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DEVOTED TO THE VITAL PRINCIPLES  
THAT HEAL THE SICK AND RESTORE SOULS TO LIFE



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FATHER-MOTHER GOD:

Millions of Thy children on earth are slowly starving for lack of food; and suffering this day, this hour.

GIVE US A HEART TO SHARE  
WITH THEM

Millions have lost their bodies through war and plague; those who survive suffer sorrow, and the spirits of their loved ones suffer with them.

GIVE US WISDOM TO TEACH  
THEM

The war between capital and labor is but begun, and the spirit of "get" backed by brute force seeks to gain dominion and destroy. The war will continue until "get" is dethroned and "Give" is king.

INSPIRE US WITH LOVE TO  
ORGANIZE WISDOM AND  
WILL FOR THE WELFARE  
OF ALL

Only through our own organized efforts can Thy Love and Intelligence, in us, save us.

ELOHIM — GREAT CREATOR!  
act through us now.

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## THE NEW EDUCATION



WILLIAM ROBERT BERTOLACCI of France wrote, in 1864, of a most remarkable development of spiritual gifts in his own family circle. He directed the development of these gifts to the education of his children along practical as well as spiritual lines.

Bertolacci began these experiments in France in 1863 during the early days of spiritism. He witnessed singular and startling spiritual manifestations. They were universal at that time all over the world.

Bertolacci felt that while communication with departed spirits was permissible under proper conditions, to seek such communications as an end was a perversion of spiritual faculties and would lead to ultimate disaster. This has since been amply proved. Instead of seeking exclusively for communion with the souls of the so-

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called dead, he sought first to commune with that Intelligence which is the Father of all angels and spirits.

Experiments in the practical educational value of Divine Intelligence began by Bertolacci uniting with the members of his family each evening for Divine Communion. He taught his children that they had spiritual eyes and ears as well as physical eyes and ears, and that through faith in the quickening Power of Divine Intelligence, they could begin to see and hear spiritual things as they now saw and heard physical things. He taught them to concentrate their thoughts and desires upon these spiritual faculties with entire faith, expectant hope, and a fervid sentiment of prayer, that their soul faculties might be stirred into action.

These children were taught that thus they would foster and cultivate a feeling of receptivity to the Power of Divine Love, and regain the strength of the inner man made in the image and likeness of God. They would be reborn of the Spirit of Intelligence and realize the meaning of the revealed truth that they were children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of God and all its spiritual powers.

The phenomenal and yet practical

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powers of mind that these children developed are beyond the belief of those who have not had the personal experience and the proof that these faculties and powers actually exist and are, even in their undeveloped condition, exercised daily by thousands of persons.

These children of Bertolacci were soon able to read in books with their eyes bandaged, and their spiritual vision was awakened so that they could see and hear what was occurring in distant places. Their memories were so quickened that they could retain all they chose to remember.

When these children had developed clairvoyance and clairaudience in the normal state, by which they could see and hear distant persons and things by means of what Bertolacci termed "pious concentration of thought," he took them out of school. By directing their attention to any subject in any book, anywhere, they were able to read from that book clairvoyantly and to retain without fatigue all they read. Their clairaudience enabled them to hear not only voices of those at a distance, but the voice of an unseen teacher who taught them the pronunciation of foreign languages. They used these spiritual facul-

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ties to actually see the plants, flowers, minerals, and animals of which they were studying. They perfectly sensed the geographical conditions, and felt they were actually in the place of which they sought information. Their mathematical faculties were quickened so that they just knew instantaneously the answer to complex arithmetical problems.

Microscopic and telescopic sight was also unfolded, and the students were enabled to see the most distant and minute objects as though they were looking at them with the microscope or telescope.

Those who are familiar with the experiments of noted psychologists, are aware that subjects of hypnosis have shown these latent powers to even the materialistic physicians who have carried on these experiments. But the hypnotic trance is an abnormal condition and Bertolacci proved that children could be brought to exercise their latent faculties in a normal state. This was accomplished mainly by faith in the Father's Intelligence with and in each soul ready to be called into expression; as it is written:

“There is a spirit in man  
And the inspiration of the Almighty  
Giveth them understanding.”

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Bertolacci, himself, states: "Our Savior was incessantly extolling the power of faith; in fact, his whole doctrine was that of the unlimited power and wisdom to be acquired by man through faith rendered effective by confiding hope—fervid expectancy—prompting the action or will; that union of power and wisdom becoming Divine and sanctifying those who purify it and practise it with charity. Not that degraded thing which has blasphemously usurped the name of charity and which is nothing more than cold-blooded, vain-glorious ostentation of the superfluities of wealth exhibited in alms-giving, but the true, sublime virtue, whose roots are implanted in the Love of God—the sentiment of veneration for the invisible power of the one great and all-pervading Spirit whose branches, fed with the new wine of Christianity, pours forth its fruit in the love of the neighbor by sympathizing with the sufferings of our fellow creatures, extolling their virtues, pitying their faults, and sharing our wealth with the needy—kindly, cordially, and without reluctance; and not as an obligation conferred, but with gayety of heart or as a pleasure to ourselves."

(To be continued.)

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### THE RELIGION OF HAPPY PROSPEROUS HOMES

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THE Home is the Foundation of  
Society.

The Father and Mother repre-  
sent the Divine Father-  
Mother,

The Creator of all beings.

The Love of the Father and Mother for  
each other,

For their children, and for others outside  
their family,

Is the Love of the Creator.

Where Love is, Heaven is;

The Home is a small Heaven on earth

When the practise of the Golden Rule of  
Love creates Harmony.

Heaven is created in the Home

When all the members

Practise the principle of Love.

The hour of family communion and wor-  
ship

With unity in study, singing, praise and  
blessings

Attunes all minds to exalted ideas of Love

And to the Spirit of Love, which creates  
Harmony.

During the hour of Family Communion

All are attuned to Divine states of Mind

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And feel the Presence of God's Great  
Ideas,  
Who are Angels of Wisdom and Power  
Radiant with the Light and Life Eternal.

The Angels of the Almighty unite  
With the family faith and love  
To create Health and Prosperity for all.  
Thus God's Love is enshrined in the Home,  
And it becomes a Temple of Elohim.  
Each member has the strength of all,  
And the Home is a Heavenly Center of  
Love  
Which radiates out to bless the world.

The Home has its unseen spiritual side.  
Death has not destroyed the sympathy  
that exists  
Between those in the flesh and those alive  
in spiritual forms.  
Love is greater than death, and unites for-  
ever  
All members of the family in sympathy.  
The harmony created by family commun-  
ion  
Creates a spiritual atmosphere of unity  
Between loved ones in the flesh and in  
spirit.  
Unheard they join in the songs and psalms  
of praise.

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Their voices unite in the affirmations of  
Truth  
And they add their spiritual strength to  
your words of Blessing.  
They learn from your studies  
And bless you with the Love and Wisdom  
they have gained.  
Bless them heartily with your faith and  
love,  
And they will be strengthened to help  
others.

As the Hour of Family Communion  
Is kept positive with words and songs of  
Praise, Prayer, Affirmations, and Blessings,  
Your souls grow in Strength Divine  
And each one feels his "I Am" is the Image  
of God.  
Each soul is spiritually quickened  
By the Presence of Elohim and His  
Angels.  
And the spiritual faculties gradually  
awaken,  
Physical faculties are quickened and  
strengthened,  
And a New Education begins.

Not only is the brain and spirit sensitized to  
Feel and know the presence of spirits be-  
loved,

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But the spiritual faculties receive knowledge.  
From Teachers of Divine Wisdom.  
Divine Intuition is born  
And each soul feels and knows that  
In and enfolding and sustaining all  
Is the Luminous Glory of God.  
And the Voice of God speaks clearly  
And leads into the understanding of  
The Truth and Power of Love!

This is not the development of negative  
mediumship  
To negative and undeveloped spirits  
Who live in the darkness of selfishness  
And love to deceive and mislead and control.  
This is the development of the positive  
power  
Of the individual soul whereby it becomes  
aware  
Of the Life and Wisdom of God's Presence  
Of its own immortality and dominion over  
death,  
And of all the Mysteries of the Realms of  
Mind  
And Mastery of them as a Soul of God.

"Know ye not, that ye are  
The Temple of the Living God  
And that the Spirit of The Almighty  
Dwelleth in you?"

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You can unite with your family or with others

To create a little Heaven of Love

Whose Influence and Power will grow

As you unite with others to think and work,

To Bless, Strengthen, and Serve Humanity.



### A GLORIOUS DAWN



I STOOD at my window at 6.00 A. M. looking out upon a cold, bleak world. The sky was leaden. The trees leafless. The ground hard and cold, and the streets deserted.

As I watched the sky, the light increased. I knew that the sun had already shone his rays athwart the upper reaches of our atmosphere, and these rays were reflected down so that the light in a small degree penetrated even the leaden clouds which covered the world.

We all look out upon a world in a vague light. The mental skies are leaden. The trees are leafless of spiritual beauty. The streets are coldly materialistic.

But the Light is dawning. We look up, and because the clouds are brightening, we have faith to believe that the Sun of Righteousness is shining His Rays

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athwart the upper reaches of our mental atmosphere. We think: "The Sun of Righteousness arises with Healing in His Beams" and our hearts leap with joy, and the Rays of His Light fill our inner natures with hope and courage. We begin to see dimly down the streets of life. Soon the whole atmosphere will be filled with the Light of His Rays and the clouds will begin to dissolve and fade away, because of the greatness of His shining.

Already all thought in the upper reaches of our mental atmosphere is being polarized and organized by His Rays to reflect Light; and soon these direct Rays will penetrate to the very surface-mind of humanity, and re-organize all thought and feeling in the world to reflect His Glory, Harmony, and Good-Will.

Dawn of the Glad Day of Love! We greet you with Joy. The King of Glory is again born in the Heart of the World, and all shall rejoice in His Peace and Prosperity.



HE Science of Character Healing is meeting with hearty approval, and all studying with us are not only enjoying the study, but realizing great spiritual and physical benefits.

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The Master prayed the Father (John 17) that all who believed with Him should be one; not only among themselves, but be one with Him and the Father. That while they were distinct persons in the world, they should be united in spirit and in faith; and this unity should unite them with the Father.

Those who have the same faith are united in mind, and those who feel the same quality of Love are united in soul. Such is the basis and strength of Divine Organization.

As we study the same faith in God and practise the same love for humanity, we are united with each other and with the Spirit of the Divine Organization of Love.

Union is strength for each and for all. Let us study together daily, and feel that in faith and love we are one with Omnipotence.

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WE WILL publish the Science of Character Healing hereafter as a quarterly, with Bible references and questions, the answers of which will be found in Healing Currents and Mystic Words. By this daily study, patients and students can quickest become one with the Powerful Healing and Prospering Spirit of The Eloist Ministry.

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HE Concentration Card should be used daily as a means of unity with the Spirit of our work. Be sure to return your card to us regularly each month and thus keep in closer communion with your Center.

Feel that you are the means of bringing soul light and joy to one or a thousand souls, and great shall be your reward from these souls and from the Father.

The Concentration Card is a constant reminder of your need of unity with the Father, that you may receive from Him for self and others the needed joy and life for daily success in all your work.

The daily use of this Blessing Card will make it easier to "live the life," and you will feel able not only to sing about your own tasks but have the strength to radiate a smiling light to all you meet. Remember that unity with the Father makes you glad and everyone around you happy.

Let your joy so radiate to men  
That they may feel your goodwill  
And glorify the Source of your In-  
spiration.

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### PRACTISING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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OFTEN go into a church congregation or public assembly, and while in the midst of the people, I will identify my soul with all the souls there, in and out of the flesh. I then open my soul to the inflow of the Father's Love, and feel that I am that Love flowing into every soul within the reach of this powerful Influence.

I am aware of a stream of fire flowing from the celestial heaven through me into the interiors of all, to give new life, wisdom and power to these souls. I feel like a radiant Sun of Love and Light to them. I feel the meekness and humility of the Father's Presence, which stoops to strengthen and serve the lowliest because it loves everyone, even to the least.

The experience is profoundly beautiful, but the reaction to this sympathetic unity with souls is equal to the power expressed, and positive work is required after the experience to nullify the reaction of negative thoughts and feelings which have been stirred into opposition by the Light of Life.

But Love always is willing to sacrifice

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or it would not be Love. I feel that I can only be true to Love and its mission as I sacrifice myself, and give all the Love I can give to help souls in darkness. If I can do this silently and without personal credit, so much the better for growth in that meekness and humility in Service which I seek to individualize.

Let me by Thy Love, O Father! and every sacrifice of self in service to Thy children, will give me the Joy of good accomplished.

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WITH THIS ISSUE is a Card of Comfort. This card can be sent to everyone who sorrows and is bereaved. Every family whose name appears under "Death Notices" should have one or more of these cards.

Here is your opportunity to give a word of comfort. You may be able to distribute hundreds or thousands of these cards. Just how many can you use this month? State a definite number, and we will send them to you free.

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HOUSANDS have read *Healing Currents from the Battery of Life* with wonderful results in healing. At first we sold this book for \$2.00. Later for \$1.65.

But we found that more good could be accomplished by giving this book absolutely free with every yearly subscription to *The Living Word*.

We began making this offer in September and we were surprised to see the hundreds who seized this opportunity to get *Healing Currents*.

In October the orders came in so fast that we sent a hurry order to our publishers to print another edition.

Now we are considering placing still another order for *Healing Currents* as we can see from the way our friends are working that it is only a matter of a short time before we will be running low of this present edition.

And we want it to be a very short time, because we are today receiving so many letters from people who received *Healing Currents* around Christmas time, telling of the great good these books are doing. Therefore we want to increase our activities, and your activities.

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We want to put out at least ten times as many Healing Currents in 1919 as we did last year. Will you help us do it?

Remember, whether it is a new subscription or a renewal—a copy of Healing Currents is given free with the order.

So we are asking you to help us—you, and you and all of you. If you could see what you have accomplished in the past six months in building up The Eloist Ministry, how much good you have done for others also, you would bend your efforts to the utmost to make 1919 the banner year.



HE fundamental idea of Healing Currents is that of Service. The author does not confine himself to the bare principles of the control of the body by the mind, but states that the book's definite purpose is "to heal, encourage, and enlighten whomsoever should read it."

Certainly this is a high endeavor.

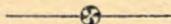
Each step in the mental processes is outlined, and formulas are given for producing desired results. First comes the affirmation that "knowledge is power," but the application is new, in showing the lim-

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itless force of intelligent and powerful thought when linked up with Infinite Good. The mental processes are next shown to have supreme control over the body, so that by willing one can build up any tissue and conquer any disease.

After the opening chapters defining mind power, the book takes the more practical aspects: "How to Practise Mental Healing," "How to Concentrate," "Cures by Suggestion," "Mental Influence at a Distance," "Use Your Will to Overcome Indigestion," and numerous other subjects of every-day and personal application.

Under each head are memory phrases and sentences to be used to aid the thought processes. This feature and its simplicity of language doubly commend the book not only to those already interested in Mind Healing, but to the many others seeking enlightenment. It is both a text-book and a source-book packed with meaty phrases for reading, re-reading, and memorizing.



Please keep us informed of every change of address, giving both present and past addresses.

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### AS CHILDREN OF DIVINE LOVE

are we seeking for personal gain or for money for self-gratification? No! We are cultivating the expression of Divine Love through us and learning to express such generous good-will toward all God's children that we shall be magnets for Divine Generosity, and attract prosperous conditions and plenty of all we need wherever we are.

We seek to be rich in and express the richness of the Spirit of Love freely, knowing that as we become attuned to the Riches of the Divine Mind, "all things shall be added."



### AS STUDENTS OF TRUTH

are we spending our time for communion with the Father in seeking to "demonstrate" over physical disabilities? Is physical healing the entire object of our search for Truth? No! We seek to understand and perceive the principles of the Divine Character, that we may awaken His Image in us and express its Perfections.

The physical body will express the perfect Character we develop by daily communion with God.

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### APPRECIATIONS

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Dear Mr. DeVoe: Canada.

The article on organization "What Can We Do," in the January Living Word was especially good to me. I had long been troubled by the feeling that I should not accept even spiritual help to any extent (and yet I did of course), that I ought to struggle along alone, but that article showed me so plainly that the right way was to accept in order to give, to unite in order to help—and the incidental help I would receive was necessary in order to make me more effective. Indeed the healing of character that comes through your work is wonderful.

I enclose my usual small offering, and a Blessing Card with last month's "need" continued. M. C.

Dear Mr. DeVoe: Idaho.

I was so thoroughly healed after my treatments with you while in D— that the doctors could not discern even a trace of the leakage of the heart for which you treated me. I am more truly thankful than I could ever quite express. Mrs. A. K.

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Dear Walter DeVoe:                      Massachusetts.

I am beginning this year with a new consecration of my life in God. I feel that a new realization has come to me, and my heart is filled with love and gratitude for all of life's blessings. I return card with many, many blessings, and I feel I DO receive a benefit from you all, or I should not feel so happy and strong in faith. I want to tell you about your Healing Prayer. I had it framed and hung in my room long before I knew you. Since then, when I write a letter to my friends, I slip one in, and lately I have heard from two how much good they had done.

I feel so thankful I have The Books That Heal. Yesterday I read over all your past letters to me, every word a treasure, and I determined to live a God life. I have grown in knowledge and understanding this last year. Please accept this little gift for the work.                      Mrs. E. F. D.

My Dear Mr. DeVoe:                      New York

I feel that your teachings touch the Universal heart throb, and that it is destined to become an ever increasing force in making the thought and life of the world correspond more nearly to that of the Heavenly spheres.                      H. C.

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My Dear Mr. DeVoe: New York.

Healing Currents is doing me much good, and I find it very helpful in my effort to overcome the limitations which have prevented in the past my making the progress I should have. Am doing all I can to help others to join the Ministry, knowing how much good it will do them. M. J.

Dear Mr. DeVoe: Massachusetts.

Thanks for the lessons in healing. I learn from all and will study from your point of view with earnestness. Healing Currents is a great work. "Science and Health" makes statements while Healing Currents gives the reasons why.

Mrs. L. G. W.

Dear Brother: Massachusetts.

I have been seeking light for fifty years and at the age of sixty-six I have at last found the Pearl I have so long sought for. You and the united prayers of the Ministry have helped me to find the truth. I receive much comfort from The Living Word.

My health has improved greatly in the last six months. I have quit all medicine

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and relying wholly on Elohim for a better condition. I am just beginning to realize what life is, how beautiful it is, and I feel that I have much to do to make amends for the past. Again thanking you for your help and realizing that it all comes from the Father, I remain,

Mrs. S. A. L. R.

Dear Friends:

Maine.

I am in the home for aged women and have no money, only what is given me. I want to thank you one and all for your many cards with so much encouragement for those that are almost all of the time shut in from all that goes to make up life, and I wish in my feeble way to co-operate with you in sending Blessings to others.

Mrs. E. S.

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My Dear Mrs.:

It is the work of The Eloist Ministry to Bless and help all who are interested in the Fathers work whether they have money or not.

I am interested in your soul's welfare. It is my duty and my pleasure as a Servant of Our Father to give you all the spiritual help that I can while you are in this world because thus we grow together

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and our souls will be stronger to help other souls while we are here and after our transition to a freer spiritual state. There is work for us wherever we are.

We would like to have you receive the benefit of daily study with us in The Science of Character Healing, and the Father has provided the way, so that you can have the books and lessons necessary if you wish to study and co-operate with the thousands of Eloists who will be a mighty organization to carry out the Father's work both in this world and the next.

As you study with us, your soul will grow more luminous with Divine thoughts and feelings, and you will without opposition, be silently giving light and strength to all souls around you whether their conscious minds accept the truth or not. So I show you that you have a duty to perform to benefit others, which you cannot afford to neglect because of a lack of money, as long as the Father has provided a way for you to be of help to others.

It is not what you are to get from this study and practise of the Science of Character Healing that you should consider, but what it will enable you to give of soul-light and peace to others.

"Ask and it shall be given you."

W. D. V.



S we give all in service to those who appeal to us for help, we shall expect, as the need grows, that the Father will raise up those who are able to provide our work for a greater service to humanity.

We need a large printing plant located on several acres of ground outside the city, where our workers can have small bungalows amid ideal surroundings.

We would erect cottages for homeless children and place a foster mother in charge of each cottage with its little brood of neglected waifs.

We would build a Temple of Humanity—a living organization of children, young and old, in whom the Voice and Power of Our Father would be cultivated for the enlightenment of the world.

We at the Center are the Executive Workers in your Ministry. We are your servants to carry out the Ideals for which you provide the means.

Yours is the reward now and in all the future for the good you accomplish in affiliation with The Eloist Ministry.



**N** order to succeed we need leaders of inspired idealism, leaders to whom are granted great visions, who dream greatly and strive to make their dreams come true; who can kindle the people with the fire from their own burning souls.

The leader for the time being, whoever he may be, is but an instrument, to be used until broken and then cast aside; and if he is worth his salt he will care no more when he is broken than a soldier cares when he is sent where his life is forfeit in order that victory may be won.

In the long fight for righteousness the watchword for all of us is, spend and be spent.

It is of little matter whether any one man fails or succeeds; but the cause shall not fail, for it is the cause of mankind.

—Theodore Roosevelt.