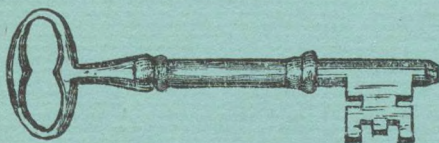


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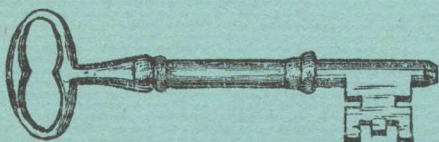
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SELF HELP AND ATTAINMENT

(For the Quarter)

Repeat daily, beginning April 1, 1936:

- Wednesday..... "As he (man) thinketh in his heart so is he." I shall vision for myself and others truth—prosperity—peace.
- Thursday..... I will "Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (me.)
- Friday..... "Death and life are in the power of the tongue," therefore, I shall not talk my body into disease.
- Saturday..... "I, the Lord, thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."
- Sunday..... "Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee", therefore, all is well with me.
- Monday..... "I am the Lord who healeth all thy diseases." I know this truth and I **am** healed.
- Tuesday..... Today, I will "Be not afraid, only believe."

"As a candlelight,
Ever shining bright
Along life's perplexing way,
I come to guide you today.

"Awake, asleep, the God of Peace
Bids thee trust more, thy worries cease.
Lean on Him, thy spirit to sustain;
Ever thy faith in God retain."
—Spirit Ellen Garmer, 5-30-34.

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Course In Unfoldment. Reread Lessons 1 and 2.
Course Continued Later

“Angels of Light and Love inspire you—
Truth be the banner you securely hold.
To Christ, the Master, ever be true;
Rest content within His loving fold.”
—Ellen 6-30-34.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: SPIRITUALIST

Every Spiritualist who has had the privilege of contacting the great soul of Abraham Lincoln, or who has read much about this martyr's psychic experience knows that as a president he was advised from and followed the counsel of the Spirit World. He often called to the White House Nettie Colburn Maynard, a gifted medium, and through her, consulted the higher forces of the Spirit Side of Life. It was through her gift of mediumship, too, that he was asked to write and publish the Emancipation Proclamation to free the negro slave.

Speaking to me of this one evening when one of our workers transed in our seance room, and he came through, he said: "It was not I but that little medium who emancipated the black man. She brought me Spirit instruction; I only carried out what those above planned for the upliftment of mankind. I gave my life. But what is one man's life in comparison to such a cause?"

At this seance, too, he said: (notice the humility in his words) "On the earthplane, I was a President; over here I am just another spirit making his way back to his God."

Abraham Lincoln, like the Christ, was born in a crude sort of shelter. The cradle of our Savior was a manger in a stable where animals were housed. The birthplace of Lincoln was in a crude hunter's hut, a place not fit for animals to live in. Sunday morning, February 12, 1809, on the edge of Kentucky's lonely barrons, with a storm raging outside, and snow drifting in at the windows and door, upon a bed of poles, covered with cornhusks, the great soul of Abraham Lincoln began its earth life. In the years that followed, he experienced "more terrible poverty than did thousands of the slaves whom he would one day liberate."

When he was seven years of age, Tom Lincoln, his father, who never worked unless hunger drove him to it, moved into the solitude of the forests—Indiana at that time. There are some people who have a talent for jumping from the frying pan into the fire, and Tom Lincoln was this sort.

The home in Indiana was worse than the one in the barracks—asked, open on its fourth side to the wind and snow and sleet. For a floor, there was the damp earth, and there were no windows or doors. Our poorest farmer today has better shelter for his stock. Leaves and bear skins heaped on the dirt floor answered for a bed. Their food was wild game Tom Lincoln shot and the nuts the children gathered in the woods. Here, the next fourteen years of Lincoln's life were spent, and here, Nancy Hanks, his mother, passed to Spirit life, at the age of thirty-five, worn out by the hardships of pioneer life.

But circumstances cannot forge bands tight enough to prevent any great soul becoming "master of his fate", and "captain of his soul". With extreme poverty and ignorance threatening to crush him, Lincoln found a way out—self-education—and he became a leader of a great cause, a man so spiritually developed that he could say: "with malice toward none, with charity for all." He said that while here in the body.

Can you question the statement of others, who from the Spirit Side of Life tell us that he and Washington are mighty spirits in the higher realms over there? Can you question, too, the statement of these same spirits out of the body, when they tell us both of these patriots place service above the desire to progress to still higher planes? Knowing their earth country has need of their services, which, because of their vision, their foresight, from the Spirit Side of Life, are much greater than any they ever gave while in the mortal body, they remain in the Fourth Plane, the Mental Plane, by choice.

"Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth." If ever a mortal was chastened by God and by circumstances that mortal was Abraham Lincoln. But there was some recompense along the way, too, for in some of his moods, he was a dreamer and a prophet, a mystic in every sense of the word. And to be privileged to see visions and dreams is true recompense from the Lord.

At the age of fifteen, Lincoln could not write, yet his self-education later was such that in his manhood he held vast assemblies with his oratory, and wrote poems in prose that became classics. One

of these hangs on the walls of Oxford University as a model of diction for the English youth.

From bitter boyhood, void of a glimmer of hope, Lincoln sensed the psychic world about him, and he awoke to the call of the soul within him.

Feb. 11, 1861, when he left Springfield for Washington, he must have had a presentiment, or as we Spiritualists would say, a warning, of his coming assassination. In a touching speech, in which he said good-bye to his neighbors and business associates, he expressed his doubt of his returning to their city. "My friends," he said, "No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and to the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived for a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of the Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

Later, in the President's chair, he expressed his philosophy thus: "I am not bound to win but I am bound to be true—I am not bound to succeed but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands for right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he is wrong."

Again, as is usual in the career of great men, critics and detractors assailed him, and Lincoln said: "If I were to try to read, much less answer all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

That he drew near God that God might draw near him, in prosperity and in tragedy, is shown in all his decisions where his fellow-man was concerned. Many are the stories of his kindness and his tenderness to those in need of comfort. Jesus said: "In My Father's house are many mansions." Just such deeds as these built Lincoln's mansions over there, in his Father's house.

Abraham Lincoln knew that civilization, and American civilization, in particular, was builded on faith in God, and His promise that if we would try Him, He would open wide the windows of heaven and pour out upon us a blessing so great that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Recognizing, too, that we should ever be grateful as a nation and as individuals, for our abundance; and "that the Scriptures announce the sublime truth, and it is proved by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord," he set aside April 30, 1863, as a day of national prayer.

In his proclamation he said: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown; but we have **FORGOTTEN GOD**. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in Peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming grace, too proud to **PRAY TO THE GOD THAT MADE US**."

Friends, isn't this advice we, as a nation, need to heed today? If our country ever needed God's guidance and God's blessing, it needs it now. May He, through His instruments—spirits like Lincoln and Washington—save us, as a nation, from an ignoble fate!

Abraham Lincoln never loses an opportunity to return to the earth whenever his message is needed, and he finds an instrument through whom it will be delivered.

In the writing of Mr. Aber's book, "Rending The Vail," at the tenth seance, Abraham Lincoln materialized and spoke to the sitters. Then he brought Jefferson Davis in. When the circle discussed the

probability that Davis felt succession to be right, as Lincoln did the maintenance of the Union, the President of the Confederacy replied, "We are brothers now."

At the next seance, when the sitters were singing "John Brown's Body," at the words, "He's gone to be a soldier in the army of the Lord," Lincoln, in a loud whisper, said, "Yes indeed," and pointing upward with both hands and steadily gazing upward, stepped back into the cabinet and behind the curtains." That is proof that Lincoln still believes in, and holds a reverent attitude toward the Lord, even if some medium's spirit guides, and some Spiritualists try to tell us that God and Jesus the Christ are relics of ancient orthodoxy, and our belief has no foundation only in our own imagination, and in our bigoted creed.

At the seventh seance, for the writing of "Beyond The Vail," Lincoln said he would speak "concerning matters beyond the vail, or practical life in the spirit spheres. I shall,"—he said, "repeat some of my historical experiences during my stay in what is called the earthplane or mortal life. Then I tried to do all I could for the benefit of humanity.—In the midst of my endeavors, I was suddenly cut short of further efforts in the mortal. I had timely warning of impending danger, yet felt so certain that I was right, and doing right, that I heeded not the warning: and the next I knew I found myself on the Spirit Side of Life, among my philanthropic friends gone before, who showed me that I yet had opportunity to satisfy my nature in helping those in need. And so, since coming here, I have tried to do all the good possible for me to do: and I find the harvest of earth life and conditions furnish such vast amount of ignorance that laborers are required over here to teach these ignorant and consequently darkened ones the right road of life. Progress with some is very slow and tedious, requiring tact and patience in the teacher, which at last induces the pupil to move onward, until finally the light becomes so invitingly brilliant that the awakened pupil finds himself on the great highway of the eternal unfoldment of his innate but long-dormant mental and spiritual energy. The very purpose of—spirit return, and its revelations and teachings among mortals, is to counteract the effects of ignorance among the people of earth,

as touching the great purpose of life in its relations to the various conditions.—You begin to progress here:—and learning that there is a law that great soul growth and appreciation cometh out of great tribulations, we rest the more content that we can ultimately assist the seemingly unfortunate to the glorious heights beyond.”

In a clairaudient message given to Mrs. H. V. Rhodes of Chicago, Lincoln, speaking of the various planes or realms of life, said: —“He (man) will find that these different planes interpenetrate one another, as smoke interpenetrates air: that a plane which we call higher is but simply one of a finer rate of vibration. Thus it will be seen that all created beings are related, that Infinite Wisdom created diversity in unity, and that life is universal and there is no death. The boundless and throbbing heart of God sends its emotions into every part of His creation, circulating love throughout the universe, as a physical heart sends the pulsing life blood through the human body. Humanity’s great problem will be solved.”

Abraham Lincoln’s life and his work, while here in the earth-plane, have endeared him forever to a nation; over there, on the Spirit Side of Life, he is held in great reverence because of the magnitude of his soul-light. What peace and satisfaction must be his, as through the years, he returns to the earthplane to counsel and aid the leaders of his beloved country even as those on the Spirit Side of Life were permitted to counsel and aid him in the darkest hours that awful calamity—our Civil War!

The last time I talked with Mr. Lincoln was in Mrs. Aber’s trumpet seance a week ago (Feb. 3, 1935). He spoke of the condition of our country, and of the discontent of our people. We must, as a people, he said, go back to the simpler life. The leaders are at fault; so are the people. In our keen desire to progress individually, we ignore or purposely overlook our brother’s part in the plan of life. Until we co-operate with the leaders, and the latter work for the upliftment of the country, seeking national service rather than personal honors and gain—until then, there is not much hope for us to again become a prosperous, harmonious nation.

It grieves the Ministering Spirits over there to see the larger portion of our people worshipping the God of Self, and placing material things, and the money with which they may be bought, as the main objective in our earth life. When we pass on to the Spirit Side of life, we will be poverty stricken spirits, at the bottom of the spiritual ladder, with a long and tedious climb before us.

When I said: "Mr. Lincoln, I am planning to give a birthday sermon for you Feb. 9," he answered: "I thank you. I appreciate everything mortals try to do for spirits."

Then he gave a lengthy and interesting talk on the existence of life, closing with the information that life would always exist, and the opportunity for spirit progression was limitless, we mortals not being able to conceive of the immensity of God's evolutionary plan.

May the spirit of Abraham Lincoln and his spirit associates stand guard over the welfare of our country, and because of their loyalty and their love for our nation, may God harken unto their prayers, and keep us evermore in the paths of peace.

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,

As the swift seasons roll!

Leave thy low-vaulted past!

Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast.

Till thou at length are free,

Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!"

"The Chambered Nautilus"—Holmes.

Christian Spirit Healing

SPECIAL absent healing by the Rev. Nettie Garmer Barker and Spirit Healers will be given you. You cannot pay for the healing—that is from God—but you do donate \$3.00 per month to the Rev. Barker for her time. To receive Life's richest blessings, you must do something for someone else. Begin by sending in \$3.00 to the Rev. Barker, and a name, (someone besides your self) to whom you wish your gift of a yearly subscription to the Christian Spiritualist Quarterly sent. For yourself, you will be given a daily spiritual treatment for your own needs for a month. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply, and address Rev. Nettie Garmer Barker, 3540 Wabash Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

"The years have glided swiftly by,
And brought me far adown life's way,
I calmly wait the signal call
To pass those portals cold and gray.
Beyond those portals surely lies,
A land of radiance bright and fair,
Where I shall meet the friendly eyes,
Of those dear friends who wait me there."

—Emma J. Duley.

Universal Healing Club

Health—Happiness—

Prosperity—Peace

IF TWO of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father in heaven."

This club is open to you, **whoever you are**, and **wherever you may be**, as a channel through which you may fulfill for yourself and the other members the Christ-Law of healing and prosperity. "Freely ye receive, freely give."

Time: 8:30 to 9 a. m., Central Standard Time.

We bring you each morning, at this time, the mighty healing power of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Every person joining this healing club has tuned in on the Universal Healing Wave of our Blessed Savior, Jesus of Nazareth, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

This healing force is free, abundant, and never-failing. "God is no respecter of persons." The Christ power heals **you, me, everybody!** Believe in it, ask for it and soon you shall realize peace, poise, and power coming into your life. For as you "draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh unto you."

At this sacred half-hour, you, individually, are asking, through the other members as the spiritual instrument, for healing in all your physical, mental, material, and spiritual affairs. "Ask and it shall be given you." If you continue to tune in on this universal broadcast for yourself and others each morning, you are sincerely seeking, and you **shall** find that which you seek. "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

In unity there is strength. Each morning, at this time, join us in spirit, for a half-hour of universal healing.

Sing the first verse of "The Great Physician."

Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

Then sit, for 15 minutes in silence. "Be still and know that I am God."

Sing the first and third verses of "Pass Me Not, O, Gentle Savior."

Repeat the Twenty-third Psalm, slowly, prayerfully, emphasizing each word as if it were written especially for you and your needs. After which, ask for what you desire for yourself and others. Prayer is the door through which we seek and receive aid from our Heavenly Father. Each morning, together you and I and every member of this club shall take your problems to the Lord in prayer. Jesus says: "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Therefore, at this hour, pray, "God bless us," and "God heal us and supply our every need."

Sing one verse of "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

Close with singing the first verse of "The Great Physician."

"According to your faith be it unto you."

Send Rev. Nettie Garmer Barker, 3540 Wabash Ave., Kansas City, Mo., a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your Universal Healing Club membership card. This is the only expense attached to this service. Otherwise it is free to all.

(During the past quarters, marvelous healing for all kinds of problems is reported. Join us, and realize this mighty healing vibration for yourself and yours.)

GEORGE WASHINGTON: SPIRITUALIST

George Washington, because it was necessary to preserve our American liberty was

“First in war”;

because of the Christ Spirit within, and because it was his life motive, he was

“First in peace”;

and because he lived the Master’s second greatest commandment—“Love ye one another,” he was

“First in the hearts of his countrymen.

And we Christian Spiritualists know that because of his Christian earth life he now is first in the realm of patriot spirits, beyond the vale, who seek unselfishly to continue to serve their country.

Washington and his contemporaries—signers of the Declaration of Independence and framers of the Constitution of the United States—were all men of deep learning. There is no question but that many of them contacted the higher spheres, and received from the Spirit Side of Life much valuable information that they incorporated in our national laws. But ignorance and prejudice prevailed in that day, and men kept their psychic knowledge a secret, or else faced the fate of Joan of Arc and others, who, hearing the voices of the so-called dead, were burned at the stake as witches.

George Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732, on a farm in Westmoreland county, Va. His father was a well-to-do farmer owning several plantations with many slaves. When he was eleven years old, his father passed to Spirit Life, and from then on his mother’s influence molded his life, her example and her counsel making him the beloved leader and great patriot he was later. His education completed when he was sixteen, he became a surveyor, saving his money and acquiring property before he was of age. This fact and

his high quality of character won for him a solid reputation, and the regard and confidence of the leading men of the country.

When the disputes between the colonies and England began, Washington insisted that arms be the last resort. But in July, 1775, he joined the army and assumed command of 16,000 men. He trained them as best he could for they were half-clothed, worn-out and sick, and with them, during that poverty-stricken winter, he endured the severest privations for the principle of freedom for all.

"Do unto others," and "Love ye one another," the Christ said, and Washington endeavored to follow the Master's teachings. One can easily comprehend the rich harvest that awaited him on the Spirit Side of Life after an earth life spent sowing the seeds of brotherly love, and daily living his creed of toleration and liberty for all.

Thomas Jefferson said of him: "Washington's integrity was the most pure, his justice the most flexible I have ever known; no motives of interest, of friendship, or hatred, being able to bias his decision."

A number of mediums have communicated with the great soul of Washington from the Spirit Side of Life.

There is an account of his materializing in the nineteenth seance for the writing of Mr. Aber's second book, "Beyond The Vail." I am quoting the records of this circle: "Then, this being Feb. 22, there came forth a form resembling the common portrait of George Washington. And straightway several of the circle simultaneously exclaim: 'George Washington!' And the spirit, replying, said, 'Yes, friends, this is George Washington, whom you regard as father of your country. I am very happy for this privilege of being introduced to you. I have had a very great experience since my translation to this side of life. I have met and helped many needy souls, and have also been much assisted by brighter ones than I. I have met your great Lincoln. We are both along the same lines. I may be permitted, by and by, to meet you again and relate to you something that may be of benefit to some souls along the way'."

Twenty-eight years later, Mrs. V. H. Rhodes of Chicago, clair-audiently, received this message from him: "In the lives of men,

nations, and the human race, there have been times of testing to prove their mettle and to ascertain its real worth.—Men have fought with the elements. They have waged war with the giants of the forests. They have mastered the mighty streams whose waters threatened to sweep them out of earth life. Men have battled with each other for that which they considered the rights of freedom and liberty. Nation has cut steel with nation in an endeavor to reach supremacy. The human race now dwelling upon the earth has arrived at a stage in its unfoldment when it must contend with that which is invisible and intangible.

Inherent in man, from the beginning of time, has been the desire to worship God. However great man's folly, however he may tremble in his weakness, whatever may be his failures, he instinctively turns from these to give reverence to the Father of all men. In times of trials and distress, in hardship and heart-break, man turns for courage and help to Him, who 'knoweth the sparrow's fall.'

Nevertheless man has heard with doubt and questioning the reiterations of the small minority of sensitive souls who, through the ages, have proclaimed the reality of the unseen, the invisible world. Men have professed a belief in the invisible Creator of the Universe, and yet they have refused intelligent investigation into the invisible world which surrounds them. Men have acceded to the fact that God reveals himself in the material manifestations of the earth, and yet they deny the possibility of the same revelation outside of the material, visible world.

Men have now entered into a new age, or dispensation, where the mind and soul face opportunities never before granted to the multitudes of the earth. Not that these powers have not always been existent, but that man, in his unawakened condition, has precluded a knowledge, and even an investigation, of this fact.—Now is the time for man to arise in his power and, by every possible means, to determine the truth of these allegations. Even as the light of the sun thrown upon the descending shower of rain breaks into the spectrum of the rainbow, so may the light of knowledge, shining upon the truth, make visible the glory and radiance of universal, unending life.

From the far distant past into the present day, man has but touched the hem of the garment of universal power. Nor can man arrive at a true understanding of this power until he searches with reverence these manifold revelations which await his endeavors."

That Washington understood man's part in the universal plan, and that he viewed with reverence the privilege Almighty God had given him as an instrument through whom the Spirit Side of Life could manifest is indicated in one of his letters, a copy of which Mr. Barker has. It is dated Dec. 28, 1796. We treasure it so highly, we have given it a place in our seance room. It is addressed to "Fellow Citizens and Brothers of the grand Lodge of Penn.

I have received your address with all the feelings of brotherly affection mingled with those sentiments for the Society, which it was calculated to excite.

To have been, in any degree, an instrument in the hands of Providence to promote order and union, and erect upon a solid foundation the true principles of government, is only to have shared with many others in a labor, the result of which, let us hope will prove through all ages, a sanctuary for brothers and a lodge for the virtues.

Permit me to reciprocate your prayers for my temporal happiness, and to supplicate that we may all meet hereafter in that eternal temple, whose builder is the great Architect of the Universe.

(Signed) G. Washington."

This Masonic letter speaks for itself—showing as it does the writer's brotherly love and consideration for his fellowman, and his implicit faith in his Creator, and in eternal life.

The Rosecrucians issue an article titled, "Washington's Vision," in which this great soul, while on the earthplane, was shown America's progression as a republic.

A white vapor rises fold upon fold, and then disappears, showing all the countries of the world stretched out in one vast plane.

An angel, floating in midair, pictures to Washington America's struggle in the Revolutionary War. The Civil War follows next, and after that, a conflict with all nations in which America will be almost overcome. Washington said, "I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn! Then a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word 'UNION,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from Heaven attended by legions of bright spirits. These—joined the inhabitants of America—who immediately taking courage again, closed up their ranks and renewed the battle. The dark cloud rolled away, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious. Then once more I beheld villages, towns and cities springing up where they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice 'While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the republic last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'UNION,' he placed it upon the standard, while the people, kneeling down, said, 'Amen'."

William Cullen Bryant said, "'The groves were God's first temples.'" George Washington, on his knees at Valley Forge, during that bitter cold, desperate winter of 1778, praying to his God, for help for his barefoot soldiers, knelt in the snow, out in the open, in one of God's original temples.

We can meet God face to face, anywhere, anytime, and for any worthy supplication, if our hearts are attuned to the Infinite. George Washington so lived, from his youth up to the very hour of his passing, such a life that he had a passport to the portals of the Kingdom of the Almighty. Over there, at this very moment, he may, if he chooses, ascend to celestial heights. But he and the mighty Lincoln, together with other patriots, prefer to return to the earth-plane, and continue their work of aiding their fellowmen. Over there,

he is looked up to as the greatest and best of great men; over here, on the earthplane, he is the ideal of American hero worship.

The example of his life influenced that of another great patriot and Spiritualist, whose birthday is, also, this month (Feb.)—the martyred Lincoln. When the latter was about eleven years of age, a Hoosier schoolmaster lent him Weem's "Life of Washington." From the date of this historic acquaintance with George Washington, Lincoln felt for this mighty hero "a genuine human intimacy," and "to the very day of his death, he regarded Washington as a God-like man." From this date, too, "the principles of Washington became the principles of Lincoln."

In a speech before the New Jersey legislature at Trenton, when the latter was on his way to Washington to take the oath of office as President, he said, speaking of Weem's biography: "I remember all the accounts there given of the battlefield and struggles for the liberties of the country, and none fixed themselves upon my imagination so deeply as the struggle here at Trenton. The crossing of the river—the contest with the Hessians—the great hardships endured at that time—all fixed themselves upon my memory. I recollect thinking then, boy though I was, that there must have been something more than common that these men struggled for."

My first encounter with George Washington was likewise connected with the historic Trenton incident. Mr. Barker and I, on a vacation, on a midsummer afternoon in 1932, were driving on a highway through Missouri. In an interval of silence, each of us busy with his thoughts, I suddenly became aware of streaks of golden light flashing before my eyes. Instantly recognizing this as a psychic manifestation, my mental thought was, "Now what?"

Having attracted my attention, the golden streaks settled down to pencil-like lines against the blue sky—lines as simple and as few as those of a cartoon. Two perpendicular lines, a foot apart, deep

An angel, floating in midair, pictures to Washington America's struggle in the Revolutionary War. The Civil War follows next, and after that, a conflict with all nations in which America will be almost overcome. Washington said, "I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn! Then a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word 'UNION,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from Heaven attended by legions of bright spirits. These—joined the inhabitants of America—who immediately taking courage again, closed up their ranks and renewed the battle. The dark cloud rolled away, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious. Then once more I beheld villages, towns and cities springing up where they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice 'While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the republic last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'UNION,' he placed it upon the standard, while the people, kneeling down, said, 'Amen'."

William Cullen Bryant said, "The groves were God's first temples." George Washington, on his knees at Valley Forge, during that bitter cold, desperate winter of 1778, praying to his God, for help for his barefoot soldiers, knelt in the snow, out in the open, in one of God's original temples.

We can meet God face to face, anywhere, anytime, and for any worthy supplication, if our hearts are attuned to the Infinite. George Washington so lived, from his youth up to the very hour of his passing, such a life that he had a passport to the portals of the Kingdom of the Almighty. Over there, at this very moment, he may, if he chooses, ascend to celestial heights. But he and the mighty Lincoln, together with other patriots, prefer to return to the earth-plane, and continue their work of aiding their fellowmen. Over there,

he is looked up to as the greatest and best of great men; over here, on the earthplane, he is the ideal of American hero worship.

The example of his life influenced that of another great patriot and Spiritualist, whose birthday is, also, this month (Feb.)—the martyred Lincoln. When the latter was about eleven years of age, a Hoosier schoolmaster lent him Weem's "Life of Washington." From the date of this historic acquaintance with George Washington, Lincoln felt for this mighty hero "a genuine human intimacy," and "to the very day of his death, he regarded Washington as a God-like man." From this date, too, "the principles of Washington became the principles of Lincoln."

In a speech before the New Jersey legislature at Trenton, when the latter was on his way to Washington to take the oath of office as President, he said, speaking of Weem's biography: "I remember all the accounts there given of the battlefield and struggles for the liberties of the country, and none fixed themselves upon my imagination so deeply as the struggle here at Trenton. The crossing of the river—the contest with the Hessians—the great hardships endured at that time—all fixed themselves upon my memory. I recollect thinking then, boy though I was, that there must have been something more than common that these men struggled for."

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yellow-gold across the white-gold of the August sunlight, were joined together by a curve at the base. Swiftly, like flashes of lightning, a face was forming. When it was finished, the noble features of George Washington stood out in golden splendor. The face took on expression, and the lips moved. I heard, audibly, the words: "My country is in grave trouble."

Like a flash, the picture changed to the full figure of Washington, in the Continental Army uniform of blue and tan, standing in the front a boat. I recalled Emanuel Leutze's famous painting, "Washington Crossing the Delaware," and as I did so, the lips moved again. "But I stand at the helm to guide her," the general promised.

Two years passed before I again contacted this great spirit. He stepped out of the cabinet, waving the American flag, and in an independent voice, spoke of the work in materialization he planned to do. A week later, he came into the seance room again, dressed in the Continental Army uniform, carrying the American flag, and riding a magnificent white horse. He said his symbol would be our flag—the red, white and blue.

Almost a year later he came in with Teddy Roosevelt, and in direct voice, asked us to sing "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee." At the close of the song, he recited some beautiful patriotic verse, which he said was his own original work.

In July, 1935, I saw him in the seance room, the first manifestation since the above incident, almost a year before. As we had a visitor we were anxious to convince of this great truth of continuous, eternal lift for all, I asked him if he desired to demonstrate for her. He replied instantly, speaking again direct voice, as he thanked me for inviting him in, and assuring us he would be able to carry out the cabinet work as he had planned.

His appearances are infrequent—a dozen times in my four years contact with him, but he always speaks independently, never using

the trumpet. My great hope is that we, of this church, will prove worthy of such a mighty spirit, so that he will choose to appear here among us, and speak direct voice, so all may hear him.

I agree with Lincoln, when he said in one of his speeches: "Washington's is the mightiest name on earth, long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty—still mightiest in the moral reformation. On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible. Let no one attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce his name and in its naked, deathless splendor leave it shining on."

In a newspaper article on how the "Doctrines of Washington Absorbed by Lincoln Helped Preserve The Union," the author tells us: "Washington's stalwart religious faith became the abiding support of Lincoln in his reliance upon Him who has never yet forsaken this favored land." Washington's public and private utterances are filled with references to conspicuous evidences of 'the hand of providence, the 'finger of God,' and the 'patronage of heaven'."

For the hour that sounded the call to arms in the cause of American freedom to this moment, where, from the higher spheres of Spirit Life, George Washington displays his unwavering faith in his Maker and his greatness of soul in his courage to voice and practice what we term Christian Spiritualism.

"I am The Resurrection and The Life, saith the Lord. He that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die." George Washington requested in his will that this verse of Holy Scripture should be placed above his grave. If you ever visit his tomb at Mt. Vernon, you will read it, printed on the wall at the rear of his sarcophagus. It is Washington's declaration of his faith and hope of a future life, and his testimony to the millions, who, in the past have, and who, in the future will, visit his tomb.

Jesus, after His resurrection, when He appeared to the eleven disciples in the upper room, said to them: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." That is the Master's commission to each of us, and I am sure George Washington considered it a special commission to him when he requested that those words of Jesus to Martha of Bethany be used to express his faith in eternal life and in our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. People from every quarter of the globe to visit the Mt. Vernon tomb, and thus George Washington, though called dead, lives, and through this inscription, preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ, and his belief in it, to all the world.

The defender of our country, the founder of American liberty, the friend of man, here and hereafter, **GEORGE WASHINGTON**, mighty soul of Spirit Realms, we Christian Spiritualists salute you, and may God, in His Infinite Mercy and Wisdom keep our paths parallel, and us, as His instruments, one, for universal good.

"Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
 Life is but an empty dream!
 For the soul is dead that slumbers,
 And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
 And the grave is not its goal;
 Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
 Was not spoken of the soul.

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
 Let the dead Past bury its dead!
 Act—act in the living Present!
 Heart within, and God o'erhead."

From "A Psalm of Life."—Longfellow.

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Begin at Leviticus 1:1 and St. Mark 1:1 and read slowly and thoughtfully as much as you can during your Bible period; one day read Leviticus, the next day read in the New Testament. At the close of the quarter, you will be surprised at the progress you have made spiritually along the King's Highway, the road that leads back to God and Soul Peace.

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BOOK CHATTER

"A highway shall be there—and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—the redeemed shall walk there." This highway, this Way of Holiness Isaiah speaks of is the Order of Melchisedek—the order of human development, which goes on up from where we are now to the highest heavens, to God, the Father. Jesus, the Christ, Son of God, is a high priest of this order, and shall remain such forever. The Christian Spiritualist, being also a member of this order, is constantly seeking knowledge that will advance him along the Melchisedek Pathway. To such Enoch Penn's "The Order of Melchisedek" will prove invaluable. The letters given John on Patmos are messages in the seven degrees of attainment in this order. "Because it is the purpose of the Creator that man shall develop into Godliness of character and of powers, which includes an ever increasing knowledge of Spirit and of the Spirit-world, whenever a man—begins to do as he feels God would have him do, he is then where those in the heavens who are watching over the affairs of men can begin to render him definite help." "—there is no end to life, and no limit to man's development." (Cloth, \$1; paper, 50c—Esoteric Pub. Co., Apple-gate Calif.)

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