it takes hard practice to put it into execution. It is the cross of Christ, and the cross of Christ is not worth anything to you unless it becomes your own cross. The glory of God must shine in you in order to do you any good. It will not shine while you are shouting for a sect. This kind of shouting will poison your thought and make you a hypnotist. You will be self-hypnotized and ready to hypnotize others.

*** I know all about it; therefore, I am teaching you as one individual leading others into the light that he has gained by his own experience. Your pet theories become just like pet dogs. "Love me, love my dog." The new song from Missouri hits the nail on the head, if a song can be said to hit a nail: "Yer gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun'." You can abuse me all you want to, but don't you kick my dog! Are you getting this lesson? If so, you are getting the lesson of the ages. Human history is made up of the misery of mental bondage. Wars have been waged century after century, men have been slaughtered, cities have been destroyed, untold wealth wasted, over "my dog" in politics and religion. Personal prejudice poisoning the minds of children and going on into adult thought to poison the mind of the nations. This is what comes of following an institution and shouting for a sect. We don't want any of this in our Fellowship. All of you have a right to express your own opinion. I think that nearly all of the candidates have been nominated by persons who have written in here since March CHRISTIAN went to press. Many people did not pay any attention to Mrs. Shelton's thought except where she mentioned politics or sociology, and that was a red rag.

*** Go out and hurrah for your fellow! That is a part of the game. But don't let it enter into your heart. Let it be play. It will help to amuse you while you are going on your way in search of the truth. You will not build any wall. It will have no more effect upon your mind than a moving-picture show. The moving-picture shows are very good for the mentality. They help to take your mind off from yourself. If you have anything to do with politics or religion, you must do it in the same way that you look at a moving picture. If you carry the picture away in your mind and keep on thinking about it, you will not find rest. Some people go to the theater in the same way and take everything seriously. These pictures have been acted out for the films; the plays on the stage have been rehearsed by actors and they are played as plays. It will not do for you to take the things you see and hear to heart. I hope you are getting this thought; for it will do your soul good if you learn to think in this way. It is what this fellowship stands for, and we like to hear your opinions expressed in your own language. Mark Twain

says that a difference of opinion is what makes horse races. A difference of opinion is what makes us move along in the world of thought. The only thing is not to ossify your mentality by holding on to one thing all the time.

*** I have spoken this lesson in broken words, for it is the greatest lesson in modern thought. It is so hard to put it on paper. We are bound down by books, and old worn-out thought, until it is almost impossible to see the truth. Jesus did not mean for Pilate to understand that he came here to bear witness to books. He knew that books and the ritual of religion could never hold the truth. The truth is the living thought in the living mind. It also bears witness in the body. Jesus said in so many words that he came to bear witness to the truth in mind and body. Pilate had no power to put him to death. The only way he could die was to become willing to die. He was the king of truth. Death is an untruth. Jesus had to give his consent before death could claim any victory over his body. He gave his consent. He was sent into the world for that express purpose. He came forth from the grave by the power of truth. He has been reigning over the world through that thought in all of these centuries, and will reign forever. This is what we are here for, and all of our other petty things are simply amusements. We eat and drink and enter into politics and religion as mere incidents in our mortal lives.

*** These things are mere amusements. The purpose of our existence is to bear witness to the truth. The truth will make you free. This is the offer of Jesus to all of his students. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." This is not doctrine, taught by a teacher, but science demonstrated by a prophet. There was no power in disease, death or the devil to bind Jesus. He was free. Get this mind in you, and there is no power in disease, old age or death to keep you in bondage. Your mind becomes plastic and ready to mold the body. I have said, and want to say over and over again, that both mind and body are plastic. Spirit uses the mind as the potter uses his clay. The mind is the instrument by which we govern the body. If the mind runs hither and thither on the earth seeking rest and finding none, the body suffers the consequences. If the mind hears the voice of the Son of Man, it will come forth from the grave of mortality and enter into the resurrection. This is what you are seeking in this fellowship. The illumination of the individual.

*** "I wish to circulate the article by Mrs. Shelton in your April paper to discourage the destructive agitation of discontent and fault-finding now being stirred up by Socialists and Anarchists."

And he sent the money with the order and the papers have gone to him for circulation. But remember, the agitators are essential, and we must not think that God is not doing the work of destruction as well as the work of upbuilding.

*** "Must compliment the lovely large type in April CHRISTIAN."

Don't you do it! That was a mistake and cost me one-fourth of my copy. This is my pet type.

*** "Mrs. T. J., I want to thank you first for 'Practical New Thought.' It is great and good! I have never wanted to vote until this year, and I can't. But all my boys will vote for Taft. Thank goodness! Of course Elizabeth Towne is for Roosevelt. They are very much alike."

Yes, don't you remember when I nominated Betsy for president and Teddy for vice-president? They are very much alike, and I like them both. They are all right! I am for Taft all the same. You will not have to wait long before you can vote, for the women are sure of victory, even if they do throw stones.

*** "Another poem of mine is out this week in Harper's. [March 16.] Perhaps you will like it better than the others. I am sending you the two that got posted to 'Mama.' I am glad Mrs. S. likes them well enough to give them to her mother. But oh dear! I hope it is not too late for one of my poems to go on the first page of CHRISTIAN. I should be so 'stuck up' over it. I would go around with a CHRISTIAN in my hand bag just to show people how I had been honored."

Mama is home once more and we are all happy. So we are going to make you happy by putting one of your poems on the first page of this number. It is also an honor to US to have one of our number writing poems that the Harpers will pay the cold cash for. It is against our rules to publish contributions, but we often make selections from other publications. This will introduce you to all of US, so that they will know you when they see you in print; and you are going to keep on being seen in print, for you know what the whole world of thinkers are thinking.

*** "I send you some literature about the Boy Scouts, and hope it will do you good and change your mind."

It did me good, but has not changed my mind; for I never endorsed the boy-scout movement, except as something outside the work we are doing. I have been against all oath-bound organizations since I left the pulpit. I even gave up all my lodges and everything else connected with oaths. The free spirit is not bound, and Jesus was speaking by the Spirit when he told us not to take any kind of vow or oath. Thanks for your mental dynamite.

*** "Mrs. Shelton, I want to tell you how much I enjoy your articles, and I do hope you will not stop too long waiting for inspiration. I understand you more thoroughly than I do your husband, and yet I love him dearly. He has done me and mine more good than I can express."

I think you people, especially the women, have succeeded in getting Mrs. Shelton into the habit of writing regularly for CHRISTIAN. The call is from the Spirit, and she will be willing to obey. The only trouble was that she dislikes publicity, and thought CHRISTIAN was sacred to me as my own personal organ. Now she knows that we are one in this work, and thousands of you people need her in the paper as well as in the letters and the Silent Word.

*** "Tell the little woman to stand by her guns. She is all right, as we all are."

She is not only standing by her guns, but I suspect she is making some new ones.

*** "The boy you raised from a tuberculous bed to health is an M. D. now, and besides plays baseball with the Boston National League team this summer."

This is what the truth will do with tuberculosis and everything else that it touches. But this young boy who has now grown to a man and a baseball player had a mighty host of good thinkers around to help him in the treatments.

*** "April CHRISTIAN is simply dandy. The Madame's parafinial article is excellent. It has the note of one who is sure of herself, and it will surely hold down those 'troubled waters,' whether your correspondent recognizes the fact or not. I have been in this business of speaking the Word of Truth as it is spoken in me for about six years now, and with good success."

Say, what does parafinial mean? Are you trying to use mental dynamite? Is it a compliment or otherwise? You ought to have seen the other fellow rush to the dictionary and hunt for that word, but she didn't find it. Yes, you have been a mental healer for six years, and you are one of my boys who served more than four years in the mental university under the I AM that I AM. I congratulate you on your success. We are going to take the whole planet by taking ourselves.

*** "I read 'The Real Beauty Doctor' to my psychology class, and they were delighted with its doctrine. This is the first full article from your paper that I have ever read in my school, although I have been reading CHRISTIAN for ten years."

This is from the president of a college. There is no doubt about psychology playing a big part in good looks. It is all right to have a manicure, a massage, have your hair shampooed and dressed in style, and all that kind of thing, if you can afford it—and you can always afford it once in a while. But none of these things will make you beautiful if you neglect the mental. Wrong thinking will make wrinkles. Pleasant thoughts will make a pleasant countenance. I only started out to comment on this compliment to the other fellow. I have been many years coaxing her to write for CHRISTIAN. All such commendations give her courage, and even adverse criticism helps along, for it stirs up her spunk.

*** "This healer is clairvoyant, and she said I would have to take ten-dollar treatments, as anything less than that would interfere with me and hold me back, as I was advancing and in the highest sphere or band, and would have to have the concentration for six months before it would do me any good."

It is not true. It is what we call tommyrot in printing offices. There are clairvoyants who see by moonlight. Everything is hit or miss in such seeing. It is under the law of lottery. You are taking chances every time you get into the moonlight. The little flattery about you being in the bandwagon is part of the moonshine. Our treatments are not governed by the amount of money. Our time is given by the month; for we give time according to the amount that is paid for. But the treatments are as

clear and strong and mighty in the Fellowship for one dollar a month as they are anywhere else. I am not saying anything against your healer or trying to knock any other work. But you must know that the psychic is the place of confusion of thought. It is the intermediate world between the flesh and the spirit. It is full of lies and deception. I am helping you to get out of it and to come into the vibrations of your own spirit. Depend upon your own divinity. The real Spirit makes you the medium of your own mind. You are a Spirit just as much as any other Spirit in the universe. I believe in spiritual mediumship, but I want my own Spirit to speak in my own mind. I do not want any kind of boss in this world or any other world.

*** "Colorado should federate. Denver has a very strong center of Divine Science, with Miss Nona L. Brooks at the head. And there is the inimitable T. J. Shelton."

So speaks the March *Nautilus*, in what is called "The Federation Number." Nona L. Brooks is the pastor of the Divine Science Church next door to my office. Charles E. Prather is the pastor of the Second Divine Science Church, which he is building up in connection with his magazine *Power*. This is a local work, and it does not need any kind of federation, nationalization or other kind of organization. *Unity* has built up a local work in connection with their general work. All the others mentioned by the *Nautilus* have been building along the same individualistic lines. There is no need of going outside of the local organization for authority or instruction, or any other kind of help. They will do much better work if they boss their own business. Our work is not local and never has been localized. We do not receive callers, teach classes, or run any kind of religion. We have done our work successfully in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, Chicago and New York. We do not even own a printing plant, but have all of our work done by contract, and we could just as easily be located in London as in Denver. We are here simply because we bought this home and anchored ourselves in this place. If we had it to do over again, we would not keep house, but would go when and where we pleased, and take the children with us. It has never injured our work to change our location. In fact, New York was a great benefit to us financially, and we made enough extra money over and above our regular receipts to pay all of our expenses. So you see, my beloved Elizabeth, federation is not needed in our work. It is an out-of-date idea, and I am surprised at your trying to revive it. Individuals are going forward under the inspiration of the Spirit, while the old organizations are degenerating. They are good for those who are not able to do independent work. I like the *Nautilus* because it is individualistic. And I think you got up that Federation number just to give taffy to the rest of us. You are also inimitable, and I am glad that no one can imitate you and that you are not ready to imitate others. I can give taffy myself when I feel like it. All jokes aside, we are going ahead as individuals.

A STATE SOCIALIST.

By Mrs. T. J. Shelton.

"My Dear Mrs. Shelton: I was pleased to read your article, especially the part where you referred to Socialism. You say: 'We would buy of the state.' Would not the people be the state, and would it not be more to our interest to buy of ourselves, or rather produce for ourselves at cost, such things as we need, rather than produce all, as labor does, and give it over to a Trust, and then buy back at a large profit such things as we need; thus allowing immense profits to accumulate in the hands of a few, which gives them power to enslave the producers, and withhold from the producers all but a bare wage, merely enough to keep soul and body together, and often not that when emergencies arise? In studying the teaching of Jesus and comparing it with the principles of Socialism, I find that they agree. Socialism provides the necessary material conditions and Christianity the spiritual—at least to my understanding. One is the complement of the other. I find true Socialism a beautiful Christlike study. There are so many false ideas of the subject presented to the people that one is apt to get a false view of it unless one makes a study of it for themselves."

Is not the spirit of this letter sweet and beautiful? Cannot you imagine the writer to be a dear gentlewoman, whom you could love?

I quite agree with her. It would be to our interest to produce for ourselves at cost the articles we need. The theory of Socialism IS a beautiful and Christlike study; but it must be mental, a part of the fiber of one's being, before it can become material. In time Socialism will be the vibration of the world, but not the Socialism that you and I now know. There are so many false ideas, as you say—ideas for personal gain, even among the leaders; too many grafters, too many men and women with their eyes focused on the almighty dollar placed an inch before their noses, to make it practical at the present day. But out of this Socialistic Idea will be evolved a better and a wiser method of procedure for the betterment of the body politic.

The mental movement is going on right along every day. It is the great movement of the Spirit of the universe. What we call "trusts" in business, "monopolies," "combinations," or in the latest expression "Big Business," is the mental movement in the Science of Sociology. The private ownership of property is passing away and we are all becoming owners by the combination of Big Business. This is a step towards National Socialism, or, in other words, the turning-over of the Big Business of the country into the hands of business men and women.

Take the Standard Oil Company, that everyone feels free to abuse. It has done wonders for all of us. It would take a big book to tell all that this company has done for the developing of oil fields, and the refining and improvement of the oils. The one item of gasoline has made it possible to use that power for automobiles and all gasoline engines. Oil has even been introduced as fuel for steamships and locomotives. In fact, we have all benefited by the oil industry, and it never could have been developed by the individual or private owner-

ship. There was nothing that could have prevented all of us from becoming stockholders in the Standard Oil Company, and indirectly we are members of that company.

There is not a tramp on the road that is not benefited by the railroads. There is not a man, woman or child on the earth that will not be benefited by the Panama Canal. If the government (which ought to mean all of us) can build a canal and run a post-office department, the same government can do anything else that it wants to do, and do it better than it could be done by private ownership. What is to prevent all of us from doing the banking, farming, and everything else on the same scale that we now run the Standard Oil, the Steel Trust, the railroads, and other Big Business?

This is where we are going—and we are going very rapidly. What is to prevent us from doing all of these things for ourselves? Mentality. That is the only thing that will keep the kingdom of God away from the earth. To build up a powerful monopoly in the wrong mentality is to make matters worse instead of better. We see that in the Lawrence strike and the textile mills of the East.

The owners have built up a monopoly where they not only own the mills, but they own the workers. This is the wrong thought. Just so long as men are conducting business for private gains entirely, the kingdom of heaven will have to wait for a better mind among men.

Competition and combination will in time open the doors to co-operation. And this means government by the people for the people—and we are the people.

The only way that this can be brought about is through the Spirit of truth. The kingdom of heaven is where the will of God-Spirit is done on earth as it is in heaven. This is mental. It is difficult for us to understand that the kingdom of Truth is subjective before it can ever be objective. It cannot be brought about by any one political party. It can never be ushered in by any one religious sect. It comes through unfoldment, or, modern science calls it, evolution.

The idea of the Fatherhood of God is still a thought in the minds of men. It is becoming more and more a practical thought. The Fatherhood of God implies the Brotherhood of Man, or the one human family governed by the Father.

Big Business is bringing us into an actual demonstration of Human Brotherhood. Capital is getting where it is very cautious in regard to war. War disturbs business. Anything that disturbs business is not business-like and is unscientific. We will have to shake hands with each other as brothers and quit going to war in order to do big business. Politics and religion will have to be reduced to the same thought. We are getting to be more and more practical.

Combinations in restraint of trade will be broken by competition. But when competition cramps business and restrains trade it must give way to combination. It will be very easy for us to do business with each

other when we are united mentally, and love each other in reality. This means a genuine socialism on the plane of one family. We all practice it among our own relatives. Extend the horizon of "our family" and take in the whole world.

But you must adjust your mentality to your environment. It will not do to beg, borrow or steal. The time has come when you can scarcely get anyone to do any work that is called menial. It used to be that cooking and washing dishes, making beds and doing general housework, was considered honorable. This work had to be done, and people prided themselves on doing it well.

This last winter there was a great ado about poverty and many were out of employment. I made a thorough investigation and found out that these women did not want to do any work. They were not willing to scrub windows and wash dishes. They were ready to receive charity rather than to do honest labor. The genuine woman is ready to roll up her sleeves and enter into any kind of work, rather than to be the subject of charity, or to enter the ranks of the immoral.

There are many sides to this labor question, and before we can enter into the Spirit of Truth we must do our share of the world's work. When we look at it in the true light there will be nothing of the menial in it.

I believe that some wise women will lead the way to a domestic service trust. They will organize this work and put it on a business basis. The woman who is trained in housekeeping will have a housekeeping company, hire her workers, and make money at it. She will take all responsibility off the minds of the housewives and see that the work is done right, fair wages paid, that her helpers are honest—along the same lines as a large department store is run. That is really becoming the order in cities at the present time.

Women who understand the work are running boarding-houses, cafeterias, tea-rooms, and making practical socialism of the right kind. It will be done, more or less, by machinery as we advance in our thinking.

Hotels are even now run by electricity from the top to the bottom; vacuum cleaners are taking the place of the broom and the dust-pan in private homes. When we get together mentally, money will simply mean so much service and poverty will be banished from the earth. Money will really and truly be a means of exchange.

It is the exchanging of so much mental and physical labor, and money is the medium of this exchange. I do believe in Utopia. It is not simply a matter of the imagination, but of genuine practical thought. It can never be brought about by abusing capital or labor. Mental as well as material war must cease in Utopia.

Where will we begin? In the individual. In your own mind. In your own thought. In your own heart. In your own home.

From this radiant center of self you can send out the thought of good-will and peace unto men. "Let us love one another, for Love is of God."

THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Publicity!

There is nothing like it. It is the one thing that helps to purify the atmosphere. The more light we have, the brighter it shines. The means of communication are advancing so rapidly that we can now know everything that is known as fast as it is known. Ideas are in demand. The reporters are anxious to get hold of news. They are just as anxious for mental news as any other kind.

If Christ should come, the newspapers would find it out and tell everybody about it the next morning. Thousands of newspaper men would be writing his views and telling of his every movement. There is no trouble about knowing when we know, for the means of communication seem almost perfect. Compared with what they were, even fifty years ago, they are perfect. It is not only the wireless and the telegraph and the telephone to aid the newspapers, but it seems as if telepathy was playing a big part.

Men can scarcely keep their thoughts to themselves. When a thought gets into the mind it begins to radiate on other minds. Any true thought is taken up here and there in all parts of the earth. And the beauty of it all is that we can get it the next day in good shape, and keep on getting all about it until we know all there is to be known. It is true that many fake stories are told, and the newspapers are not altogether reliable; but the light shines and keeps on shining. If an untruth is published, it does not take long to run it down and get at the facts. The light is shining. It is the greatest thing in the world. Publicity is the light of the world.

Even in politics, with all of our hot air, there is nothing like it for getting at the truth. Of course, you are not to believe everything that you read, but you must keep on reading. There is nothing in this world that so conserves the interests of the people as publicity. The newspapers are the greatest things on the face of this earth. The art of printing is indeed the conservator of all arts. It is making way for a new thought and a new life on the planet.

I started out to tell you how the world wags at the present hour, but it may wag differently tomorrow. Here is a sample of the mentality of big business and the way the wind blows among the leaders of men:

"In a unique and remarkable circular letter issued to every one of 35,000 employes of the Rock Island Railroad, President Henry U. Mudge capitalizes each man, on a basis of wages, or salary, at a minimum of \$25,000.

"President Mudge capitalizes every man earning \$19.23 a week, or \$83.33 a month, or \$1,000 a year, at \$25,000, because at 4 per cent the man's wages or salary is the interest on \$25,000.

"He appraises a man earning \$19.23 a week as being worth as much as a locomotive costs, but he adds:

"You can make yourselves worth more, while a locomotive cannot. You can direct your own energies, while a locomotive must be directed by a driver.

"It rests with you to raise your own capitalization to \$50,000, to \$100,000, or even to \$500,000. Therefore, choose your food with care; treat decently the body on which your mind depends for its strength and sanity.

"Above all, feed your mind; read, study, observe. Remember, too, that, like the engine, you can't do your work unless you stay on the rails and keep where the boss can find you. No call boy ever found an engine in a saloon or dive."

The above clipping is about the finest sermon on morals that I ever read; and one of the best essays on Mental Science that could possibly be written. Study it! These are the men who are the real laborers on the earth. It takes a man of mind to be the general over such an army and keep that army moving in the right mentality. Salvation is going to become a matter of business. In fact, we are going to save this world on business principles. We have had the reign of emotion and sentiment in its proper place. It is time now for action. We must get right down to business. Men are to be measured by their mentality. It does not pay to sin. There is no money in it. And where there is no money in a practice, men are going to quit the practice. When it comes right down to the plane of business, men are going to do the things that make for efficiency. They are not going to form habits that undermine their insight.

There is no happiness in it.

When we get our practical eyes open, we will find that life is not worth living in misery. That which makes for happiness, that which produces pleasure, will be practiced. Men will also find out that pleasure is something that is natural and permanent. The flash in the pan, that is only for an hour and after that misery, is not pleasure. And the saviors, who are teaching men how to conserve their energies, are the real laborers in the vineyard of the I AM. You know very well that a mind like this manager's is worth fifty thousand ordinary minds. He is the leader of thought. The average man needs a leader. Labor is going to understand this after a while. They will count the men who are leading as the ones who are doing more work than all the others. They are the real and true hard workers in the cause of labor.

This is the way the wind blows in business.

Now let us change the subject for a minute. The world does not wag all one way. The tail sometimes tries to wag the dog. Here is a sample of the foolish side of modern thought:

"In a discussion on how much a well-dressed woman is obliged to spend for clothes, Mrs. C. H. Anthony, of Muncie, Ind., who recently startled Washington society by wearing diamonds in the heels of her slippers, today gave the following list of her purchases made within a year:

200 pairs of silk stocking at.....	\$ 400
50 pairs of gloves at \$3.50.....	175
50 pairs of shoes at \$15.....	750
6 pairs diamond shoes.....	7,200
1 pair ruby shoes.....	400
3 pairs rhinestone-heeled shoes.....	450
24 silk petticoats at \$10.....	240
75 lace petticoats.....	1,875
15 fans at \$15.....	225
30 afternoon gowns at \$240.....	7,200
1 black velvet gown one yard and a half around.....	240
2,000 yards ribbons, averaging 50c....	1,000
25 evening gowns at \$400.....	10,000
6 beaded bags at \$50.....	300

15 negligees and kimonos.....	975
4 sets of furs.....	7,000
20 tailored gowns at \$125.....	2,500
40 hats at \$125 average.....	5,000
Lingerie.....	2,000
Other lingerie (not tabulated).....	2,000

Total\$49,930

I have done a little figuring and have come to the conclusion that this woman, stripped of her finery, is worth about thirty cents. The only thing that she is worth, in the way of showing how the world wags, is in contrast with the real women of the world who are thinking about their thoughts instead of their clothes. This woman was no doubt a chambermaid in a former incarnation, perhaps the one preceding the present, and worked in a fashionable hotel. She saw the fine ladies coming and going, and the thought of being like one of them was fixed in her mind. It remained with her, for thoughts never die; and now she is ready to gratify her desires, so far as the money is concerned, but doesn't know how to do it, and so she makes a mess of the whole matter. It looks very much as if she would go right on spending money foolishly until she gets back to her old job of chambermaid. It is a good job. I am not saying anything against chambermaids. Katie, at the Hotel Majestic, was worth her wages and all of her tips. There is nothing degrading in any form of useful labor. Only this is a world of thought; and you must learn how to control your thoughts or they will control you and make you ridiculous.

It is evolution or what I call unfoldment. Now, you can have revolution or evolution according to the way thoughts are gathered together. If you gather your thoughts into a certain kind of mixture in a chemical way, there will be an explosion, and you will have a French Revolution, where they cut off the heads of the foolish people. But, while they were decapitating the foolish people, they also cut the heads from the very best thinkers in the land. This is what revolution in thought brings with it. You must look a little out for your mental dynamite. One of the leaders in business the other day warned his associates that a storm was coming and they must do all in their power to prevent the utter destruction of business. You know that floods and flames and famines are revolutions. We have these things in what we call nature. There is not anything in the material world but what has an exact correspondence in the mental world. All of us who are students of thought are the children of light. We know the difference between revolution and evolution.

It took the well-disciplined army of Napoleon to put down the revolution and start thought in another direction. This is one reason why I tell you that Jesus Christ is the leader of the armies of the world. And when I say Jesus Christ, I mean the Spirit of Christ and not any particular man among men. The Christ was in Jesus and the Word was made flesh in Him as the fullness of all prophecy. The pyramid of prophecy was finished in Jesus. Therefore he is the Captain of our salvation. The mob brings about revolution; the disciplined and drilled army is evolution.

Here is another little item showing the tendency towards revolution, and the cause for discontent and dissatisfaction among the people:

"London modistes, according to the *Daily Mirror*, estimate that women of fashion must now spend \$12,500 for a single complete toilette. Several new articles among the items of expense are plumage shoes, made entirely of feathers of rare birds and costing \$2,500; umbrellas with crystal handles at \$35; and silk stockings at \$200 per pair. Still other items are lingerie at \$125 per set, silk pantaloons at \$25, and a boudoir cap at \$5."

And some people wonder why anarchy and socialism gain headway in the world!

Here is something better:

"Hudson Maxim, the authority on explosives, declares that in a very short time there will be only three countries in the world.

"They will be the United States of Asia, including Europe, the United States of Africa, and the United States of America," said he today.

"Look at the world's progress in the last 150 years. See what Japan has done in fifty years. That country has stored up energy, and it is like a century plant now blooming with its progress. What little blood has been spilled in the making of a Chinese republic, yet millions of people have won their freedom from the savage Manchu dynasty."

This is exactly what I intended to say, but Hudson Maxim beat me to it. The triangle will be triumphant. It will be Asia, Africa, America, with Asia once more forming the apex of the pyramid. And it will be a perfect triangle with all the parts joined together. After the great battle of Gog and Magog, war will end and peace will reign on the earth. It is coming just as rapidly as the unfolding Spirit can bring it. Don't forget that we are all in it. This is not a work of some foreign agency outside of humanity. It is working in US. The men who are bringing this about are the very men that have been keeping and dressing this Garden of God through all of the centuries. It is our world, and we will fix it up to suit US. The inventions of man seem to lead to death and destruction. But the end of all these things is to make the world better and to destroy the last enemy called death. It is a kind of medicine that makes the patient worse before he is made better. It is almost at that point now where we can't use our weapons of warfare. It is dangerous to handle them in time of peace. Dreadnoughts and destroyers have a habit of blowing up in time of peace. What would be the destruction of life in time of war? Then you know we are just fools enough to go on until we get battleships in the air. But all of these things will bring about peace on earth and good-will among men.

The triangle is triumphant!

It is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at work in the world. We are not only going to have that triangle made perfect as a mental pyramid, but there will be one mind and one thought among US. In America we would all be united under one political power if we had begun with one language. As it is, Canada and the United States are far in advance of all other parts of America, because we speak one language and have a greater unity of thought. It is a great pity that the Spanish left their language in other

parts of America. They have the old money basis founded on silver, and the same old thought that seems to cling to their language. There is nothing progressive in it. It is old and out of date and has no more spirit in it than a monument. Now, if you get that last sentence you will get a key to the unity of thought. Spirit is the moving power in thought, and Spirit is always progressive. It is alive. Everything that lives has a movement. The language of progress in the present day is English. It is the language of the free Bible. It is the language of free speech. The Spirit of truth is in it.

There is to be one American language. It will have grown out of the English. It is growing rapidly every day. Even in slang we say, "Talk to us in United States language." There is to be an American thought, clothed with American language. And this American language will be the speech of Asia and Africa. It will be the language of the whole triangle. There is said to have been a time when all men spoke the same language. Then there was a confusion of tongues and a dispersion over all the face of the earth. The time is coming when men will resume their common speech and enter into the unity of thought. Glorious God! It is the unfolding of truth, the onward march of a real civilization. And it is brought about by the devil and his angels as well as by the I AM and the good angels. All of these elements of thought enter into the one great thought behind every movement. The time is coming when we will have no further need of Satan, and so he and his angels will go into the bottomless pit. This means the destruction of the old thought to make way for the eternal vibrations of the Spirit.

There is nothing wrong with the universe. What seems to be wrong is nothing more than the dust and the ashes left by the flame of thought. And do you see the United States of America, the United States of Asia, and the United States of Africa all under the tricolor of the red, white and blue? Not conquered by force of arms, but by force of thought. All of us coming together because it does not pay to be separated. Getting right down to business where we can run the whole world in a united states better than we can in separate states. Men will come to know that life is worth living in righteousness. Just as soon as they are ready to quit killing they will cease to die. The thought of disease and death will disappear from the minds of men. They will wonder why they did not think it all out before. They will be surprised when they look back and see the graveyards they have made for their fellows. It is not coming by sects in religion, nor by parties in politics, but by the outpouring of an universal thought. We are getting so we are thinking together more and more every day of the world.

And Hudson Maxim, Herr Krupp, and other inventors of explosives have served the world a good turn by showing us that scientific war is impossible. Even if our minds could stand the strain, we would

soon annihilate each other. So the big guns and the big ships are all serving their purpose. The other day the Italians were throwing bombs from aeroplanes into the camps of the Arabs. They dropped these devils of destruction among men, women and children. They were blowing up the old thought. The old religions will go along with all the other things that have passed away. The Arabs had before their very eyes the modern avenger. It was repulsive to men of vision. It will turn the thoughts of the world towards peace. Satan never works in any other way. He is the devil, the destroyer, the adversary. It is human hatred and ignorance personified under a name. We are going to get rid of it. The very fierceness of the fight will bring peace. Dynamite is one of the great instruments of the devil. It is also a power for good. So you see it all depends upon the thought. You can use any agency for evil if the thought of evil is in your mind.

Say, boys and girls, there must be something behind the movement. You don't believe that the worlds and suns are moving along like rubbish thrown into a river. The eternal ages are unfolding under the wisdom and knowledge of God. Any other faith will destroy the foundations of thought. The individual mind must come into the vibration of this universal thought. And the vibration of universal thought tends towards righteousness. Power is that which lies just behind movement. Men are given temporary power, but the real power is the Spirit of Truth. I know what is in my own mind. I know the vibrations of my own spirit. You know what is in you. This is the only way we have of judging the ways of the world. What do you find in your own thought? The faith and hope for eternal righteousness. In your own Spirit you feel the vibration of immortality. In your own being you know you are from everlasting to everlasting, and that the real desire of your heart is all for the good.

It does not matter what you have been or what you are now in the objective. The mortal man has not very much sense anyway. But down deep in your heart you recognize your own divinity. Now, what you are I AM. When you dig down to the depths and find your own divinity, you have uncovered the Universal Spirit. And, believe me, my friends and fellow-travelers, the universal Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. The universe is all right, and we are moving rapidly towards eternal life and light right here on this planet. Everything is working for Good. It could not work any other way. All the temporary evil is working for Good. The explosions in the mental world are just as essential to mental harmony as the explosions in the atmosphere are essential to the purity of the air. It is all right, and the New Jerusalem, the mental capital of this earth, will descend from God out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband. It is the glory of God in the face of humanity. This is the way the world wags. How do you like it? Get into the vibration. Keep step with the music of the spheres. The glorious God is what you find in the depths of your own divinity.

In the Name of God

"And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

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This is my name forever,
And this is my memorial unto all generations."—*Exodus.*

I AM all of US.

I AM from everlasting to everlasting.

I AM mathematical and musical mentality.

I AM the seeing and the hearing and the being.

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