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ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** New Thought should speak with Authority.

*** Not the authority of the scribes and Pharisees of the Institution.

*** But with the authority of the Spirit—the only real authority in the Universe.

*** It is said of Jesus Christ that He astonished the people by speaking as One having authority, and not as the scribes.

*** How did Jesus manifest this authority? By healing all manner of diseases, casting out devils, cleansing lepers and raising the dead.

*** The man who can't do these things has no authority to speak in the name of Jesus Christ! There is not a Bible student on the face of the earth who will dispute this statement.

*** Then all that has been said and done in the name of Jesus Christ for all these hundreds of years has been without authority. How can you condemn Christianity when the whole work of the Church for at least seventeen hundred years has been without authority from Headquarters?

*** It has not been the work and words of the Spirit; it has been the work of the Institution. It is the work of mortal mind on the plane of Mortality. The work of building churches and institutions could have been done just as well in some other name. The Name of Jesus Christ was unauthorized and the Institution could have taken the name of Jupiter, Zeus or any other pagan deity and fared as well.

*** Jesus Christ, then, has been silent for all these centuries waiting for some one to go forth in His Name conquering and to conquer. There is not a man on the face of the earth to-day who is authorized to teach and preach in the name of Jesus Christ. For nearly two thousand years there has been no teacher with authority above that of the scribes and Pharisees. How do I know? Because the credentials of the teacher having authority are as plain as the sunlight. These credentials say emphatically that such a one will have power to heal all manner of diseases, cast out devils, cleanse lepers, and raise the dead!

*** There is no other kind of authority. "Verily, verily, I say unto you: He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father." The commission of Jesus Christ is emphatic in the declaration that when the Holy Spirit comes the one who receives Him shall have power over matter. The sign of the Spirit's presence is in the healing of all kinds of diseases. There is no other kind of authority from the Creator except the power to create conditions. When a man declares that he comes from God, the only convincing proof of the truth of his assertion is for him to do the works of God. "My Father worketh hitherto; and I work." The messenger of God must do in the microcosm all that God does in the macrocosm; in other words, the man who comes from God must do in his little world what God does in the Universal.

*** Do you say that I am excited and irrational when I demand demonstration as a proof that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? My associate, John Hamlin Dewey, is teaching the same thing. Is he irrational? He has been teaching for years and years that the only proof of discipleship was the doing of the works. Just as the old prophets came and disowned the work of the Institution, saying "Thus saith the Lord," so will the prophets of the New Time refuse to endorse the present Institution. Holy Spirit is not in the Institution and never authorized its existence. The only temple acknowledged and endorsed by the Spirit is the human body. The man who can not act on the human body and heal physical diseases is not acting by authority of the Spirit. I need not quote Scripture to prove this proposition. The man who comes from God must manifest the presence of Spirit. He can not manifest this presence by writing a book or delivering a discourse. Men write books; God writes men.

*** Christian Science started out in the right way. They startled the world, and especially the Church, by declaring that they had the power to heal diseases. Since they have become a powerful Institution, they are beginning to hedge. Judge Ewing, in his Denver discourse, ridiculed the idea that physical healing was the main object of Christian Science. As they lose their power to heal they are hedging on this subject. Verily, verily, I say unto you all, that physical healing is the Main Thing. It is the Only Thing which gives authority to anything claiming to come from Jesus Christ. It was this one claim of physical healing which put Christian Science before the world. I call on all free men and women in this Thought to hold fast to the healing of diseases as proof of the Spirit. I don't mean healing by suggestion, magnetism, or other manipulations. I don't mean healing as I am doing it now by transference of thought. Healing by telepathy is better than nothing. It is not the whole thing. What we want is healing by direct commandment of the Spirit. It is worth more than all the slate-writing, clairvoyance, clairaudience, materializations, and ghost stories of Spiritualism. The healing of disease by Word of Commandment is worth more than all the testimony which can be gathered by The Society of Psychical Research in a thousand years. Jesus Christ proved that the great gulf supposed to exist between spirit and matter was a myth. Anyone who is sensitive enough to understand the record of Jesus in the New Testament can see at a glance that He was in both worlds at the same time. I say sensitive enough, for the one who understands the writings of the Spirit must sense the presence of Spirit.

*** There never was a time in the history of the world when people were so ready to receive the Truth. They are not ready to receive a theory about the Truth. They have had enough of theory. The whole world is saying to pupils and teachers: "Give us your authority." You can not fool the masses or the classes by counterfeit authority. They know the truth when they see it. The public acceptance of Christian Science is proof that they are ready and willing to accept the Lord Christ when He makes His presence known. The running after all kinds of claimants who cry lo! here, and lo! there, is proof that the people are looking for the Saviour. In this city of Denver Schlatter aroused more attention than the president of the United States would command. The only way he could get rid of the multitude was to run away into the wilderness. The man who can come with the credentials of the Spirit can command every printing press, every platform, every pulpit, and every telegraph wire in the world. Not only this, but he would be a welcome guest. There would be no cry of "Crucify him, crucify him," but, on the contrary, the whole world is ready to say: "Hosanna, hosanna, to him who cometh in the name of the Lord." But he must come in the name and by the authority of Spirit. There must be no question about his credentials. He must come like Moses to the Egyptians, with the power of God in word and touch. This does not mean anything spectacular or dramatic, but the scientific unfoldment of the truth in the presence of the people.

Now, Henry Harrison Brown, editor, comes out with the April number as a beautiful monthly magazine. It is twenty-four pages, dressed in white, one dollar a year, ten cents a copy. Published by Now Company, 1423 Market street, San Francisco, California.

SIDELIGHTS.

The Reasoner is published weekly at San Luis Obispo, Cal. It is in its tenth year. It has local advertising, but instead of the common trash called news of a local paper it is filled full of advanced thought. Instead of printing from the patent newspapers, the editor clips from the leading scientific and new thought periodicals. His editorials are up-to-date and have to do with the cultivation of the mind. Here is a sample:

"A 'lady subscriber' to Thomas J. Shelton's paper, CHRISTIAN, requests that her copy be discontinued because Shelton's description of God tallies exactly with her idea of the Devil. I don't see why she couldn't just change the names, then, and let him pass on. Shelton's answer is good. Summed up, it is that God is All. And that is right. There is no manifestation of the Devil separate from God. There is no such thing as positive evil. All things are subject to God's law and God's law is good. What we call evil comes only from our wrong way of looking at things. When humanity learns always to look on the right side there will be no evil in the world. Evil, so called, is the result of a perverted spirit, but the spirit is of God—only perversely hiding from Him. Disease, etc., arises from perversity of spirit. Outside of this there is only Accident, and accident is not evil."

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Suppose for a change we have a few letters congratulating CHRISTIAN. This one is from a friend of CHRISTIAN, who has been with it from the beginning:

"West Liberty, Ia., March 31, 1902.

"T. J. Shelton, Denver, Colo.

"Dear Friend: I am so well in every way now, I really need no more treatments, but am going to send one dollar a month as long as I have it to send just to keep Health and Success coming my way.

"I hope you will keep right on sending out those great electric shocks. If this is to be an Electrical Age, it is time we were getting used to them.

"It seems to me each copy of CHRISTIAN is better than the last. Love to all. Respectfully, your friend, Viola Beeson."

I had rather receive money from well people than from sick ones. There are many of my patients who are beginning to graduate. Some of them come into perfect health and happiness and leave off the dollar a month. Others keep on sending the money as a kind of praise offering. Right here let me tell you that CHRISTIAN needs every dollar. When the fight on CHRISTIAN began I had money in the bank. It is all gone! So, you see, CHRISTIAN is now upheld and sustained by its friends. However, it is mutual, for those who give receive a hundredfold more of life, love and truth. The greatest triumph so far in the publication of CHRISTIAN is the gathering together of so many independent individuals. It is a select company of men and women who are ready to receive the Truth. I can see the time approaching when we will all be in the fulness of the Spirit. I will give you the Truth just as fast as it is unfolded to me. I am treating people not only to get health, but to keep it. I want not only to cure people, but to heal them. Curing means the getting rid of a diseased condition of a certain kind; healing is the coming into your inherent birthright of perfect health.

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This letter is also from a charter member of CHRISTIAN. No one individual can build up a periodical. CHRISTIAN is the upgrowth of many individuals. What would I have done in these years of trial if it had not been for the applause and dollars of other individuals? It is what Dr. Dewey calls a Brotherhood of Individuals. Each one is left free to do or not to do, to accept or not to accept, to believe or not to believe.

"508 Ann St.,

"Ann Arbor, Mich., March 31, 1902.

"Dear Friend: Enclosed please find a two-dollar bill to settle up for my two copies of CHRISTIAN. I thank you for waiting on me so long and I want to tell you how glad I am that the paper is a weekly. It satisfies and inspires me so, that my other science periodicals lie unread while I devour CHRISTIAN. I know you're sincere and honest, and I believe you are right in saying that we must now have *proof* of divine power within us by living demonstration. Go ahead!

"Will you answer a question or two in CHRISTIAN? that is, if you think them worthy of answer?

"1. Do you use pneumatic breathing? Can, or ought we to, acquire it?

"2. Do you not recognize thought as a force at all? I mean in the larger sense in which we've been using it of late. Is there no good in affirmations?

"3. Should we be active or passive; that is, is there any part of this development or unfolding that depends upon our activity, or should we wait for divine manifestation or the voice or power to direct us?

"If you use these, fix them up to suit yourself.

"I thank you for all the good things you are sending us through the columns of CHRISTIAN. Kindest regards to the household. Sincerely, Martha T. Sturgis."

When I began the publication of CHRISTIAN the Spirit instructed me to send the paper to all who would receive it and pay no attention to time in the payment of subscriptions. I found it a wise way to do business, for all the time some were paying up back subscriptions and this kept everything going without pressing anyone for payment. Since then the American press censorship has been established and the publication business is conducted from Washington. It requires publishers to keep nagging at their subscribers and treating them as if they were afraid of losing the price of subscription. This same department treats publishers as if they were perjurers and liars. It is hard to do business in the name of Spirit and under the guidance of the Inner Light while dealing with mortal mind. The above two dollars called out this thought on the wisdom of the Spirit in the publishing business. I can publish a paper to be paid for at the subscriber's option and do a hundredfold more business than I can by the pay-in-advance method.

I will answer the questions in the order in which they are given.

I do not use pneumatic breathing. Sometimes it uses me. So far, it only comes at intervals. I don't think anyone can acquire it. It is the gift of the Spirit. As you come more and more to recognize that you are Spirit you will find Spirit breathing, seeing, hearing, and being you.

I recognize thought as a medium of force. Spirit is force. Thought is used by Spirit to direct and express force in you. There is good in affirmations when Spirit makes the affirmations. "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." Speaking scientifically, it is your Spirit Father speaking in you.

Be as active as if the whole thing depended upon your activity; be as passive as if the whole thing depended upon your passivity. It is Spirit in repose and Spirit in action. Recognize that you are now Spirit, have always been Spirit, and will always be Spirit. Spirit always does things at the time that they ought to be done. Mortal mind crosses all the rivers a thousand times before there is really any river to cross. How many mountains we climb, how many difficulties we overcome, how many loads we carry, and how weary we get doing nothing! "Take no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for itself."

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"Is there any occult meaning in the Bible story of Ruth, or is it a simple love-story?"

There is an occult meaning in all love-stories. Ruth is one of the prettiest love-stories in all the world. It is also history. Rev. George Chainey calls the book of Ruth "An Idyl of Friendship between the Heavens and the Earth." You can get his "Ruth" in paper for twenty-five cents; vellum cloth, sixty cents; full limp leather, one dollar. Address: The School of Interpretation, Room 938, Fine Arts Building, Chicago, Ill. There are many other interpretations of "Ruth," but Chainey's is the latest and best. He is a kind of Swedenborgian and gives everything a mystical meaning. Nevertheless, you will enjoy his book of "Ruth."

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"Mr. Shelton, will you tell me what you think about the birth of Jesus Christ? Did He have a mortal father, or is it just as the Bible says? Will you please tell me what the Christian Scientists believe along this line? From Mrs. Eddy's works I understood that any one spiritual enough could do as the Virgin Mary did. She says that the Virgin realized that there is nothing in sex and brought forth her child. Is that true? I am only a new student in these lines, yet from what I have read I understand that the Virgin Mary didn't understand her own condition, so she certainly could have known nothing about such things. Pardon me for troubling you with these questions, but I do not understand them and would rather believe you than anyone on earth.

"Is there as much truth in Mrs. Wilmans' works as Mrs. Eddy's? Which has the largest following, Mental Science or Christian Science, and which will come out triumphant? I like Mrs. Downes' articles in your paper better than either. Is there not more truth in Mental Science than the other?"

Spirit says that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. The next question is as to how God begets sons. The genealogy of Jesus is traced back through men, in the natural order of generation, to Adam. In this whole line, from the Virgin Mary to Eve, the sons of God are begotten by men in the natural order of generation. Why should there be an exception in the case of Mary? There are no breaks in nature. Jesus was either the son of Joseph or the son of Gabriel. The record of Luke intimates that He was the son of Gabriel by the natural order of generation. This was the teaching of the apostles and the early disciples of Spirit. The dogma of the immaculate conception was an invention of the Roman

Church. Gabriel is the God-Man. The whole history of the world shows this God-Man under different names. Gabriel appears in Daniel and reappears in the Gospels. It is about time for him to reappear on the earth. I could give you a long history of this God-Man, who is just as human as he is divine, and just as divine as he is human. His name in Hebrew is *Yahveh*. It was he who appeared to Abraham and made the promise that Sarah should give birth to a son. It was Gabriel who made the covenant with Abraham and fulfilled the promise by causing Sarah and Abraham to be temporarily regenerated. It was Gabriel who appeared to the priest Zacharias and caused him, in his old age, to become the father of John the Baptist. It was Gabriel who appeared to me in Kansas City and gave me the covenant of Regeneration. Gabriel is known as the Angel of the Covenant. The teaching of Mrs. Eddy on this subject is transcendental nonsense.

Christian Science and Mental Science, Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Wilmans, as institutions and leaders, will disappear before the advance of the Real Thing. Spirit Science, which will appear in each individual, will do away with institutions and leaders.

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"Lisbon, Ohio, March 29, 1902.

"My Dear T. J.: CHRISTIAN has again made its weekly visit and I devoted an hour listening to all you had to say in it. I am going to say something to you because I *feel* it and 'tis true. I receive many papers every month. I gave each one the same attention at first, for I had no preference, and believed there was likely to be *living* truth in all of them. The results are that there are two papers that come to me of which I read every word the editor has to say in each issue. One is CHRISTIAN and the other is Fra Elbertus' *Philistine*. You are on different planes, of course, and in no way conflict with each other's 'territory,' but you are both *Alive* and I only desire to read what comes from one who is Alive. I do not care so much what you say or how far you 'strike' from what I see as truth, but I enjoy to see you 'strike.'

"I am not writing this for publication or for reply. I simply feel a fellowship with the Life that you obey and reverence and to which you yield humble obedience. I know how many editors feel towards you and while you have the courage to hold up your head and say 'I don't give a damn,' yet I know that your heart is often heavy when all looks so dark to the seeming conscious mind. I almost lost faith in CHRISTIAN some time ago. I saw that CHRISTIAN had either to take 'Its Place' or go down, for it was catering too much to a certain element in the majority of its readers, and was neglecting the deeper nature of the minority. I wrote you at that time explaining a hope that CHRISTIAN would breathe out new life and feed the true Spirit in those who looked to it for Light. Your reply was that CHRISTIAN would go right on in the same line, and I concluded that you were either not acquainted with the future of CHRISTIAN, or it would go down and out. I am happy to note that you were not acquainted with CHRISTIAN of 1902. For what could be more different than CHRISTIAN of '99, '00, '01 and that of 1902? I am glad my faith is restored and my desire is to see CHRISTIAN grow and feed the true Spirit in its hungry readers who have been fed on the husks of intellectualism of the 'new thought' in many other publications. I am interested in the coming of the true Spirit within, who alone can bring Life and immortality to light. The reasoning intellect can not do it. Will-power can not do it. The King of Glory must be born within and He brings it with Him. I am writing and printing two little papers every two weeks, in which I give out what is given me in my practical life and experience. Life is revealing itself slowly and I have pleasure in giving out what has become a living reality to me in practical life; but I am also interested in the same spirit in others and desire to let them know I love them and have faith in them, for Life is One.

"I visited Hubbard last fall and spent a few very pleasant hours with him. His heart is large and true, and I love him because he loves Life and lets it live in him.

"I will conclude by saying: Brother T. J., stand firm. Be not disheartened by what seems to be insurmountable to the natural man! Know that he who stands for Truth is not alone, for the ones who have traveled the same road and gave up all that Spirit might live in them, behold you and give you their hand and approval. The fires burn only the combustible, and that we desire to have burned. Yours in fellowship, J. L. Beilhart. (Ed. *Spirit Fruit.*)"

I appreciate the spirit of kindness manifested in the above letter, but print it to show how hard it is for people to understand the trend of CHRISTIAN. I have never written CHRISTIAN for my readers, but for myself. In writing I have no audience of any kind before my mind. I could not cater to any set of people. There is no more difference in CHRISTIAN in the years mentioned than in the months of this year. I have taught the same thing all the time. You will see the same unfoldment of Truth in the weekly numbers so far published as you saw in the monthly numbers of the past years. Spirit does not ride a hobby or deal in fragments. There is an unfoldment of the Whole Truth and it begins with the Snake in the Garden. This is the way CHRISTIAN has unfolded Truth. It is from the Serpent to the Christ. Suppose you compare the numbers of the weekly where I wrote up the dead men and the Snake, to the numbers in which I am now writing up the living men and the Spirit. Wouldn't you say there had been progress or a change of base? It is because you fail to discern the whole truth and nothing but the Truth. My pet Snake, who makes whisky and kills men, is just as much a part of the Truth as the Lord Christ, who gives us the Spirit and saves men. Duality is the damnation of the intellect. Those who grab one copy of CHRISTIAN and run away with it will never come into an understanding of the Truth.

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I find that these sidelights can only be flashed occasionally. There is a whole bundle of good letters on my desk which I would like to print in this issue of CHRISTIAN. They are from all points of the compass. Nearly all speak in the same strain of praise and good will for CHRISTIAN. In fact, I always print the adverse criticisms first of all. When a man or woman sends a well written attack or criticism on my position, I like to give it to the public. I have now on hand for the summer that which will stir the heart of everyone who reads CHRISTIAN. I will not tell you what it is now—but there will be a new Richmond in the field. He is brand new to the readers of CHRISTIAN. I will give you his best thoughts right along for at least one year.

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This "private" note from the editor of *The Nautilus* is too good to throw into the waste basket. It is evident that this note did not go through her "sieve," for it comes fresh from the heart:

"Dear Thomas Jefferson: I must tell you how well I like your last CHRISTIAN. CHRISTIAN is always better in proportion as your helpers fail you! I shall treat 'em to keep out! But Parkinson's two last poems are splendid, and if you and he do not object I shall like to reproduce them at some future time, in *Nautilus*. I don't care a rap for "poetry," but those two poems hit me just right.

"I trussed you up and roasted you to a turn for your anti-breath article. I hope you felt it sizzle! If I'd had more time I'd have made a crisp of you!—regular cracklin's! Got up at 4:30 to do it good and brown. * * * I hope the article in *Nautilus* will bring you lots of new subscribers and friends, such as you have brought me. * * * Had a letter the other day from a woman who really understands you and your teachings. She paid you the highest tribute possible. If I come across her letter again I'll send it to Blanche! With love to you both. Elizabeth Towne."

You are welcome to Parkinson's poems if you give due credit to CHRISTIAN. Parkinson is a protege of CHRISTIAN. All his poems are writen by inspiration. There is a sermon in each one. By the way, the manager of the typographic department of the American Type Founders' Company, of New York, one of the largest institutions in the world, has sent for duplicate copies of those numbers of CHRISTIAN in which Parkinson's poems are printed on first page. It is a compliment to my printers.

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"I was surprised to learn that you had to put up the postage to get your paper to your readers. I can not permit you to pay the postage on my copy of CHRISTIAN; so, please find enclosed twelve cents postage for this year. Sincerely yours, Mrs. E. L. M."

This shows how hard it is to make people understand that I am publishing a weekly, even though they get it every week. Postage on CHRISTIAN at the rates I have been paying would be fifty-two cents a year. You must remember that when you paid a dollar a year for the monthly you only received twelve numbers in a year, while now you receive fifty-two numbers, just forty numbers more than you paid for last year.

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Kate Boehme, of *The Radiant Centre*, devotes a whole number to a prophet from Thibet. It is an improvement on the number which she devoted to advertising a Spiritualist medium by the name of Keeler. I like Kate because she is Love. I know she is, for Love "believeth all things." Go ahead, Kate, and maybe you will be able to hatch little fishes yourself! There is money in it, whether you fry the fish or not. By the way, why didn't somebody keep those little fishes and see if they would grow any larger? I'm not a "doubting Thomas," but just asking questions. When the true Prophet comes he will not make a holy show of himself, appoint committees for investigation, or do things by lamplight. You may rest assured that when He does come, Kate Boehme will be on hand and let us know all about it.

A SOLAR PLEXUS BLOW.

Elizabeth Towne in the *Nautilus* devotes two columns and a half trying to answer my editorial on breathing. She splashes all over creation, and among other things says:

"Shelton is apt to electrify you pretty thoroughly and long—if you like him at all—because he is himself in-spired so fully. He catches glimpses of the Universal, and just lets himself swing with it and breathe with it and enthuse over it. He don't care a dam whether there is any sense in it or not, or whether it fits in with anything else he ever said or not. He just lets her go Gallagher NOW just as the spirit moves him. Most writers stop to *think* before they write. They want to weigh and measure their breaths of inspiration—they want to be "consistent," and be sure they won't shock somebody. Inspiration is the *enlightener* of reason. All writers who are worth a row of pins write from inspiration, but most of them won't put down their inspirations any faster than *reason* will approve them. They sort of filter the light of inspiration through the sieve of reason. Shelton denies reason and gets it out of sight. He is irrational and inspirational. That is why he makes you gasp for breath. Helen Wilmans uses a mighty fine *sieve* to let her inspirations through. Consequently when you read her statements of new (to you) truth you take such *slow, even* breaths that you hardly know you are taking breathing exercise. But you are. I mention Helen in antithesis to Shelton because they are exact opposites, while equally inspired: opposite in that, whilst Helen never forgets her *sieve*, Shelton never forgets to get his out of sight."

Now, wouldn't this jar you? Helen and Elizabeth and all other sensible people, who speak by inspiration, use a sieve or a kind of filter to run their inspiration through to get rid of the dregs and filth and chaff and dirt and dust and cobwebs and combings and such like. All except Shelton!

Shelton hasn't any sieve. No, I haven't any sieve, sifter, or filter for my inspiration. Inspiration which needs sifting is not worth the price of the sieve. The only time that Helen Wilmans ever says anything that is worth hearing is when she forgets her sieve; yet Elizabeth Towne says that she never does forget her sieve. It would be a blessing to the readers of *Freedom* and *The Nautilus* if both editors could forget their sifters. I do not deny Reason, but I do deny reasonings. There is Religion and religions. There is Reason and reasonings. These women are playing with the moonbeams. They get little flashes of moonlight and think they have the whole thing. "In the beginning was the Reason, and the Reason was with God, and the Reason was God."

Elizabeth pleads with her readers to adopt independent breathing and by all means not to depend upon Shelton for their breath! Then she tells them that if they only buy her little book "How to Awake the Solar Plexus," they will be independent of Shelton and can breathe anytime and anywhere they want to breathe without consulting Shelton or reading CHRISTIAN! Now, isn't this independence with a vengeance! If you will hitch your wagon to me, you can drive, or think you are driving, independent of Shelton! O Lord! Positively guaranteed, but shake well before using! Shelton's inspiration is irrational, but mine is sifted! None genuine except where my name is blown into the bottle!

Towne tells us that when Wilmans writes and runs her inspiration through the Wilmans sieve "you take such *slow, even* breaths that you hardly know that you are taking breathing exercises." But when you take unsifted inspiration it makes you gasp, gulp and grow red in the face! Betsy admits that sometimes she uses a sifter and sometimes she forgets to sift the stuff that runs through her brain.

All this nonsense reminds me of a woman who wrote in here the other day and said that she knew that universal salvation was true because she had written a pamphlet on the subject! Let me tell you that the new birth brings new breathing, new vision, new hearing, new tasting, and an entirely new set of organs. It is not a crazy-quilt made out of the old body by breathing exercises, dieting, or even mental treatments. It is a new begetting and a new birth, and, therefore, a new body. The creeds and dogmas of the New Thought are getting to be as numerous and foolish as those of the old thought.

HE HAS GIVEN BIRTH TO SEVERAL NEW THOUGHTS.

The following letter shows that it is dangerous for CHRISTIAN to throw out a challenge. The letter is dated from Denver, but it came from Venus. It is written in gilt ink. My printers can tackle anything; therefore, I turn it over to them, asking that they print it just as it is written, capitals, punctuation, new words, Marconigrams, and everything they find and just as they find it:

"Denver, Colo., March 28th, 33.

"Have any of us anywhere given birth to a new Thought? If so, name it?"—*Christian.*

"Yes. Tommy, the despised and rejected Venusian has given birth to several of them. Notably one: That the Universal Intelligence, the Omnipresent 'I AM' being subjectively and spatially Perfect, is compelled to Idealize itself perfectly in objective, and that It does this universally, except in exceptional instances. Thus the earth, instead of being the Universal Exemplar of the Universal 'I AM' in objective, is merely (mere enough) the isolated exception which proves the Universal Rule.

"You will not find this though in any of the philosophies of this world, and I was the first Individual to announce it to this age.

"You will find other new thoughts in my writings, and I think it was because I had so many of them that the New Thought Movement received me so coldly. What the New Thought needs is Pure Uniism, and little Ursula need seek no further. I gave the perfect Scientific formulation, but the New Thought leading commercialists and the 3rd Asst. P. M. Genl. would none of it, so I withdrew until such time as real Freedom becomes an actualized Ideal.

"The principal impediment to progress amongst the New Thought leaders is the greed of monetary gain, which absorbs their energies too wholly in objectivities, and does not give them time enough to devote to mental unification with the 'I AM.' It was with a feeling of relief that I withdrew from the field temporarily, as it gave me more time for the practice of the tavistic unification with the 'Power behind the Throne.'

"I hope to descend upon the people again with renewed uniistic unction at no distant date. My Pneuma is knockemstiffian, and I will yet knock you all cockawhoop and put you amongst the Has-beens. Observe. Robert J. Burns, The Man from Venus."

I don't know what Burns is talking about, but that is no sign that he isn't talking sense. I didn't turn him down. I gave him the glad hand and the warm heart. I didn't know why it was that a Venusian should visit this dirt-dauber's nest and take up his abode in Pueblo. I am not saying anything against Pueblo, for I got Helen from Pueblo. She has shown no disposition to return. I am glad this citizen of Venus has changed his residence from Pueblo to Denver. He is getting a little nearer home. He affirms that "the principal impediment to progress among the New Thought leaders is the greed of monetary gain." He means their love of money. This old slander didn't come from Venus. It is as old as the earth. If the leaders in the New Thought didn't make money, some other accusation would be forthcoming. Burns says that he hopes to descend upon us with renewed "uniistic unction." He also declares that his pneuma is "knockemstiffian." I don't know but what this is a new thought, "uniistic unction" and "knockemstiffian." However, I will not venture an opinion until I hear from Elizabeth Towne. After she has passed this letter of Burns' through her sieve I will be prepared to speak. I wish to call your attention to the fact that this letter is dated March 28, 33. It is not A. D. 33, but B. 33. "B" stands for Burns, and as Burns is in his thirty-third year, he dates everything from his own birth. This would work very well with everybody—except women.

I am not making sport of any man. Robert J. Burns, as many of my readers know, was the editor of a monthly magazine published in Pueblo. He claims to have been sent from Venus, about thirty-three years ago, as a missionary to this planet. He came here, by order of the Venusians, to teach us what he calls Uniism.

"The Secret of Human Unfoldment," or How to Inbreathe to the Vital Centers of the Body for Physical and Spiritual Exaltation, by Edgar Wallace Conable, editor of *The Path-Finder*, Roswell, Colorado. A pamphlet of eighteen pages, with picture of the author. Price, fifty cents. This is another plan of salvation by inhaling the atmosphere of the earth. As a physical exercise, it is all right, but for spiritual unfoldment it is useless.

"Spanish and English Conversation," First Book, by Aida Edmonds Pinney, Ginn & Co., Publishers, Boston; price $1.00. This book is by one of the Elect of the household of CHRISTIAN. You may rest assured that the work is all right. You may send your dollar for the book to the author, Mrs. Milton Erskine Pinney, 1310 Pine Street, San Francisco, California. Helen and my "Lady Blanche" can talk Spanish—when they get rattled! I used to be able to talk it before I reformed.

In the True Light of Immortality, "WHO AM I?" by N. David Jensen, B. D. O. C., paper, 70 pages, price 50 cents. Address the author, 1659 Broadway, Denver, Colorado.

THE SURE FOUNDATION.

BY JOHN HAMLIN DEWEY.

Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.—*Isaiah.*

Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, the stone which the builders, rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes? Matt., xxi, 42.

Be it known unto you all and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Wherefore, also, it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded.—*Peter.*

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide, which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.—*Paul.*

In CHRISTIAN of March 30, our vibrant editor makes a strenuous call upon the New Thought writers to demonstrate the truth of their teaching in practical experience. In his frankness and zeal he begins with himself. He says: "Shelton writes on the Law of Vibrations, and preaches I Am Sermons, and yet he doesn't do anything except to heal a few sick folk. If he knows anything about the law of vibrations, why doesn't he vibrate on the higher plane of being?" And then asks—what others are asking—"What's the matter with Shelton? I tell you he will be just as much of a failure in the Science as he was in the pulpit, if he lets old age, disease and death conquer."

With this personal confession he calls up others, including the writer of this article, and says: "John Hamlin Dewey writes a splendid book on 'The Way, The Truth and The Life,' but he continues to grow old and does not do the work which Jesus Christ said a man should do when he is in the Way." Making similar comment on the others he names, and asks what is the matter with them. "What is the matter with the whole outfit? * * * If we get a market for our talk, we make a living at it, and that is all. It is a sad commentary that we all die trying our best to live. We grow old and gray and decrepit talking about immortality and eternal life. Ladies and gentlemen, there's a screw loose somewhere! Who will tighten the screw? * * * I have shown you the loose screw. Let us have a frank and open discussion of the subject. I will watch my exchanges to see what you are going to say about it. Don't dodge. How can we inaugurate the Electrical Age and become possessed of pneumatic bodies? This is exactly what is going to take place. The coming of the Holy Breath will change our vile bodies into glorious bodies like unto the Son of God. Who among us will be the first to breathe this Breath?"

I am glad the editor has raised this question, and brought the issues it involves so distinctly and sharply, before us; inviting a frank and open discussion of the subject. It is this consideration of the question I am seeking to give in my articles in CHRISTIAN. If what I say seems to contradict some of the positions taken by the editor, or other writers, it is not for this purpose, but to give the light to others which I feel has come to me.

I should have written essentially the same had these things not been said.

I had sent my last article on the constitutional immortality of every human being, entitled "The Gospel of Gladness," before receiving the issue of March 30, which might have seemed like a special reply to editorial statements in that issue, in which Brother S. says: "Dr. Dewey, Lilian Thompson and other members of CHRISTIAN household are too tender-hearted to touch the torch to the tares of mortality. Louise Downes and I believe in abortions as well as productions in nature. It is our effort to be scientific."

I think we all desire to be "scientific," that is to accept every verified fact in nature and human experience and draw our conclusins in accordance therewith. I do not think that the fact of some human souls being "born without the pneuma of immortality," and are therefore "abortions' on the tree of humanity, has been verified by any process of demonstration offered.

The quotation of Scripture language which, in the liability of mistranslation must be interpreted in its spiritual significance, rather than a literal application of the letter, is not proof in itself.

This is not to "dodge" the force of any Scripture quotations, but calls for a calm and careful seeking of the significance intended. When we have found this, it should still be remembered that we have only the testimony of a seer's inspired vision, which is not necessarily infallible, since there are degrees of inspiration, and only perfect illumination can see and know the absolute truth. How may we attain this perfect illumination? I believe this can be taught only by one who has attained. Having satisfied myself that this attainment was reached by Jesus the Christ—this illumination making Him the Christ—and perhaps of no other absolutely, I made His life and teaching the subject of earnest prayer and meditation, until through the inspiration thus awakened there was opened to me a wondrous vision in which this mighty secret stood clearly and fully revealed. In the Way, Truth and Life I endeavored to give that revelation. And it is as a further effort in this direction that I am, through Brother Shelton's invitation, writing these articles in CHRISTIAN.

If asked why, if I possess this vital secret, I am not demonstrating its power in my own life, as our editor demands, I can only say: that the explanation will be apparent when I have succeeded—as I believe I shall—in making this secret clear to the minds of some of the readers of CHRISTIAN, through whose cooperation the demonstration may be made before the end of 1902.

No questions of personal consideration should enter into these articles; but I desire, in passing, to correct one misapprehension of our editor, that since writing "The Way, The Truth and The Life," I "continue to grow old," while the reverse is true, save by the calendar.

In the conditions of organic life I have grown young and vigorous since the writing of that book. Constitutionally frail, at fifty I was utterly broken in health. At seventy-two, the time of my injury, I was supple and elastic as in youth. My demonstration through and over that injury was a constant surprise to the attending surgeon and to everyone familiar with the circumstances.

It was an ordeal very few at that age would have survived.

Asking pardon for this personal allusion, I will proceed to a "frank and open discussion" of the issue before us. I will not dodge a single point. I know too well the difficulty in my own case and what is needed to overcome it. I think I see quite clearly, also, the thing lacking in others. It is not in honesty of soul, nor earnestness of purpose, but in a fundamental error of perception and interpretation.

It would be utterly useless for me to attempt to point out, specifically, these errors, as each could very justly, and, doubtless, would reply: "That is your perception or opinion; this is mine. By what authority do you assume you are right and I am wrong? Where are your demonstrations?" Here, my brother, my sister, is the touchstone. It is not a question of logic nor a subject of argument or wholly of intellectual solution, but a matter of demonstration in supremacy of life and perfection of character. Nevertheless, there must be the perfect ideal and true conception in the mind before we can actualize that ideal and demonstrate the truth of the conception in experience. The true ideal and method may be opened to a seer and by a seer opened to others; but the actualization is quite another matter.

One law of supreme importance opened to me in the vision, and obedience to which is an absolute necessity to this demonstration, is that there must be a union of two or more in the ideal and conception to bring the full realization. No one, not even the Master, ever has or ever will achieve this by his own individual effort unaided by the help of another.

The true ideal and conception may be reached by an individual in advance of those with whom he stands in conscious associated relations; but there must be a unity

of one or more with him before he can advance to the realization thereof. Not that he stands as an authority, which another must blindly accept, but that the other must reach the same ideal and conception, whether through enlightenment from him or from some other source.

There must be no subjection of one mind to another; but perfect individuality and freedom of that individuality in this unity. Nevertheless, there must be the union of two or more and co-operative effort in that union, before any individual can be emancipated from the bondage and limitations of self and sense into the full freedom, illumination and supremacy of the impersonal or altruistic life of the Spirit.

The spiritual life yet to be realized on earth will be, like the life in the heavens, a communal life of brotherhood, with no separate interests; but a brotherhood of individual freemen, each a king or queen under God, and to each other ministering out of their abundance the spontaneous offerings of love and good will.

We are individual and social beings, but there can be no perfect social order and relationship except on the basis of the perfection and freedom of the individuality of each and every member. Nor can there be perfection of the individual independent of the social relation and influence. The law making necessary the co-operative unity of two or more, for the complete spiritual emancipation and divine anointing of the individual, will, I trust, become clear and self-evident, as I proceed. My hope is that some of my readers in CHRISTIAN will grasp the ideal and conception that I am seeking to elucidate in these articles, and which is fully set forth and illustrated by modern examples in "The Way, the Truth and The Life," who, standing in perfect accord with me, will work out the demonstration for which vast numbers are eagerly looking and waiting.

If we do not, others will, for "The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand."

Brother Shelton's answer to his own question, "What is the matter?" is, "There is nothing the matter with any of us except matter. Until we can come out of matter into Spirit we will do nothing but talk."

Permit me to say: It is not matter, but the personal ego, the egoism of SELF, that we are to get out of or be emancipated from; and until thus emancipated the ego will talk.

What is called for is the enthronement of the spiritual life and consciousness in and over material relations and conditions. The demonstration is to be in and over the world of matter.

The true Christian ideal is a divine incarnation: not in one man only, but in every man. Divine incarnation means the embodiment and manifestation of spiritual or deific being in material form and external expression. It is not the getting out of matter, but the bringing of the Spirit in individual life and consciousness to its rightful supremacy in and over matter. Then, and only then, will these material bodies become living temples of manifest divinity, enshrining the Sons and Daughters of the living God, and be held above the conditions of decay and death.

We have one perfect example, which is the earnest of a like possibility for all; and He, from the altitude of His exalted experience and insight, gives this assurance to every one of His true followers.

I do not offer a theory or method of my own; but the ideal and method of the Master, as opened to me through interior vision.

This inward revelation and perception I seek to make clear to the enlightened and rational mentality of to-day; not by oracular statements, but by a reasonable exposition and interpretation of His transcendent life and teaching, in the light of which modern research and the experiences of seers and prophets of all ages throw upon the spiritual constitution and higher possibilites of man.

The ideal of full salvation and the means and conditions of its realization have been the object and inspiration of religious teaching and effort under all the great world systems of faith and worship.

The ideal or conception of what constitutes full salvation has varied, however, according to the degree of spiritual perception and intellectual enlightenment of the teachers. So, also, has the conception of the means and conditions of its realization corresponded with the ideal entertained. As a result, both the ideal and the means have, with the great mass of mankind, been matters of education and traditional bias.

Only the great seers, comparatively few in number, have risen above this traditional bias, and from their own original inspiration and higher altitude of spiritual perception, conceived and projected new and loftier ideals and methods of attainment.

With the great majority of those who have accepted any one of these new teachers, however, the influence of traditional bias has been sufficiently powerful to prevent a clear apprehension or interpretation of the teaching. So it has ever been that false and arbitrary standards have been set up and accepted as authoritative, by which the majority of devotees in each of the great systems, including Christianity, have been misled as to the real message and revelation of its founder.

What is thus true of the followers of the great prophets and the founders of the world's religions has been true in some degree, also, of the prophets as well. Though lifted, by varying degrees of inspiration and grasp of spiritual vision, above traditional teaching and prejudice, the sense nature and judgment, not fully subjected, have still been sufficient to prevent a perfect understanding or absolutely correct interpretation of the vision or revelation received.

So, until the rising tide of inspiration finally culminates in some fully prepared and receptive soul, with such complete illumination as to emancipate him wholly, in mind and heart, from every earthly bias, and give an undimmed vision of the truth and unreserved following of the Spirit's leading, there could be no perfect revelation of the divine ideal, and provision for its realization, in a fully demonstrated example before the world. "When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

As we have this revelation and demonstration in the life of Jesus Christ, who thus opened wide the door to the human race, we have only to correctly interpret and follow Him to find the full entrance through that door. "I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

LOVE.

ALLAN PARKINSON.

It isn't the wars or the nations' strife,
That curse and imbitter human life.
It isn't the social problem old,
The endless struggle and greed for gold.
Not these, I say, that cheat the soul,
Give it half of a loaf instead of the whole.

No death-dealing engine that man ever made,
Catapult, warship, bullet or blade,
Can ravage and torture and devastate,
Like the passion of love that has turned to hate.
That virulent, cruel, rampant power,
That wills to possess—or crush the flower.
Bid to a feast, this same rash will,
In the midst of abundance, is hungry still.
Unsate with the best in your unlocked hoard,
It will lay a ruthless hand to the board.

Show me a soul that has learned to love,
In the ways that God and man approve;
And I'll show you life that has found the key
To the treasures of earth and divinity.
Fortune will smilingly lay in his hand
A lavish supply for each demand;
Heaven and earth and men compete,
In bringing their treasures to lay at his feet.
His "social problem" has settled itself,
And wars are for them that must steal their pelf.

There be kings that are crowned, and uncrowned kings;
Unto each the world its treasure brings.

Los Angeles.

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"Man—Neighbor—Brother," 183 pages, leather. This is a cranky book by one of the cleverest cranks on my list of cranks. He has some cranky notion about not selling the book, as he is a kind of Socialist. It contains some very good ideas. Address: Albert T. Gridley, Aurora, Ind.

"The Regeneration of Society" and "The Dream of Self-Consciousness," by Frank H. Sprague are two interesting pamphlets. The Metaphysical Pub. Co., 114 West 32nd St., New York City.

BRITE IS ABOUT RIGHT.

The following letter is from a business man by the name of Brite. I don't want to pun, but Brite is a very bright man. His letter meets my hearty endorsement. Of course I mean "flesh." Did anybody understand me to mean Spirit? Mortality is mud. You can't make people understand that all flesh is grass until you set fire to the stuff. When my fun is taken seriously it makes it all the funnier. The conflagration seems to alarm some souls who think I am burning spirits. The old orthodox idea is false; you can't burn spirits. Hellfire would have no effect on a spirit. "He maketh His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire."

"Dear Shelton: Once in a while I feel impressed to write to you, but you are the only one I trouble with communications outside of business. The reason is, I like your paper the best of all that come to me. It is truly individualistic and on the right track, according to my understanding, and since the Baptist church excluded me for heresy fifteen years ago, I have been a wisdom seeker along this line.

"I was in Denver last September and called at your lovely home. I did not ask to see you, because you do not want to see me or any one else, but I saw 'Helen,' and she is better looking than you are anyway, judging from a photograph of your excellency shown to me by Flora P. Howard when I was in Los Angeles, Cal.

"But what I want to say is, you are switching back to the narrow channel of orthodoxy or adventism, when you deny a resurrection from the dead of both the just and the unjust.

"Annihilation is unscientific; nothing real, or with a spirit, can be destroyed, and every living thing has a spirit and will eventually be lifted to the same plane of '*re*-generation' which you occupy to-day, and will then follow you on up, for you are going higher, much higher, and at a rapid rate. Yes, indeed, you *are* 'traveling.' Keep it up. When you get over the Rockies your views will broaden again; aye, even back to the fatherhood of God, and the universal brotherhood of humanity, for there is only *one*, and you are '*it*,' humanity is 'it,' and 'it' is God.

You talk about Adam and Eve just like a Campbellite preacher would; that is, you seem to think they were an old couple by that name, who once lived in Eden, same as old man Jones and his wife Mary, who once lived in Little Rock. Now, brother, has not the spirit of Bible interpretation revealed to you long ago who the two Adams are? 'The first man Adam is of the earth, earthy, the last man Adam is the Lord from Heaven.' The carnal minded man, i. e., the whole human race, regardless of color or sex on the plane of generation, is the first man Adam, or the Adam and Eve of the Bible. The last Adam, or the Christ, is the *same race* regenerated, or made over, by the transformation of the carnal mind into the spiritual, and 'it is first the natural, afterward the spiritual,' in *all* cases, *no exceptions*.

"As in (the first) Adam all die (i. e., become carnal minded), even so in Christ shall (the same) *all* be made alive," or become spiritual minded. It is either a fact that 'God *will have all men* to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth,' or else certain portions of the Bible need a still newer revision, explaining that 'all men' has reference only to the few 'pure white people' who accidentally had sense enough to be born with a 'pneuma.' 'God is no respecter of persons.' What's got the matter with you? Aren't you God any more? You have often told me in 'CHRISTIAN' that you are God, and I believed you, and still believe you are Him, but if you continue contracting instead of expanding in your hope for the Salvation of the world, then I will relegate you—in my mind—back to the orthodox world, and unless there is a hidden meaning —which you do not fully make clear—in your recent statements on annihilation, you would already make a first class little orthodox God, but I have read after you too long, and know too much of your spiritual illumination to think seriously of such a thing. You surely simply mean that all flesh is grass, and that the mind of the flesh in all cases must be destroyed by being swallowed up of life or the mind of the spirit. I agree with you, mortality is N. G., and it must go, but not until it has served its purpose. Darkness is necessary to the germination of seeds. The worthless mortal mind is the soil just suited for the God-seed which will produce Gods; aye, even swallow up that old mortal mind, and transform it into the spiritual, even as the ugly caterpillar is transformed into the beautiful butterfly.

"'What is the chaff to the wheat?' Nothing, and fit only to be consumed after it has produced and protected the wheat in its growth, but there would have been no wheat but for the chaff. It is first chaff, then the wheat, and as in Adam all are generated, even so in Christ will the same all be regenerated. And the very fact that a thing manifests with life, and becomes visible on the physical plane, is a guarantee that it exists, can not be destroyed, and will eventually manifest on the spiritual or invisible plane. All 'seen things are temporal (only), the unseen are the eternal,' and remember that while man-seeds are visible, God-seeds are invisible. God-seeds are words, God words, and His 'words they are spirit, and they are life.' Jesus Christ is the word, and that word will accomplish what it was sent for; it came into the world to *save the world*, not just a few clean white people. A world is made up of the creatures in it, and Christ is 'the Savior of the world,' and it will not be saved until every carnal mind is transformed into the spiritual. Salvation consists in being saved from sins, which means from ignorance, and ignorance is causing millions of poor devils (without a pneuma) *to suffer to no purpose*, if your latest doctrine is true; but, is it true?—J. W. Brite, Monett, Mo."

HELEN HINTS.

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