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- THE CORPSE IS AN ECHO -

'Old age' says astronomer Natalli, 'is the attempt to escape from boredom - from the monotony of constant pressure, from worry & the repetition of distasteful things.' If the inner man be not troubled, then the body of him will show no sign. 'Two hundred and fifty years with never a gray hair or a wrinkle', says he, 'is the right - full heritage of humanity . But when the mind is harassed, then its body weakens. . . Nature knows nothing of age. Her seas and continents and mountains change - but that is not growing old. The trickle of water furrows the granite, the stalactite grows its half-inch in its century; they accept change as every atom in the universe accepts it - but they know nothing of old age or of youth. It is the mind of man that creates this age-idea, time-idea; he is taught it from childhood and dwells under its spell. But by the same token he can negate it, can escape from it.'

When we reflect, we perceive that the mind itself does not age. We change with the passage of the years, in thoughts and interests and emotions; we feel more experienced, a little wiser and more aware of our ignorance; we acquire certain habits and break away from others. In all this the idea of old age is not present, nor any deterioration of the body. But now when we fall prey to worry, to fear, to irritation, to boredom and utter weariness so that we seek (not always consciously) to break these bonds, then the house we have built, every living entity of its myriad cells, responds to the wish and command of its master. Responds to the age-wish and death-wish command, the desire of the master to depart and abide elsewhere.

"The corpse is an echo"* The corpus, the body, the chemical aggregate of the organism is an echo. When the creative and sustaining Word is no longer uttered, the echo responds no more. And if the word is one of fear or anger or weariness, shall not echo answer in like kind? It is a hard saying but a true one, that all body conditions, of health or of disease, are of mental origin. Infection takes place when the body accepts it - and why and when does it accept? Ask whence the tiny lives of the cells accept their governance. Man is indeed a strange and wonderful being, who dwells in the four worlds (and more?) at every moment. His brain consciousness is the tip of the berg, nine-tenths hidden in the darkness of ocean stream. Space, time, and cause, and all of Nature's aspects are 'within' him - and if he were not, would they continue to exist? It is he who creates and who destroys, and in him the creative Fiat has its being. That he has made and momentarily makes his own physical body, is but one miracle out of the many of the fullness of his Godhood.

For the mind to grow old is impossible, since time is its own creation. For the body to grow old is possible, because it is within the mind, and the mind has a dream and a delusion and lays a law upon it. If you would keep the body whole and perfect through unbelievable years, the answer is almost in a single word - Quietude! The mind unscarred by circumstance has a body unscarred by time.

* John A. Hilliard, BSRA. p.23, this issue.

- EXCERPTS FROM THE SEANCES -

(As most of our readers know, the Directors and Associates have devoted much time, during the last four years, to the study of the deep-trance communications received through the remarkable mediumship of Mark Probert. The interest in these has steadily increased and we have received numerous requests that we print excerpts from them. Please see further note at the end of this article).

Control LAO-TSE)
Concerning iden-
tity and proof.)

'See now how easily we are recognized in this world by a way of closing the eyes, by a twist of the eyebrow or some other little personal habit!* And yet there are others who do not recog-

nize another under the best conditions (possible), with the best proofs. So, what is proof? What is the proof of who you are? How shall I answer who I am? By the things I did, or the things I am doing, or the things I shall do? Was it only a body that you called Lao-Tse, Lao-Tzu or whatever you wish to call me, the Librarian? Were there not other librarians of at least equal intellect? Did they not also live a humble life? In every physical respect could they not also be called Lao-Tse? If this is true, then Lao-Tse never lived.** Nor have any of you (by the same tests). How do you know who you are? On what grounds can you prove to me who you are? You will undoubtedly show me all your credentials and that will be supposed to be proof! But they are merely tags, labels! We carry them around and show them to others, we must have a label or people will not like us.*** But who is this "I" who says "I am going to do" so-and-so? But all you prove to me is your physical self as I am looking at you. And then I don't know; I take your words, read your credentials, your tags. But maybe some time you had an attack of amnesia, so you changed your name and way of life. Can any of you give me concrete facts that do not change? Life is not at all as you see it, as you look at it thru your physical eyes. You are observing an outside illusion that exists only as you make it exist by your thinking. Its underlying cause and true activity you cannot see. Close observation and study will give you an entirely different picture, great beyond your now fondest dreams.

In the past you have been led this way and that by your teachers who did not want you to know the truth. Your own Bible says, the truth shall make you free - but most people don't look for the truth;

* The Control was identified, as often, before he began to speak, by facial expressions and mannerisms.-- ** i.e., as an individual. *** Incredible as it may seem, one 'critical' sitter produced a driver's license as proof of his identity. (an "investigator" and "psychic researcher" at that!!)

they go along like sheep and when something goes wrong and they find themselves unhappy they do one of two things: they either accuse the God they have been taught to believe in of neglecting them, or they say, 'the Lord chasteneth His own.' When you are capable of realizing that happiness lies within yourself, is a part of you, you will not pursue that will-'o-the-wisp outside, nor think it dependent on others. You say 'if only I had the company of' so-and-so, or 'if only I had a lot of money!' You need only look into yourself to know that you are happy, you are good, you are great - the greatest being in the world - both the physical and the spiritual.

We do not come to destroy your pictures nor your faith. You will believe what you wish to believe and nothing else. We do not ask that you believe whatever we say; we ask that you look for yourself. It is only when you find the answers yourself that the answers are true. Do you think you need a go-between - you and your God? Do you think you must build great temples so that this God can be honored and praised in them? Did not the Christ drive the money changers out of the Temple? Did he build a great temple for himself where he could talk about God his Father, while the children of God walked around in hunger and privation? Is it not true that the 'greater' a civilization becomes, the greater they build the outward temple? Is it to show that they have advanced? They have advanced physically but not spiritually. When you pray, say a prayer to your Self - and we mean your God-Self, your own High Self.

You ask, "Does this self ever show itself?" How shall I answer that? Suppose you paint a picture, on a flat surface, in any medium. It may look like a living individual. Can the picture contemplate itself? It is the same with the High Consciousness; it cannot contemplate itself. Yet, it contemplates all things; therefore it must contemplate itself, because it is all things - a paradox! . . .

As to consciousness, it is neither male nor female. The Self may return to embodiment in a male or female body. It gets to understand all phases of existence. Did it not come up through all other forms, so why should it not come up as either male or female? We are so inclined to believe in form! Form is not necessary except for the acquirement of certain knowledge. Therefore we take form according to the knowledge we need. Each form is necessary for the state of consciousness in which you happen to be at the time. Each body is built according to need, to necessity; and that necessity is determined by the Self itself.

Re-embodiment is determined by Desire; therefore when you leave the physical body you cannot step aside from the desire-body. Desire is not a low thing; you must have it. But if you are to progress you must train the desire body so that you may guide it and it will not master you. This (need for) mastery creates all of man's troubles. It is like a sensitive plate ready to pick up the smallest light that falls on it. If you do not know what is good for it, you suffer. But remember, your good may not be your neighbor's good. In our eyes, good and evil do not exist. Nature does not understand good and evil. It knows only action. Man grows through struggle, irritation and

wakefulness. Down to the atom, all life is activated by irritation. When it stops, we cease to act and so deteriorate.

There is no one force working alone in the universe; there are always two working together. Some you may call harmonious and some you may think out of harmony - but that is your observation. Be sure you are right for your own sake. . . .

Nothing happens by chance. Man attaches chance to happenings by his own ability to think or not to think. ...But I do not think it possible in our present state of awareness to comprehend a "First Cause". You can call it Mind or Consciousness or Action of one sort or another... The word God is another tag, just as mind is

Concerning) Reincarnation is a matter of choice by the in -
Reincarnation) dividual. I know it is thought by some that this
 is outside the jurisdiction of the individual, and
 they are desirous of leaving it to the God-Force. But truly, it is
 not good to think that way. It is the Self that desires to stay for
 a short or a long time. *

Concerning) You have been led to believe that one who has com -
Suicides) mitted suicide will go through a great deal of suffer-
 ing. This is not necessarily true. What he suffers, if
 anything, depends on the state of mind in which he left the physi-
 cal life. If a person has found a reason, a reasonable purpose, and
 that physical life is too much for him - would you like to have him
 go on suffering physical hell in preference to astral hell or after-
 death hell? He will take all his problems with him. He will not
 solve them right away. But the fact that he has come over by his own
 hand does not make him a bit worse off or better off than anyone
 else. And if he becomes "earth-bound" it is not that act of suicide
 that causes it, but his desire to have something happen that he can-
 not force to take place. Suicide is a psychological escape, an es-
 cape mechanism.

(As to the determination of the life span) that is determined
 by the individual before he enters physical life - just as on other
 planes. This determination is caused by desire. And as I said, ev-
 ery thing happens in a harmonious state. Whatever may cause the end
 of physical life, it is not accidental. There is no accident; you
 have brought the condition on... The blessing of the High Self upon
 you all.

* The Communicator went on to say that the so-called astral shells
 are thought forms produced by persons in physical life and by others
 in the astral life. All the Controls at these seances agree that the
 usual teaching about astral shells is incorrect. All of them, also,
 reject the "vicarious atonement" as a false theological invention;
 they also assert that the crucifixion was an initiation ceremony which
 all Masters undergo, and that it was not a physical death as is us-
 ually taught. "That is put for those who do not look deeper". The
 crucifixion is the renunciation of physical life in favor of the ex-
 alted Christ-Consciousness. (Sitting of Sept. 22, 1949).

Control YADA
DI SHI'ITE
 (Chief of the
 Shi'ite clans,
 Himalayas).

Lack of comprehension does not exist only on your plane but on many planes. Do not think that because you pass out of the physical-chemical body you are different. You are not. You carry all of your habits, thoughts, mannerisms. As you think, so you are. You make your own heaven and your own hell . . . And there is no such thing as the 'supernatural'. You

by your thinking make an event natural or supernatural, because you do not understand. From the moment an entity comes into the physical - chemical world he is being conditioned to know certain things. Each is taught in a different way, but each is told that what he is taught is ultimate truth and no other is right. But a man must stop thinking in such a way as this.

Reembodiment takes place on every plane of consciousness; man travels from plane to plane, learning. It is not only to the physical plane that we return.. What we fail to learn now, we go on and come back and learn. This is the opinion of myself and of the 'Inner Circle.' But we have always taught that our belief is not the ultimate, not the end. There is always the chance that you will change your thoughts by learning for yourself. Only so can you really learn. If you take some one else's pattern you will be under bondage to him. Is it for this that the great God-Force presented you with a brain - so that you can live off the thoughts of another?

I have lived through several earth lives. Every new body of course seems to be a different personality. There is talk about the personality and the Ego, the Soul and the Spirit. But let me ask you - do any of you know anything about this soul, spirit, ego, psychic body? Or have you just been told. We come not to confuse you but only to stir you into thinking. This is the spiritual era; man's steps now will be not of the physical body but of the mind. Know what you do! Know what you are seeking as closely as you can. . . .

You ask, what is the goal of man? It is nothing and it is everything. The Goal means a stage where you can help your fellow man in his upward journey. Service is the only goal. The Kingdom of Heaven is a state of consciousness. And there is no such thing as sub- or superconsciousness - but only consciousness. When a man attains heaven he attains it in consciousness - there is no other place. But to live in 'perpetual peace' is to vegetate, not to progress. And what is 'good' and 'evil'? That I would like to know. The wrong-doer, the criminal, expects to find happiness by his acts. He thinks, 'that is my way to attain it'. The same is true of the ways of nations. Your society fails to teach that there is no thing that can make anyone happy. But we cannot blame everything on environment. Many acts are not the result of environment... Yes, I do think that it is the time for another great teacher to appear, but it is not for me to tell you anything of that with sureness. Sureness for me, yes, but not for you. Because you have enough problems to solve without my adding to them.

Now I shall leave, if you will excuse me. *

Control, Professor
Alfred Luntz --
Theology, Oxford &
Heidelberg

You asked whether or not a group which held the thought of peace on earth regularly and earnestly could accomplish anything. A wonderful idea, but I'm afraid wishful thinking. To take a small example of that, we have the Christian Science idea of getting an illness out of the body by merely stating, "I am of God, therefore I cannot be ill". Now, the subjective mind does not understand that sort of thing. It has, through a period of time, built up poisons in the body, and it knows these poisons exist. But if the mind were to say to itself, "at a given time I shall be well" it is more likely that the mind will go to work on that idea and bring it into being.

The world is not going to stop war because some individuals want it stopped and say they believe it will stop. There must be activity. Faith without works availeth naught. . . .

Every Master that has come to earth has been accused of coming to save the people - of coming to bring a Utopia of peace and good works. It is extremely doubtful that any Master ever made such a remark himself. No teacher or Avatar ever came with the express purpose of saving man. That is not his job; he knows he cannot do it. Man can only save himself. The world is not going to cease fighting and striving until it has attained a certain illumination, a certain understanding. Illumination does not come through the masses... And do you think it is love that makes one nation feed another? It does so because it is politically or economically ambitious. There are great souls in every nation who would do that (help others) but they usually are not heads of the nations. I know that this is shameful. The Master Christ taught, "Love one another" and so on. But where is that love? The very institution that was supposed to foster it has burned at the stake, crucified and tortured its fellowman in the name of the Master. . . .

One of you made a statement about living in a gold fish bowl - because we can look in on you at any time. This is true on any plane of consciousness. The higher can always look upon the lower, and the lower can look upon the higher when it has learned how. So, the entire universe is a gold fish bowl. Consciousness knows no doors.

You ask 'is there no privacy on any plane?' There is always privacy of a kind - but what is there to be private about? We can protect ourselves from surveillance to a certain extent, but there are entities to whom all is an open book. But what difference does it make? Whatever anyone thinks of you, he knows it is true of himself. A man never meets a stranger; he meets himself when he meets another man. It is said that God marks even the fall of a sparrow. So, there is no place to hide - but why should you wish to hide? As to mere curiosity, anyone interested in physical living to any extent cannot spend time thinking of anything but his own life; and the others are so glad to be out of it that they are not likely to be spending much time in it.

(Meeting of June 19, 1949).

Control, Professor
Alfred Luntz (con.)
Question and Answer.

(Question, Dr.C. Does assistance and inspiration from your side account for what we call genius?).

Not always, sir. There are times when individual spirit force has nothing to do with the activity of a genius, but the mind rises up to meet the on-coming intelligence of the Great Mind. It is difficult for anyone still in the physical body to understand a flowing Force which is intelligent. I think that of all people those who could best grasp it would be botanists and medical doctors and surgeons - but not physicists. (Q.)... Because they are dealing constantly with the material counterpart through which the Force flows. They do not realize that the physical body cannot exist without the mind force to govern it and hold it...
 (Q. concerning Edison):

Edison was helped a great deal by certain entities who were interested in what he was doing. The kind of force attracted depends on what one is doing. Sometimes it is the force of a mind advanced in certain fields; or it may be this thing I call intelligent Force, when the cells of the mind are brought up into higher vibratory speed. This of course is the chemicals arranging themselves to meet the on-coming Force.

(Q. Where does the superior receptivity of genius originate - in his own history?)

Not necessarily so, but sometimes. There are cases of a seeming dolt rising suddenly to the stature of a genius. In such an instant the mind is being operated on by the Great Mind. In other instances it is being controlled by departed entities; in others it is a distant remembering of former lives and abilities.

(Q. There is some peculiar quality in the individual that makes him receptive to manipulation?)

Yes, that condition is brought about by desire, by the great desire. .. Yes, the entities could operate on anyone who had a strong desire. All great desires and prayers are answered eventually. So it is well to be careful what you ask for and wish for. *

(The Control continues with a discussion of old-rose light in invigorating the body. The effects of serious concentration upon this light are said to be most remarkable. But if one goes at psychic work with toomuch 'push', the tension drives the psychic ability away. The concentration should not last longer than 15 or 20 minutes...). **

* Oct. 3, 1948. Seance Report X, p.26, ff.

** Oct. 3, 1948. PP 27,28. Report X. The Luntz control was followed by George Arliss: 'Death is disconcerting and may be unhappy, and yet you find things much more beautiful here than on your side - and so much more freedom!...I am learning about conditions I never dreamed of before coming over...'

Control ARAKASHI:

The Second Death-
Doubles ... etc.

'Yes, there is a 'second death', but no more to be feared than the first, because it is nothing but a change of consciousness. If a man understood himself better he could stay

in the physical body or on the astral plane or any of the planes as long as he desired. Man while still in the physical body has the machine to contact all planes. Man is everywhere present, everywhere conscious, but he has not learned how to reach out through: eternity and through space. He conceives of himself as a physical being, but there is physical substance on all the planes - because man is thought, and thought is everywhere, in everything - he is in and thru-out all.

(Q. A double seems to have a consciousness of its own, operating often in a distant place; but we do not understand what is the link between the brain consciousness and the double).

'I hardly know how to express it - but since man is thought he is not grounded to the so-called physical structure, but through this he can project many bodies. Because he thinks, he attracts the life force, which is dynamic, and can take on any form that he desires.

(Q. Does the projected double have a consciousness of its own?)

'Yes, it thinks of itself as I - I AM, because consciousness is no more and no less in the projected double than it is in the individual here.

(Q. It is operating on its own time scheme that does not conflict with the man in the physical body?)

'Yes, it does conflict, without his knowing it. Something has been in his mind, troubling him, but he puts it away, wishing something could be done but not knowing what to do. And when his mind has reached a certain point of pressure a projection takes place, and that projection will go out and see what is to be done. When it returns the man says, 'now I know what to do', not realizing it was the projection.

(Q. Can we have a kind of quantum theory of consciousness, so that the energy flow of consciousness is really particulate or atomic?)

'Yes - that concept is entirely valid. Like so many things you do not seem to grasp, it is the time point. There can be a now for you now, but there is still another state of consciousness that is also now but is different from what you call time. . . Yes, one can fool himself about a projection, because there is consciousness that can go out without forming a body - an energy projection. This can be made at will... Yes, there is an infinity of nows. Each of you, and of us, is building illusions, solidified or not, for what is called life, and for our particular now. That makes endless nows.

On every plane that you reach on going away from earth life, you will find matter less particulate in nature*. **

* The Control means more finely divided and approaching a continuum.

** Sept. 5, 1948. Report X, pp. 6 ff.

Control, Ramon)
Natalli, Astron-
omer, 16th c.)
Question & Ans.)

" This year (1950) your astronomers are going to witness much planetary activity. I mean, in the heavens.

(Q. Some has already been observed on Mars)
 There will be some also on Venus.

(Q. Would you care to speak of what looked to us like a great explosion on Mars a day or so ago?).

"It was - a great and terrible explosion. It came from a gigantic volcano that has not been active for hundreds of years. There was an eruption over some 9,000 miles of land, and a terrible, terrible quake."

(Q. Were there inhabitants who were killed or injured by it?)

"Not inhabitants like yourselves, but life forms of a lower nature. And there has been some talk about sky phenomena, things that fly in your skies; some seem to think these come from Mars or Venus. They do, but not from the terrestrial Mars or Venus" (i.e., the visible planets). "But there is around every planet, around every body in the vast heavens, an etheric world. These bodies govern or are governed by those in the etheric world. They are under their direct and watchful eye."

(Q. Are you saying that what we call the planets Mars and Venus are under the control of their counterparts?). (Answer: Yes, they are).

(Q. And is that true of our planet?)

"Yes - these Intelligences - I believe some of you call them the Group Soul. It is not too good an expression, it does not explain things.

(Q. Would you say that all these sky craft come from the etheric region of some particular planet? (Answer: I most assuredly would).

(Q. Will you tell us which planet?)

"I think, Venus. In fact, those who constructed these so-called Disc ships copied the design of their craft after the body of Venus with its outer vibrating disc or ring."

(Q. And the others come from other planets, Mars, for example?..And also from the etheric region of our earth?)

"Yes, from the planets. And all must of course pass through the etheric region of your earth, and to do so must have the permission of the Etherians. Each comes from its own particular rate of vibration, which is an unseen pattern of the seen body."

(Q. So, although it is not correct to say that some of the craft come from Mars, it is correct to say that some of them come from the etheric duplicate of Mars?) (Answer: Yes, that is correct.)

(Q. Do they come from all the planets of our system?)

"Yes, they come very readily. These craft have often crossed what you call the Milky Way."

(Q. That means the distances they travel are thousands of light years. How can that be?)

"I think my honorable colleague Rama-Ka-Lo tried to point out that these craft are not wjat may be tefmed a solid. Their solidity is

formed according to where they are going, what their mission is, and the particular body in the heavens they are approaching. As they come into the sphere of attraction of that body, they have to make their vibration conform to that of the body".

(Q. Suppose one of these craft leaves, say, Arcturus or Orion and transits into our etheric - what is it that passes? It is not any 'stuff' that we know of.)

"Most assuredly not. It is matter so formed that its - shall I say, behaviorism, its motion pattern, can be and is driven at the speed of light and beyond. Light is not the fastest thing. You say, light travels about 186,000 miles per second. Add 500 to that and you will have it yet closer. Yet, under the direction of the - for want of another word - operative force of mind, here and there does not exist. But still, you lay down a law and all your people learn that law. Of course, you must have a theory of some kind, but to be dogmatic about any law, as some of your scientists are, shows lack of intelligence. Sir, if there were nobody here and nobody there and this was a vast void - where would here and there be? *

(Q. We understand that on some of your planes, if you wish to be in a certain place, you are 'there' as quickly as you can think of it. Can this be true of bodies in the solar system also?)

"Yes, it can. I am aware, of course, that most of your scientific minds, in material science, will laugh at this. This problem of speed has been an enigma to man for many centuries. "

(The Natalli Control at this point diverted the discussion by posing the question: How does Time create age? Age in Nature, he asserted, 'is merely change. In human beings, age is an escape mechanism to get away from monotony. "If you are full of joy and interest you will not age. Age is the inability to escape constant pressure. If you understand life, you do not have constant pressure. Nothing would appear on the inner you, hence it would not appear on the outer you either. Man should live to be 250 years old without signs of age...One of the reasons you are here on the earth plane is to learn to overcome death. This means to learn how to manipulate the energy-matter of your body, which is of your mind. And this depends entirely on the individual - there is no such thing as mass consciousness.' "But now the honorable Professor Luntz is nudging me, I must go".

* It is easy to object to the tautological form of such statements, but we should remember that this is conversation, and not addressed to scientists or philosophers. Natalli is reaffirming the familiar philosophical position about the subjectivity of space-time, and saying that the ether-ships while in transit from 'remote' parts of the universe have the materiality and reality of a thought-form - which is an energy pattern and has a 'real' existence in some grade of etheric matter. Its vibration rate is altered as it enters varying magnetic fields, and the craft may then become visible to us. This may yet be recognized as the first public statement of ether-ship transit.

MEDIUMS AND)
MEDIUMSHIP)

For the information of new readers, it may be well to make the following addendum to the rather lengthy excerpts just quoted. Dr. Nandor Fodor, in his authoritative Encyclopedia of Psychic Science, article

Medium, states:

'Agreement is now nearly general that mediumship is not pathological. It is not a development of certain abnormal states like hysteria. Confusion arises from the fact that supernormal* use the same channels of manifestation as abnormal phenomena. The latter are degenerative, the former are developmental and show the promise of powers as yet unknown. Flournoy says "It is far from being demonstrated that mediumship is pathological; it is abnormal in the sense of being rare, but rarity is not morbidity... The dominant view among savants is, that it is a healthy, superior, and advantageous faculty, not a pathological parody or morbid caricature." Dr. Guisepppe Venzano says that 'mediumship absolutely excludes the idea of morbidity.'. . ."Many books have been published in the effort to show that mediumship leads to nervous derangement and insanity. Statistical investigations, however, have proved that the percentage of spiritualists in the asylums is very small." (in 42 institutions, 32,315 male patients, spiritualists number 45, clergymen 215; proportion of former one to every 711. Report of Dr. Eugen Crowell). (Fodor).

The Directors and Associates of the Borderland Sciences have attempted to take a practical and factual view of mediumistic phenomena, avoiding on the one hand the religious and sentimental approach of spiritualism, and on the other the dull, barren, and repetitious labors of the 'psychic research' societies. We have concentrated our attention on the content of the communications, and have spent very little time on "proofs of identity" - which in the nature of the case can never be final and conclusive. We have, on the whole, held the discussions to scientific, philosophical, and occult subjects, that is to say, to subjects of an impersonal type. In all this, for some four years past, we have had the fullest cooperation of the Controls.

As to the usual glib gabble about dissociation, multiple personalities, the 'subconscious' of the medium, and so on, we can reply only that all experience to date, in the mediumship of Mark Probert, seems to show that the communicators are indeed fully integrated personalities, whose knowledge and vocabulary far outrun the accomplishments of the medium and usually of the sitters. Those of the 'Inner Circle' at least seem to be courteous, wise, learned, and honorable persons. In the few instances where they have ventured on predictions, these have been remarkably accurate. The ten mimeographed booklets of seance records are a veritable mine of unusual information and suggestive viewpoints. It is this information which must stand or fall by its own merits, and which has been our main objective. The medium Mark Probert has had only small compensation for his long service. We consider him as one of the finest trance mediums now living, and his personal honesty has never been questioned.

* L.8. Sup. phenomena.

" ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION - THE FUTURE BASIS
OF SPIRITUALISM "

(Quotation and summary from a lecture delivered under the quoted title, by Ernest Thompson, Editor of The Two Worlds, before the Newcastle Psychical Research Institute, January 25, 1948)*.

5) The "Materialist Age" will be supplanted by the "Spiritualist Age", and it will be the function of the latter to unite mankind into a Cosmic society - not only a human brotherhood, but a union embracing incarnate humanity as well. This will be made possible by the discovery of electronic means of communication between the planes. Spiritualism is
 10) founded on the fact that spirits communicate with us through mediums; the fact has long been demonstrated and the movement has spread over the entire world. Nevertheless it has not obtained the acceptance of the masses, nor the interests of intellectuals and scientists. The causes of this are (a) the difficulties of mediumship (b) its decline in quality and frequency (c) the relative disappearance of home circles and (d) the poor standard of "spirit inspired" mediumistic addresses.

Only a scientifically reliable means of communication, comparable to telephonic and radio communication, can establish spiritualism as the leading spiritual force in the world. Such a means will bring home the
 20) reality of the continuity of life, the existence of the spirit world, and the concept of eternal progress. The establishment of the New Age will be delayed until this is accomplished. An electronic spirit radio would achieve this great step forward. Indeed, science is even now unconsciously taking steps toward the production of such an
 25) instrument, which will respond to and translate those ethereal patterns of energy waves which emanate from the minds of returning spirits and which contain their thoughts. (pp.1-8)

The detonation of the atom bomb proved the correctness of exist-
 30) ing theories concerning the interior structure of the atom. Subatomic energy is the physical borderland between the universe of ether and the universe of matter. It leads into energy-frequencies beyond the range of the human senses. Scientists realize that the real potential force in matter belongs to an invisible and ethereal order of
 35) natural phenomena, and their most recent philosophical reaction is notable in the same direction as the ideas we have held for 100 years concerning the ethereal world in which spirits live. The study of atomic structure in general leads in this same general direction. Note too the recent success of Dr. Thomas' "electronic brain"; he tells us "mass production at the pressing of a button is in sight.

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There is no industrial process that we cannot do automatically". A plane has been flown across the Atlantic piloted by an electronic brain. It will detect flaws in silk and colors in dyes, and inspect finished products for weight, composition, finish, size, and color. Such steps in the conquest of matter lead eventually to the universe of spirit. The electronic brain may well be another step toward the "electronic medium" and efficient and reliable communication between the two worlds of human life, under the practical leadership of the spirit people. Spirit leadership will become an everyday reality. And as tele-
 10) vision has followed the loud speaker, so spirit television sets will follow spirit loud-speakers. Yes, this is really a possibility - and the thing that will make it possible is supersonics.

If you clap your hands near a brick wall, the sound will be re -
 15) flected by the wall. If a person stands between you and the wall, his body reflects a small portion of the sound, in a pattern resembling his bodily form. But if a spirit is standing there, his body will not re - flect the sound. That is because the low frequency air vibrations find no response in the very high frequency ethereal organism of the spirit
 20) body. If however a sound could be produced which was of a similar rate of vibration to that of the spirit's body, it would be reflected. This sound would be of such a high pitch as to be quite beyond our hearing capacity. And we now have scientific means of producing such sounds. The apparatus for "supersonic sight" for the blind will cause supersonic
 25) sound to radiate and reflect a vibratory picture of what lies before a blind person. A suitable microphone will pick up these sounds and by means of another device they will give to the blind a form of sense perception enabling them to move about freely. This is an auxiliary mode of sight, and the principle of detection is similar to the
 30) radar process.

Now, ordinary human beings are blind to the spirit people, but if we could produce supersonics of a similar frequency to that of the ethereal body, we could radiate supersonic waves toward the spirit, and devise a means of reception which would convert the reflected ethereal
 35) vibrations into amplified electrical impulses, which in turn could be translated into light patterns resembling the forms of our spirit friends.

Spirit television would thus become an accomplished fact. The central problem, as in spirit radio, is the bridging of the gulf between
 40) the low frequencies of matter and the high frequencies of spirit. and orthodox science itself is slowly closing the gap. There is evidence, too, that our minds can receive radio waves. Mediums have received and repeated radio messages, on high speed radio transmission, without the aid of a radio receiver. This indicates that there is some
 45) kind of link between radio signals on the ether, and the subconscious mind. Now, thought signals can also be received from spirit people, in the subconscious, and this brings us another step forward toward the discovery of radio receiving apparatus sensitive enough to

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respond to thought signals. There is some frequency relation between radio signals and thought signals, in view of the fact that they can both be received by the same human apparatus. What we now have to invent is radio apparatus capable of producing the same results.

5) Radar also is of great importance in so far as spirit television is concerned. Electro-encephalographic research is another milestone. In this, the brain currents which mirror our mental processes can be recorded by instruments and graphs made of them.

10) It is generally believed, on the strength of information received from the spirit world, that if we progress intellectually and spiritually. If this is true, the difference in vibratory existence will produce different frequencies of thought energy, and it might be true to say that two spirits would not be able to transmit their thoughts

15) on exactly the same wave length. This would constitute the fundamental principle of spirit radio. Such an apparatus would have to be selective so as to tune into different vibratory rates at will. This would leave the control of communications with us.

20) With such a breath-taking revolution in social relationships, the opportunities for spiritual development and progress would be increased a thousand-fold. The possibilities of broadcasting speeches from great reformers, scientists and artists of the past would have incalculable beneficial effects upon religion, philosophy, science and Art. It

25) would not necessarily put an end to spiritualistic mediumship. The radio did not silence the theatre, etc. It would, however, make public demonstrations and private sittings unnecessary. It would not interfere or detract from personal psychic development. There would probably be an increase in human mediumship because more and more spirits,

30) incarnate and discarnate would be attracted to and consciously concentrating on "Borderland." There would be an enormous need for teaching and guidance in the new situation thus created. A new outlook and a new philosophy would have to be preached.

35) The underlying principle, as I see it, in Electronic Mediumship is the general principle of energy. Energy is simply matter in motion. Thought is also energy, but the indications are that the motion of thought is of a very high frequency of vibration. I visualize it as originating in the high-frequency vibrations of the molecules

40) of memory, which have been created by the electro-magnetic energy of sensory perception, and subsequent association-mentation, in the unconscious regions of the psyche. When thought is generated it stimulates waves of vibration within the surrounding ether. The electronic instrument must therefore be capable of trapping and con-

45) ducting these vibrations to where they are required. Perhaps the medium may be one of our lightest gases, such as helium, which may respond electro-chemically, conducting thought currents to a suitable means of frequency transformation and power amplification by valves. Such messages could of course be reproduced on a loud speaker, just

50) as radio waves are now converted on our ordinary apparatus.

In order to link up the material and ethereal worlds there must be a common physical basis between them. If the ethereal world were of a different order of nature the problem might never be solved. Now, Einstein in his Vector Field Theory affirms that the greater part of energy is concentrated in matter, but that the field surrounding matter 5) also represents energy in a smaller concentration. The theory unites these two conceptions and regards the universe as a single unified field of energy, in which matter is but a concentrated form, and the ether of space a more rarefied form of energy. "The difference between matter and field is a quantitative rather than a qualitative one. There is no 10) sense in regarding matter and field as two qualities quite different from one another. We cannot imagine a definite surface separating distinctly field and matter. In this way a new philosophical background could be created. Its final aim would be the explanation of all events in nature by structure laws valid always and everywhere" (Einstein). 15) Generally speaking, the picture Einstein has given us is that of a curved field (of ether) existing around every material body, having a material density at any given point inversely proportional to the square of the distance from each respective body. This is in complete harmony with the idea of a spirit world surrounding our earth in which 20) its members experience relative difficulties as they descend to the more earthly strata of space, because of the increasing contradiction between their higher vibrations and those of the lower spheres.

That thought is transmitted as energy waves across the ether is 25) supported by Sir William Crookes: "If telepathy takes place we have two physical facts - the change in the brain of the suggester "A" and the analogous change in the brain of the recipient "B". Between these two physical events there must exist a train of physical causes." He believed that the intensity of the etheric wave diminished with the 30) square of the distance. Hereward Carrington suggests that telepathic communications may take place through a mentiferous ether or a superconscious mind.

This first 100 years of spiritualist history is the 'epoch of human mediumship'. The results are of two kinds. The movement has done 35) an enormous amount of good and has gradually changed the outlook of the public regarding death and the after-life; survival and communication are gaining ground, and this is reflected in literature, the theatre, radio, and the films. On the other hand there is no great advance in mediumship, membership, or ideas. Spiritualism has become as 40) sectarian as Christianity. There has been an infiltration of orthodox religious ideas and of unworthy Eastern philosophies... There will be many objections to spirit radio and reactionary opposition. Such communication will be abused - as all forms of knowledge have been. But the truths of spiritualism will become living realities to all 45) people, all over the world. The emphasis of personal interests will not remain wholly on material things, and the past will enrich the present.

50) Lls. 1-50 : pp. 15-17, Elect.Com. --- The foregoing article is condensation and synopsis of the 17-page pamphlet by Ernest Thompson.

Our synopsis of Mr. Ernest Thompson's address on Electronic Communication - the Future Basis of Spiritualism, reduces the 17 pages of his pamphlet to four of our own, and does much injustice to the persuasive style of the speaker. Our readers, however, will see in it a thoughtful and highly intelligent survey of the present situation and possible future of the spiritualist movement. Spiritualism to Mr. Thompson is not merely a form of religionism, but a synthesis of religion, philosophy, and science, or what I prefer to designate as spiritism. Both spiritism and spiritualism have a strictly philosophic usage, but this is not employed in the present paper. By spiritism I mean the belief in personal survival of death, and in the possibility and practise of communication between the 'spirit world' and our own. The implications of this belief profoundly affect every department of human thought and activity.

Mr. Thompson's main thesis is concerned with the possibility of instrumental communication between the 'planes'. As is well known, there is a perennial interest in this, many attempts have been made to devise apparatus to this end, and many investigators in various countries are presently occupied with the problem.

Apparatus has several times been devised which seemed to 'work', but which proved in the end to be dependent on the psycho-physical energies of here-living people. It would not work for everyone, but only in the presence of certain persons. Other apparatus depended simply on the amplification of spirit voices, which were first obtained by the ectoplasmic formation of a 'voice box' by the spirit operators. Obviously, what is wanted is a device comparable to our radio receiving sets, which will operate whether any human being is in their vicinity or not, if properly adjusted, and if some sound is being transmitted.

We have reason to believe that communication has actually been achieved, by this last type of apparatus, on several occasions, but more by chance than by design. The experimenters have in each case been too ignorant, incredulous, or frightened, to realize their incredible good fortune and their duty toward humanity.

Now, it is the contention of Mr. Thompson that thought is energetic in character, and that his proposed electronic apparatus must be able to catch the energy waves of spirit thought, that is, of telepathic communication, and conduct them to a suitable means of frequency transformation and power amplification (p.3, l.48). The logic of this is of course the postulate that there is a common physical basis for the two worlds (p. 4, l.1-5). Probably none of us would quarrel with this postulate, which is good science and good philosophy as well, and has mathematical support*in the highest quarters.

* The Vector Field Theory, which seems to curiously invert the actual facts of nature, however sound it may be mathematically.

There is however good reason to question the assertion that thought is energy, if this word is used correctly - simply because there is no evidence that telepathic effect diminish with the square of the distance, or in any other way, and much evidence that they do not. We do not seem to have any satisfactory word to replace energy, however (unless action or activity will serve), and a number of very subtle issues are here involved. I do not want to expand upon them, because it seems to me very possible that in trying to convert telepathic "action" into the atmospheric vibrations of sound, we are off on a false trail. It may be possible to do this, in theory and even in practise, but it is a winding and circuitous route and replete with difficulties.

We have been told by communicators from the 'other side' (in whom spiritists at least should sometimes have confidence), that 'the tragedy of all your failures (in instrumental communication) is, that success is so simple and so easy.' Our obvious reply was, 'Will you not tell us, then, what to do?' We have had their answer - and it is explicit, detailed, and seemingly practicable. It is not being neglected, and the results, though delayed for a time, will not be concealed.

Let us reduce this situation to its elements, which are few and simple. We must, for the present, do this without revealing the heart of the proposed apparatus, and can say only that it is a substance known to everyone. What we can say is, that we deal, not with telepathic vibrations of the ether, but with the spectrum of SOUND. Let us accustom ourselves to the thought that SOUND has a continuous spectrum, as does light. Above the violet and below the red we do not see the colors with normal vision (or, the vibrations or waves); and above and below the limits of normal audibility we do not hear sounds, though they may be in our atmosphere. I repeat, in our atmosphere Here is where we apply the postulate of the 'common physical basis'. "Our atmosphere is your atmosphere" say the communicators. "All etheric sounds continue on into your atmosphere; all your earth sounds reach into the unseen worlds also. As we withdraw from the vicinity of earth, your sounds, which are terribly loud to us, diminish and die away; and so too the sounds of the etheric world, of our speech also, enter your plane above your level of audibility." Thus, the speech of our spirit friends is like the growing sounds of grass and the flowing of sap - sounds which are here but unheard, except by means of special devices of amplification.

We have come to the word. The problem of spirit communication is a problem of amplification.

But, we have means of amplifying a sound nearly a million times. Many types of highly sensitive amplifiers are in daily use. How does it happen that spirit voices have not been heard by those using them?

In reply: a special but very simple type of amplifier is needed, containing a special substance. Again, and as was said above, it is almost certain that spirit voices have been heard by certain ignorant, incredulous, or frightened investigators, and by accident rather than intent.

We add here, that it is asserted specifically and with much detail by the communicators, that communication between the planes, by means of the amplifying device mentioned, has taken place.

This means nothing to those who do not believe that spirit communicators exist. Quite rightfully, it means very little to anyone who does not know all the circumstances, the alleged identities, and the background of the events. I do not adduce their statement as proof of anything, to anybody, but merely as part of the record.

Again, the alleged simplicity of this communication device is not its disproof, not even greatly in its disfavor. Too many notable finds of the human intelligence have been under the eyes and noses even of professional investigators, for years and generations. The mind, like the eye, has its blind spots.

Our tendency has been to lay too much emphasis on the separateness of the worlds, their differences and dividing lines. It would reward us better to study their continuity and resemblances.

"The planes are differences of degree, not of kind."

'You can learn to hear us speak, most of you, simply by listening. Ask your question, relax, listen, reject every other voice save the one which replies to you. This is not an "occult" power - this clairaudience as you call it. You simply sharpen your senses. You get as keen of ear as the savage or the animal. You can get as keen of nose and eye also, if you wish. Of course, to sharpen the senses involves a good deal, the process would make a long story; but it's a normal familiar process. Nothing occult and ultra-mysterious. Well, your ear, so used, is a kind of amplifier. You get so you can hear an 'unhearable' insect; then, after a while, you can hear our voices just as well. They are sounds in your atmosphere. We do not have to materialize to produce them here. They come across from the etheric. The spectrum of sound is continuous. From ether to ether-and-air. Do you think you can filter them out, one from the other? Do you not know that matter is continuous? Do you think that ether is non-matter? There are only different grades of the One Substance or One-Action; different properties and qualities appear in them. . . . Do you think there is only one ether, a kind of universal homogeneous stuff wholly unlike matter as you know it? But there is an infinite series of ethers, if you wish to call them so. Infinite gradations and refinements of matter or of matter-energy, which is the same thing. Continuity, and change. Change through gradations of infinite smallness. But no gap, no jump-over from "dense matter" to a mysterious non-matter called ether! Your sense-perceptions cannot make long jumps, as a rule, from earth vibrations to the 'highest spheres', but you can pass from one gradation to another.'

The above paragraph quotes in substance, not verbatim, from the many comments of the communicators. They are bored but patient, repetitious and sardonic. We could expand the theme ourselves. Consider the case of the person who 'sits for development', and begins after a while to develop clairvoyance or clairaudience. It is true, of course, that certain important physiological changes take place, as in the glands and chakras of both the dense and etheric bodies. It is usually

true that some one from the 'other side' is present, to help matters along. The results may be, often are, truly wonderful. The only point we make about it is, that this is an extension and development of natural powers. An athlete trains his body until he can run 100 yards in ten seconds - and he can train his powers of vision to see distant events and his ear to hear inaudible sounds. The artificial divisions we make are not good science or even good sense. Human beings have so many 'abnormal', 'supernormal' and 'supernatural' powers, it's difficult to say what would be left as a 'normal' man after all these were subtracted from him. The genius, his ways and works, are always with us, his achievements are the substance of history. 'Intuition', 'inspiration', flashes of vision, dreams of day and night, all these permeate daily life, and art, science and invention blossom from them. These familiar facts point to the oneness of the 'two worlds' - and of all worlds. Everything that we shall be seems to be potential within us, as the oak is potential in the acorn.

Every philosopher and scientist accepts the idea of the basic unity of the universe, of its essential oneness in some sense, but we seem to forget all about this, as soon as we start dealing with such a 'mystery' as interplane communication. And in this matter of hearing spirit voices, we do not even have to go through a period of 'psychic development.' That is, if the 'hearing' is done by an instrument in the first instance, then by our normal ears after the sounds are sufficiently amplified. The crux of the matter is, that etheric sounds do enter our atmosphere, and do affect it. There is abundant evidence that our conversation can easily be heard by the invisible ones, if and when they so desire. Then, what is they hear, in their invisible etheric bodies? Either the atmospheric vibrations actually register in etheric matter, or these vibrations become etheric prior to reaching their etheric ears. Is it probable, a priori, that this is a one-way phenomenon? That etheric sounds do not affect the atmosphere? But if they do affect it, we are at once dealing with a familiar and 'normal' situation; we can amplify any sound, hearable or not, and make it audible to everybody. Amplification!

For the possible benefit of science-minded folk, let us pause here long enough to remark, that (pax, Professor Einstein) our so-called dense matter is 'really' a rarefaction in some kind of medium or mediums of much greater density. The bodies of etheric and astral folk are not light and vaporous compared to ours; they are vastly more dense. A communicator once remarked to me contemptuously - "If our spirit bodies were light and vaporous compared to yours, how do you suppose that we could draw the matter of your plane, ectoplasmic matter from any source, around our forms to make ourselves visible, in a materialization seance? No, our bodies are far more dense than yours." This opens up, of course, the whole concept of density and would take us too far afield at present; I can only assure the reader that the thesis of this paragraph withstands scientific and mathematical scrutiny; it is known in the occult world and is basic to any worthwhile thinking on related topics.

Let me add here an odd bit of confirmatory evidence. In experimental seances with the remarkable San Diego medium Mark Probert, the utterances of the trance controls were at times recorded on phonographic discs. In the 'play-back', listening to these records, we noted what we called a 'secondary voice' which seemed to run along with or just ahead of the recorded voice of the control. First assumption, of course - 'it's a cut-back'. A similar phenomenon occurs now and then in record-making. But on further study, this didn't make sense. Then it happened that on one occasion, at the beginning of a sentence, that the 'secondary voice' uttered a syllable which was not duplicated by the voice of the control. The complexion of the matter changed at once. Inquiry was made of the controls themselves. They replied briefly, that the machine (a 'Recordette') was picking up at times direct from the control. The mind of the medium (although in trance) rejected some words and forced the communicator to select others - etc.

The machine was picking up direct from the control! If that was true, the control was vibrating our atmosphere by his own speech, as well as by the speech of the medium. It was characteristic of my own stupidity, that this all-important hint was not seized upon and investigated in every possible way!

It will now pay us to attend very closely to the following pronouncement of the communicators: "The vibration rate of the voice of a spirit is also his wave-length; that is what he comes in on." Any spirit who is on the 'earth level' or can enter our 'plane' at all, can vibrate our atmosphere by speech. And why not? To express the situation very crudely, the atomic and electronic particles of the gases of our atmosphere shade off, so to speak, into a yet finer gradation of matter, into a particulate ether, which in turn grades off into another and finer ether - and of this regress there is, according to the communicators, no known end. From a scientific standpoint there is no Continuum; from the metaphysical view there is none, unless we so designate the Cosmic Life. Under this concept, why do we assume that our atmosphere does not register, in some form and degree, all energy-impacts from all planes. The energy-form of the voice of an etheric being does not cease to exist when it reaches our atmosphere; it persists, and there is no reason to suppose that it is somehow transmuted to the point of losing its identity. It persists, but that does not mean it is audible to normal hearing. It is inaudible, but that does not mean that it must remain so. What is required is amplification, but that does not mean that one can connect a 'mike' to a loud speaker and so pick up high converse from Etheria. Technicians dealing with amplification apparatus are aware of a great complexity of both problems and devices. Yet if this bold theory (not originating with us here, but with the communicators) is by any chance right and truthful - consider how great a simplicity is introduced by it, and how great a light may yet illumine our times and all the generations to come, by reason of it!

FURTHER COMMENTS ON "ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION" ETC.

by Associate JOHN A. HILLIARD.

(1st page of article, line 5. "Spiritualist Age" etc.): I think the "New Age" will not have many 'ists and 'isms for long, because people will be taught from childhood to think. -- Electronic communication? Maybe! Eyes came before telescopes. The faculty to see and hear is latent but present in everyone (1.7). But man worships gadgets and so will probably have to have them. -- "Natural phenomena", of course - but 'spiritual' phenomena are also natural (1.35) -- What does he mean by 'mass production in sight'? It is here now! (40). But automatism in industry costs more than people realize - slavery is cheaper.

(p. 2 of article. 1.6-18): The "electronic brain" is a complex calculator - just a high speed adding machine. And what does supersonics have to do with the functions of an electronic calculator? (1.12) -- "Bridging of the gulf" etc. The real difference between them and us may be in the direction in which the vibrations take place, rather than in degree of frequency (1.40). And the 'voice wave' on the radio carrier has no higher frequency than the normal sound of the impressed voice - yet we do not hear the electro-magnetic voice. This is a case of direction of vibration rather than frequency. (1.40-50).

(3rd page, l. 1-2). Radio signals and thought signals are both electro-magnetic when actuating physical apparatus. . . What we need is a microphone that will change the etheric sound into physical E.M.F. impulses. -- What the encephalograph records is the electrical discharge of the stimulated nerves, which discharge normally at a given rate. When thought occurs the discharge is absorbed in the activity as available energy and doesn't show on the graph. There are three types of brain waves, I think, all different, all occurring at the same time, and each related to a particular function of the brain. (LL.1-10).

"Spiritual development"? That depends on what is meant by that term (1.21)

(p.3 con. 11.29-34): There is some question in my mind about advisability of giving humanity such an apparatus.-- Very few people would believe it anything but a hoax. And strange as it seems, our toughest enemy would be the Christian Churches; you're not supposed to communicate with 'dead' people - it might disprove too many theological inventions. But (seriously) such a device in the hands of our war-makers - and remember, some of man's bitterest enemies are on the 'other side' - might bring much evil to the world. On the other hand, the atombomb was "allowed" before man was qualified to possess it.

(p.3 con. L. 29 ff). Instrumental communication, if all went well, would probably discourage mediumship and psychism - much easier to flip the switch than to 'sit for development'. Why bother with a medium when for \$2-300 you can get a 4-combination radio (radio, phonograph, television, spirit communication. -- I think we're about 2000 years ahead of time. When people generally and naturally begin to see and hear the spirit folk, then will be the time for 4-combination radios.

(Page 3 of article; l. 29 ff.; con.):

The enormous need for teaching and guidance is now, in preparation for the event of interplane communication. If we could imagine what kind of teaching and philosophy would be based on such an event, perhaps we could construct something analogous to it in advance.

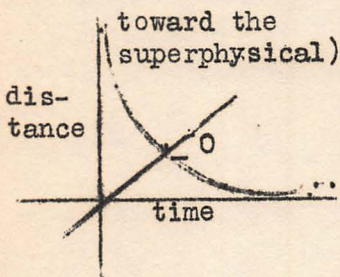
Many people (including myself) believe we are now in an evil cycle or Kali Yuga, but that the time is almost at hand for a separation of the "I people" from the "we people". The latter could doubtless be trusted with a communication apparatus. Evil ones on both sides of life would also be glad of such a device if only the materialistic minds on this side could be convinced it was not a hoax. There is a measure of safety for us, in this anti-spiritual stupidity. The convincing might easily be done if such a device could be shown to work between two here-living persons - 'instrumental telepathy. "I-people" don't want to die, therefore they don't believe in the continuity of life - and many of them are fanatically religious Churchmen. Even if they saw the instrument work between two incarnates they would rationalize the voice of a 'dead' person as some sort of reception from the memories of the here-living. "No dead people, please - it gives us geese knobs!"

(Page 3, l. 36 ff.):

The matter of the thought-world is (relatively) super-high frequency stuff; but physical brain activity is in the range of normal physical frequencies -- Thought generates ether waves but on a higher level than that of radio waves (l. 43) -- The content of matter and energy are of course equal at all times (p. 4, para.1).-- The "complete harmony" (l.19) is doubtful. The relativity concepts do not extend beyond physical matter -- The intensity of the etheric wave does not necessarily diminish with the square of the distance. Carrington is more nearly right, with his 'mentiferous ether' idea. (P.4 para.2).

Comment on Addenda)
Assoc. J.A.H., con.)

(page 6 of article; para 1.). Graph for the relative time-distance of the so-called continuums: The continuums as such are a function of the apparatus thru which the spiritual being becomes aware of his world as an objectivity. The spirit, having developed sufficient apparatus (bodies or vehicles) becomes aware objectively of all of his world. But our vehicles give us awareness of only a small span of matter which we call the physical world. We tend to think of energy in terms of this narrow band. Within it, energy diminishes as the square of the distance.



But our vehicles give us awareness of only a small span of matter which we call the physical world. We tend to think of energy in terms of this narrow band. Within it, energy diminishes as the square of the distance. But that does not mean that the same law (mathematical rule) applies to energy throughout the whole range of matter. On the curve in the graph it can be said that only at point O does the inverse square law hold true. Either way from that point energy either moves over less distance in longer units of time, or over greater distances in less units of time. Since the etheric, astral and mental continuums

lie toward the super-physical, we may expect the distance at which energy may act in a given time to increase. For the mental plane the distance approaches infinity as time approaches zero (an effect well established, I believe). There seems to be no limit as to distance or the 'infinitesimalness' of time lapse in telepathic communications.

(page 6 of article: para.3. 'We deal with the continuous spectrum of sound' etc.) . "Sound enough!" The 'diminishing of sounds' etc., is I think a matter of direction. When the imagination fails to visualize this direction, the mind falls back on the idea of vibration frequencies which we can picturize in geometry or equations. This direction is not one of frequency or of space. To understand it, imagine one's self to be omnipresent throughout the cosmos; then (2nd) that all events transpire within one's self. The (3rd) one's awareness of being or individuality as distinct from an objectivity is a matter of the way consciousness is focused. Sense of being accrues at the point of focus - which includes both the self and the 'not-self' seen as distinct from each other by the omnipresent consciousness. The direction we have in mind is a motion of the focus of consciousness - like the focus of light thru a lens moving about on a surface. Moving the glass away from or toward the surface diffuses the light of the focus. This focus is still a perfect point but on the plane of the surface it appears diffused and tenuous.

There is a great deal more to this approach, such as the volumetric dimensions of the Major Continuum. Physical awareness is really two-dimensional - believe it or not!

(page 6, last para.) For "amplifier" read microphone or pick-up.

(page 7 of article, para. "You can learn" etc. Associate JAH agrees that "it is as simple as that ... but easier for most people to flip a switch".).

(page 8, 1.9; what would be left of the 'normal man' if his extra-normal powers were subtracted from him?. JAH replies: an animule).

(page 8, para.2): Even the 'Voice of God' in the highest plane to which the human being may ascend affects our atmosphere - and I do mean air. There is no lack of sound but rather of sensitivity in the hearing. Hence the condition is one of amplitude, not frequency. Amplification is right.-- But you go into reverse on your postulate in saying, "either atmospheric vibrations actually register on etheric matter" etc., since you again assume there is a difference. They have told us, 'your atmosphere is our atmosphere'. Our atmospheric vibrations are etheric, and etheric sound is physical sound. Every sound vibrates thru the whole Major Continuum or Omniverse. And etheric hearing is less limited than ours.

(page 8, last 5 lls.): (JAH says only, "density is what most heads are made of").

(page 9, para.3. "vibration rate of the voice of a spirit is also his wave length" etc.). That also applies to us, who are spirits of a different sort. I think the flesh causes a limitation in us so that we are all keyed to a very narrow band of wave lengths. We just don't

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(Herewith notes from a sitting with Mark Probert, at San Diego, 4-13-50. Questions have been indicated by "Q" but omitted for sake of brevity wherever their content is clear from the reply).

Communicator, Ramon Natalli (16th century astronomer). 8:15 p.m.

I have come to say a little about storms on the sun. Electrical storms on earth are caused by these. There are great clouds of radioactive matter flowing in from interstellar space. There will be one or possibly two great flare-ups in the sun. (Q)

Yes, they are to be expected this year. (Q) Yes, they will affect your communications, radio etc. (Q) They are magnetic and electrical. They will greatly affect the ionized band around the earth, the ionosphere. (Q) Yes, you are to expect violent winds, very bad lightning, thunder, heavy rains. The rains will not last long but will be very heavy while falling. (Q). No, no tidal waves to any great extent. (Q.)

Yes, they will be well distributed throughout the world. They will affect the eastern part of the United States (chiefly), and more so up in the north, in Canada and Alaska. (Q).

The disturbances on Mars will grow greater. Mars is having a great change of structure. Huge portions (of the planet) are becoming great mountains. They have had the most terrific earthquakes on Mars, and volcanic action of the most violent kind. (Q)

No, what little life there is on Mars has not been disturbed. There will be reports of such changes on the various bodies within the earth's galaxy, within the solar system. (Q.) Yes, the cause is wide-spread. A long time ago I made the statement that cosmic showers come from the suns. The suns are like giant dynamos. Clouds of matter come flowing in from space, billions of miles of it, pouring into the suns; these reach a point of saturation and then a flare-up takes place. (Q)

Yes, there will be sunspots - many great sun spots. Now, this must be watched, for the coming of these spots or magnetic fields helps breed unrest on the earth. It creates a tremendous agitation in nations through individuals... (Q). Yes, a sun spot is a magnetic storm. I cannot begin to describe to you the terrific violence that is created in the sun when this matter rushes into it. The sun smashes the atoms of this matter and rejects the electronic fields of the matter out into what you call space.

Sufficient energy is let loose on the earth to disintegrate great quantities of matter. Your scientists believe that they can tell the age of the earth by radiant deposits which they find; they compute the time and quantity of the matter - but they do not reckon with the destroying energies that flow from the sun....

This cosmic ray or shower is extremely penetrating. The particles can penetrate thousands and thousands of feet of lead just as though the lead were not there. The particles are extremely radioactive and help to destroy or to age all life and all bodies. Do not expose your body for too great a time to sun rays. (Q) No, there is no shield that I know of against cosmic rays.

There is enough particles of matter in and around the earth so that these rays or their deadliness is destroyed to a great degree, diluted you might say, before they reach the earth. (Q) Yes, there is a great deal of interaction between the cosmic rays and the ionized layer. Sometimes it is the resistance of the ionized belt that creates storms on earth, causing the rays to create friction, though this is the way the sun is kept supplied and has not grown larger or smaller since what is called "time", as man reckons it, began.

There is combustion on the sun, but not "fire". It may be called radiant heat energy which keeps it going by crushing the very kernel of the atom, which is of itself radiant heat. (Q) No, oxygen does not play any part, it changes too rapidly. . . .

No, you don't receive heat direct from the sun; it is a wide-spreading deflection and the ionized field of the earth absorbs the greater portion of the short bands. Understand? If these short bands reached the earth it would destroy all life. They are much more penetrating than the X-rays... I must leave, though I have much to say.

(Change of control. Control "Katie King" Talk of her experiments in home of Sir William Crookes. "There will be a great movement toward spiritualism within the next five years. This is not too fortunate - or will not be unless it is carefully watched and guided... (Q). Yes, it will have to take its course." etc.).

Change of Control: Yada di Shi'ite. Talk about Lowell Thomas - Tibet - conditions around TV and radio set-ups -- the "second death" - comments on the "growling" of the wire recorder being used - how to protect other persons thru meditation and concentration (when they are absent or travelling) - the recoil of a bad wish on the sender, unless he is skilled in its projection - servient spirits, the Kahunas - elementals and thought-forms - the pointing stick - the throwing stick charged by mantrams or the hate-ray - protection against it - danger of fear which causes rents in the aura....

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As you know, from time to time we draw up one of these partial reports of a M.P. sitting and send out a few copies only. We would be glad to distribute thousands of them, but we do NOT have the time, the help, the funds and the office facilities to do so. Hundreds of pages of interesting and important material are stacked in the BSRA office - and we cannot offer it to you for the reasons indicated. The difficulty is a financial one at bottom, of course. And undoubtedly many of our readers and members would contribute toward the publication of this material. But that is a temporary and unsatisfactory expedient. We may some time find some person or group who will guarantee \$75-\$100 a month for this sole purpose; we could then employ a part-time typist to cut stencils, mimeograph and mail such material. The interest in these reports is considerable and constantly increasing - so much so that we have considered giving half of each RR to them. -- But between the Ether publications, the BSRA booklets, the varied interests of Round Robin, the seances, and the flow of correspondence involved by all of them, we shall have to curtail rather than expand our activities. -- Well, this is simply a note to our friends, so that they will understand why we do not send material like this more often - and to assure you that we appreciate your continued interest and help.

Cordially

Meade Layne.

