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Don't bark against the bad, but chant
the beauties of the good.—EMERSON.

Time past and time to be are one,
And both are NOW.

—WHITTIER.

'Twas only striking from the calendar
Dead yesterdays and unborn tomorrows.

—OMAR KHAYYAN.

HENRY HARRISON BROWN, EDITOR.



For not in far off realms of space,
The Spirit hath its throne;
In every heart it findeth place,
And waiteth to be known.
Thought answereth alone to thought,
And Soul with soul hath kin;

The outward God he findeth not,
Who finds not God within.
Then go not thou in search of Him,
But to thyself repair;
Wait thou within the Silence dim,
And thou shalt find Him there.

—Fredrick L. Hosmer—

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DEEP WISHES IN THE HEART THAT BE,
ARE BLOSSOMS OF NECESSITY.—D. A. Wasson.

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tively, from the subconscious. The one Intelligence is in both. In the Human, it can know itself and say, "I AM;" in all others, it is "I AM," acting without self-consciousness in obedience to the Universal desire for expression. Remember, it is the One Mind in all. There is no separateness. Souls are eternal only in the One. Their manifestation begins with the incarnation. They are not parts of the One, but manifestations of the One. Each expression of life through any organism is an expression of the One, whom in love we term "Father." Each manifestation, when cognized by the senses, is a fact. A fact is, in the words quoted from America's grand preacher, "The direct speech of the Father." Facts are the only language God uses. "There is no use disputing with facts," says Dr. Holmes. "Thus saith the Lord," is written upon every fact. A fact is but a single tone in the grand symphony of Nature. As we learn to enunciate the tones, we learn the alphabet of Nature. When we learn the Intelligence that lies within each tone, we begin to know ourselves, not as creatures, or creations, but as parts of the One. A fact is a letting out from the Everything that lies in the Undifferentiated, into Human Consciousness. It is the *Pressing Out* that we term Evolution. *All Is*, and *IT* is seeking expression. Each new fact is but another evidence of the purpose of the One that is evolving. How it evolves, is told in these letters all about us. How wisely did Alfred Russel Wallace state this in the little poem we quoted in *May NOW*, "On a peacock's feather." Each day as I look at some wonderful manifestation of Divine Intelligence bursting into Consciousness, I say:—

In Nature's workshop but a shaving,
 Of her poem but a word,
 But a tint brushed from her palette,
 This feather of a bird.

What then must be the poem,
 This but its lightest word.

The anchor is always in the sea, but it never learns to swim.—Grant Wallace, in *S. F. Bulletin*.

AN HONORABLE LIFE IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.—Dr. C. A. Bartol

RANCH PHILOSOPHY.

SUMMER SONG.

The sun am shinin' brightly, an' a ripnin' th' co'n;
 Ma heart am singin' gayly, es sho es yo' am bo'n;
 Ef every livin' critter would only feel lak me,
 Feelin's rank an' bittah nevah mo' could be.

The sun am shinin' brightly, pumkins turnin' gol',
 Good things comin' daily, ef right thoughts yo'
 hol',

Es easy es fishin' when bittin' 's good an' fas';
 Jes' keep on a wishin', an' yo' needs 'll come at
 las'.

Robins in th' tree-tops, singin': "All am Good";
 Mistah Sparrer hops an' hops, kaint sing ef he
 would;

Jes' gives a lille whistle, but that's right from
 his heart,

Lands upon a thistle an' a bobs his head right
 smart.

Brer Rabbit am a dinin', in th' cabbage patch;
 Swallers am a twitterin' undahneath th' thatch;
 Rastus am a singin' an' a cuttin' down th' co'n;
 Whip po' Will am mo'nin', the only one forlorn.

Kaint a help a singin'; wouldn't ef I could.

Hallelujah's ringin'; ma hea't he feel so good.

Sholy am a glad time every livin' day,

Baskin' in the sunshine, smellin' th' sweet hay.

—SAM EXTON FOULDS.

Senator Frye told Agassiz that he had caught a speckled trout weighing eight pounds. Agassiz told him speckled trout never attained that weight. For answer Senator Frye caught a nine-pound speckled trout, and sent it to Prof. Agassiz, who replied in a telegram, "The science of a lifetime kicked to death by a fact."—*Christian Register*.

Their clothes are so overpowering, so aggressive and insistent—a phenomenon. Their souls are way down somewhere wrapped up, hid away, buried, probably; but one does not easily catch sight of them. It is difficult to get at their real selves because of their gorgeous clothes.—*Sir Philip Burne-Jones, on the fashionable Newport ladies*.

Can I yield you blessings? says the friendly heart.

Fear not I am poorer, though I much impart.

Wherefore should you thank me? Giving is my need.

Love, that wrought none comfort, sorrow were indeed.

—Lucy Larcom.

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REPUTATION.

Self-respect, doing right because it is right, lays the foundation of character. It is the only foundation on which success can be builded. But life is not I alone; it is "Myself and my neighbor." What account is to be taken of my neighbor in the building of success? Right doing leads to happiness. But another element in every one's ideal is his place in the opinion of his fellow men. He wishes to stand well with them. Whenever his doing right forfeits their esteem, he falls back on the Interior power and finds happiness and peace. That which is done that one may gain another's good opinion, done for applause or praise, leads neither to happiness, health, nor success. To purchase reputation, is to fail. Reputation that comes only as the spontaneous gifts of friends, business connections and the public is valuable. Such reputation is based upon the conduct born of the consciousness of righteous living; that is, of right doing. Good report is business capital. It is capital in every walk of life, that never fails of income. Based upon Character, it is eternal. No matter if conscientious doing alienates pseudo friends, it can never alienate one from the God within his own soul. And that realization of the God within saying, "Well done!" gives a strength born of omnipotence. One in love with Truth need never ask about his reputation. It will take care of itself. Every thought sent out toward a conscious building of a reputation is an impediment in the road to success. What to do and how to do it are the only questions which should be entertained.

Many a failure in health, business and

social life is due to the desire to stand well in another's opinion. Fear dominates where this desire is. The road to success is only in relying upon the Principle of Right. I have no right, as a Human Soul, to take into consideration what others think of me. I have a right only to *know* that Principle is eternal and omnipotent. I am to forget that there is anyone in the world except myself, when the question of Right, Success, or Happiness is concerned.

That I do that which I feel is right is enough. I am to know that right builds no other than a reputation for righteousness. I am to cast away all thought of what others think and say, and, assured of my capital, I build, in Mind,—Success.

Yes! I mean all this:—no person has any business to ask or care what is his reputation. It cannot be harmed nor stolen. It is his just as is the aroma of the flower. He is to disregard any consequences that arise in the minds of others in the consciousness of doing that which is to him right. This is the only road to success. Reputation is Capital only when one is sure of it in himself, when he knows he is proof against theft, slander, inuendo, gossip, or libel.

What shall one do when any of these assail him? DO? What can one do with nothing? A lie is nothing. A slander is nothing. All the tales of gossips are nothing. Why not let nothing be nothing? Why, by noticing nothing, make it something? There is no power in nothing. A lie is nothing. Let it be nothing. To recognize it by denial is to create something out of nothing, and that which you create harms you. The harm of a lie lies in the power one gives it to harm by recognizing it. Learn the lesson the silence of Jesus taught. "When reviled, he reviled not again." When lied about before Pilate, "he opened not his mouth." Let lies fall from the mouth of those who will, pay no more attention to them than you do to the leaf falling from the forest tree. Let them be non-existent;

A FACT IS THE DIRECT SPEECH OF THE FATHER.—Theodore Parker.

then they are powerless. So with any tale or slander, let it pass without even a thought. Let your Affirmation be, I AM TRUTH. Truth is the only Power! Live so absorbed in these Affirmations that you have no time to attend to that which is non-existent. Misunderstandings treat in the same way. Do not stop to explain. He who asks an explanation is not a real friend. Were he a friend, he would trust you, and know that even where he could not understand, you were acting from right motives and were therefore right. Explanations but open the way for others until all your time will be taken up with them to the neglect of your business. Rest content in Truth, and let events be your explanation.

TELL THE TRUTH, and trust TRUTH to care for Itself and you.

Turning aside to attend to that which is not, defending one's self from sayings of enemies, explaining to those who are too dull or faithless, suffering from wounded feelings because of these, have so weakened many a man that otherwise had success in his grasp that he has failed. LET THAT ALONE WHICH IS NOT YOUR BUSINESS! Your business is to attend to that which is, to attend to that which lies in the Affirmation, I AM! Now I am not a lie. I am not fraud. I am not mistake. I am not slander. Why, then, should I meddle with these? Attend strictly to your own business of unfoldment, would you have success. He whose business is to lie, let him lie. He receives his reward. Attend you to Truth. This is the road to Success, to Health. Diagnose the average case of failure in any line and we find that it is caused by the recognition of the opinions or words of others.

Affirm I AM, and act in this Affirmation. Think only of good. As to reputation, be indifferent. Affirm I AM TRUTH! TRUTH IS MIGHTY, AND PREVAILS.

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ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

has an article in the New York Evening Journal of September 5, upon “A Clear Mind and Contentment All that is Needed to be Successful,” from which the following paragraphs are taken:

The world is full of “New Thought Literature.” It is helpful and inspiring to read. The latest to come to me is: “How to Control Fate Through Suggestion,” by Henry Harrison Brown, “NOW” Company, San Francisco, Cal. It is worth many dollars to any one who will live its philosophy.

I showed it to a man who has been studying along these lines for some years. “Oh, I know all that book contains,” he said; “it is nothing new. I am perfectly familiar with its philosophy.” Yet this man was continually allowing himself to grow angry over the least trifle—he was quick to see and speak of the faults in others; he was demanding more of those he associated with in the way of consideration and justice than he was willing to give, and he was untidy in his person and improvident in his use of money.

Now it is an entire waste of time for this man to read New Thought literature or practice deep breathing, since he will not put into daily and hourly practice what is taught by the New Religion.

Man is what he thinks.

You cannot in an hour gain control over a temper which you have let fly loose for twenty years. But you can control it eventually, and learn to think of a burst of anger as a vulgarity—like drunkenness or profanity—something you could not descend to.

If you have allowed yourself to think despondent thoughts and believe that poverty and sickness were your portion for years, it will take time to train your mind to more cheerful and hopeful ideas; but you can do it by repeated assertions and by reading and thinking and living the beautiful New Thought Philosophy. From Henry Harrison Brown's book, I quote the following excellent rules for assertions. Say them over daily:

“I am fearless. I dare to do anything I desire. I am life. I cannot know sickness.

“I choose my life. I make it—all goodness, usefulness, success. I am peace, joy, prosperity, happiness.”

When you persist in saying, thinking and living these ideas, you cannot fail in life.

THE INDWELLING GOD.

I sought your coming long, my Lord,
I pictured you with flaming sword.
I deemed the grandeur of Your face
Would fill with awe the human race.

But lo, one day a still, small voice
Bade me, "Arise, go forth, rejoice.
The Lord is with you every day
To lead and help you on your way.

"No task is there for him too small,
No work too great; He guideth all.
Within yourself doth ever dwell
The Lord, Who doeth all things well."

—Clara Henderson, for NOW.

POST-HYPNOTIC TELEPATHY.

In connection with the editorials upon The Science of Mental Healing, I am each month reporting phenomena from which the Science I am building is deduced. This month I gave two important instances of the silent power of thought. They throw light upon that phase of absent treatment which has puzzled even old teachers in the New Thought—cases where cures are performed without the knowledge of the healer.

I had received several letters from a young man in New Mexico; had no especial reason to expect another. One day, just after dinner, I lay on my lounge relaxed, when it seemed as if a voice within me called his name. So distinct was it that I opened my eyes to see if it was spoken by anyone in the room. In about ten minutes, the postman rang the bell and my assistant returned from the door with a letter from said young man.

I had been in correspondence with a gentleman in Bridgeport, Conn. I had never seen him, but there had been telepathic messages between us. To demonstrate more convincingly that it was telepathic, I wrote him that at a certain time on a certain evening, I would send him a message which he would receive three hours earlier, by eastern time. I wrote a message and put it in a drawer of my desk. I never thought of this promise until I re-

ceived a letter from him. At the same time I had set he received my message and sent to me the same words I had written on the paper I had laid away. This has nothing strange in it for one familiar with post-hypnotic suggestion. Add to that phenomenon the fact that these suggestions may be conveyed telepathically, and we have the explanation of these cases of absent healing. The operator tells his sleeping subject that after a certain time he will do a certain thing. Provided there is in his mind no objection to the act, he will do at that time the thing that was told him to do. At one of my classes I told a lady that in ten minutes after waking she would go and tell a certain gentleman that it was time for him to go home. At expiration of the time she, with a very ladylike excuse for meddling with his business, reminded him that, as he was obliged to be up early, it was best that he retire. The thought had remained in her mind, as a seed in soil, until right conditions came for expression. So with the thought of my correspondent. It took advantage of the postman's thought of delivering the letter and came into my consciousness from the real I—the subconscious I.

So was it with my Connecticut correspondent. My thought went to him at the time I wrote it, and lay in his subconsciousness until the time he expected it; then it came into his conscious life. This phenomenon, often repeated with me, is my authority for saying:—*It is only necessary for the healer to say to himself and his patient that he will treat at a certain hour and then to forget the engagement.* The treatment is given no matter what he may be consciously doing at that time, for no treatment is from the conscious life. All treatments are from the subconscious, but they are directed by a conscious Suggestion. All that is necessary is to know how to suggest and then to practice until power is developed.

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* MISCELLANEOUS. *

NOT GOD BUT I.

Dear artists, ye
—Whether in form of curve or hue
Or tone your gospels be—
Say wrong:—*This work is not of me,
But God.* It is not true; it is not true.
Awful is Art, because 'tis free.
The artist trembles o'er his plan,
Where men his Self must see.
Who made a song or picture, he
Did it, and not another, God nor man.
My Lord is large, my Lord is strong:
Giving, he gave; my Me is mine.
How poor, how strange, how wrong,
To dream he wrote the little song
I made to him with love's unforced design!
Pass, kinsman cloud, now fair and mild;
Discharge the will that's not thine own.
I work in freedom wild,
But work, as plays a little child,
Sure of the Father, Self, and Love, alone.
—*Sidney Lanier.*

THEORY OF AN EXPERT SCIENTIST.

Prof. Charles Sedgwick Minot, in his address before the American Society for the Advancement of Science upon "Consciousness," gives it as his opinion that Consciousness is a reality and is homologous with the consciousness of animals. Consciousness is not a function of protoplasm, but human consciousness stands as the cause of physiological processes. He thinks that the universe is composed of two things fundamentally different. They are Force and Consciousness. He says, "We have no evidence that matter exists." Our sensations are caused by force and by force alone. The form of energy can be changed by consciousness. "Without consciousness, the universe would come to absolute rest." This last assertion is peculiar. It shows the difficulty of the present scientific mind to escape the old doctrine of duality. One question destroys the Professor's position as to there being a

something that is not Force. Professor, how can that which is not force act upon force? If consciousness is not force, how can there be a movement caused by Consciousness upon that which is force?

It is unthinkable that something which is not force can manifest force so as to produce a movement, since all known movements are caused by force. Only Unity can solve the problem of consciousness. "When we solve this," says Prof. M., "human science will be complete." Unity is the only possible universe. Telepathy demonstrates that Love and Thought are modes of motion. These are only modifications of Life, and Life and Consciousness are one. Telepathy demonstrated Life to be a mode of motion. ALL IS MOTION! ALL IS FORCE! ALL IS GOD! God's manifestations are by Force. All Force manifests as motion. All known motion is in undulations. All undulations produce sensations, and we thus travel back to the Professor's words, "Our sensations are caused by force and by force alone."

Man's greatest discovery, i.e. Thought is Force, solves the problem of Consciousness over which the Professor is puzzled and muddled. When scientists accept it and link Life with all other forms of the One Energy, then for the first time in human history will there be a foundation in Truth on which to build a science that is religious and a religion that is scientific. The little book, "Man's Greatest Discovery" and the editorials in NOW are the best text-books ever yet put out and they are recommended to such dualists as Prof. Minot. "There is but One God" and NOW is one of His prophets.

AN EMINENT AUTHORITY ON MENTAL SCIENCE.

"One is struck by a psychological similarity between the mind-cure movement and the Lutheran and Wesleyan movements. To the believer in moralism and good works, with his anxious

query, 'What shall I do to be saved,' Luther and Wesley replied: 'You are saved now if you would but believe it,' and the mind-curers come with precisely similar words of emancipation. They speak, it is true, to persons for whom the conception of salvation has lost its ancient theological meaning, but who labor nevertheless with the same eternal human difficulty. *Things are awry with them; and 'What shall I do to be clear, right, sound, whole, well?' is the form of this question. And the answer is: 'You are well, clear, sound already if you did but know it.' The whole answer may be summed up in one, says one of the authors I have already quoted. 'God is well, and so are you; you must awaken to the knowledge of your wellbeing.'*"

"The adequacy of this message to the mental needs of a large fraction of mankind is what gave force to those earlier prophets. Exactly the same adequacy holds in the case of the mind-cure menage, foolish as it may sound upon the surface, and seeing its rapid growth in influence, and its therapeutic triumphs, one is tempted to ask whether it may not be destined to play a part almost as great in the evolution of the popular religion of the future as did those earlier movements in their day."—*Dr. Wm. James, Professor of Philosophy at Harvard College, in his new work, "The varieties of Religious Experience. A study of Human Nature."*

OPINION OF AN EXPERT.

W. J. Colville, well known in both continents as a teacher along all psychic and psychologic lines, and himself a wonderful psychic, says of hypnotism in a late *Banner of Light*:

I was never hypnotized against my will or even without the full consent of my own will. As spiritualistic literature abounds with references to the virtual identity of hypnotic influence with spirit control, I deem it advisable to bear testimony in this direction.

He willingly submitted to seances with an hypnotist and demonstrated the oneness of the phenomena. Mediumship is hypnotism with the operator

unseen. This position I took in 1870, soon after my own psychic powers were developed. When I succeeded later in being hypnotized, I found that it was only the old phenomena repeated. I also demonstrated through my listening to spirit voices, and the later development of telepathy, that they were the same phenomena, one being from the mortal and the other from the immortal manifestation of life. It is, however, generally more difficult to catch the immortal vibrations and to submit to the immortal operator, because of the more delicate vibrations that come from the purely spiritual side.

Mr. Colville also says:

We are frequently told that mediumship is impossible without passivity, and such is doubtless the case, but voluntary rather than involuntary passivity conduces to best result. Operator and subject are terms of double import, but such terms as sender and receiver, or transmitter and recipient, are clearly not open to valid objection, seeing that they in no way imply enforced surrender of one individual to another.

It cannot be too often stated that such a thing as the hypnotizing of one person by another is impossible. That which is called by this name is only the voluntary and conscious acceptance by one person of a Suggestion made by another. Where there is the inharmony of any antagonism between two minds, or an abnormal mental condition, it becomes insanity or obsession. These two conditions are ever liable where any one gives up his own judgment to another. Revivals, political campaigns, real estate booms, auction rooms, sectarian colleges, in fact any place where dogmatic statements are made and accepted, are hot beds for the growth of these abnormal mental states, that render a person liable to be involuntarily the subject of another's Suggestion. He can never be the willing or unwilling subject to another's will. Safety alone lies in being at all times subject to one's own reason and conscience. A person thus self-controlled is never

in danger. One not thus controlled is never safe. He is a leaf in the mental breeze or the mental maelstrom, as the case may be.

ALL CURES ARE SELF-CURES.

It is true that mental healing heals the patient for the time being, but there is no perfect healing apart from teaching.

So says Helen Wilmans in *Freedom*. This statement from one of the most successful Mental Healers in the world I see with joy. It is the position I took years ago and for that reason have refused, save in cases of acute disorder or of children, to treat mentally. They are not cures but temporary relief. I insist upon education on part of the patient. Suggestions that change the mental condition, that teach the cause of the disorder and give the laws of Mind, that show how to control thoughts, are the only means of cure. To relieve, and leave the patient to think the same thoughts, to feel the same want of love, and employ the same fears, is to temporize with the Law of Life. Better that he suffer and be done with it, than that he be relieved and left to bring upon himself a return of the same and learn at last through suffering. "NOW" lessons, lectures and books are all along the line of the only cure—Self-Treatment through knowledge of the Laws of Mind.

Prof. E. E. Purinton of the West Virginia University has just completed a 30 days' fast. In regard to it he says: Voluntary fast brings a mental control, a conscious power over the body, a tightening grasp on cosmos that is forever beyond the scope of external healing or educating or religionizing. Dinner, disease and death are the logical triumvirate at whose slightest nod humanity's chief executive, Fear, strikes down at 35 a man whose body should last at least 200 years and then be transmitted into the universal unswilled by the fleeting shadow we call Death.

Here is Mental Science demonstrated by one who has not studied man metaphysically. The fact that by another process he has reached the

conclusion that death is not a necessity is only another demonstration that Truth will find channels to manifest itself or it will make them. In "Man's Greatest Discovery", I have shown the scientific grounds for such an opinion. Every day that opinion is intensified. It is as much a fact to me as that other one, that man need not ride by post-horse if he will seek another way. Thanks to all those who are content by the slower route of reason and of detail to reach the conclusion to which Intuition led me by communion with Causation itself.

Let all tears and prayers go by!

Be thou man!

Let who will resist and cry!

Affirm: "I can!"

Thus you win. But the slave

Quivers. Be thou brave.

Dare be true!

Live from within! Act the Truth!

Fearlessly

Live it! Then eternal youth

Shall crown thee!

When affirmed the God within

All success thou wilt win,

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* EDITORIAL. *

MAN, A THOUGHT-CENTER.

[Sixth Article on the Science of Mental Healing.]

There is no event but sprang from the soul of man; and therefore none but the soul of man can interpret.—Emerson, in *Literary Ethics*.

The revelation of Thought takes a man out of servitude into freedom. Thought dissolves the material universe by carrying the mind up into a sphere where all is plastic.—Emerson, in *Fate*.

The Supreme Being does not build up Nature around us, but puts it forth through us, as the life of the tree puts forth new branches and leaves through the pores of the old. As a plant upon the earth, so a man rests upon the bosom of God; he is nourished by unfailing fountains, and draws, at his need, inexhaustible power. Man has access to the entire mind of the creator, is himself a Creator in the finite.—Emerson, in *Nature*.

Man is a center of Mind in Mind—a center of Spirit in Spirit. All centers radiate power. What power does the Human Soul, as a center, radiate? All power of every form. All the God-power radiates from man and radiates in all directions, as the sun's rays radiate. To try to catalogue the power of man would be to catalogue infinity. It is possible to catalogue those he has manifested, but those that lie in possibility cannot be numbered. Therefore, he who says of anything, "It is impossible," is not mindful of the fact that "man is nourished by unfailing fountains of inexhaustible power and has access to the entire mind of the Creator." Any desired thing is possible to man, for he has All Power to draw from.

Unless this fact can be accepted, no one can possibly become a Mental Scientist, cannot be a Soul Culturist. That the Human Soul is a center of Power in the All-Power, is the great Fact of all Soul Culture philosophy and of all real living. "I am ALL that God is," should be the Affirmation. But while we cannot enumerate all the

possible radiations, we can affirm that Thought is one form, and is the only form by which the Conscious Human Soul directs its own manifestations.

THOUGHT IS POWER. This discovery is man's greatest. Now that he has made it, he can understand himself and the Universe in which he is a center. Until he makes this discovery, he must necessarily wander in a metaphysical haze and become lost in its speculations. With this knowledge, he can handle and understand himself, just as he has learned to understand electricity and other forms of the One Universal Force.

We can now affirm that one of the forms of Force, radiating from the Soul as a center, is Thought. By the study of centers as we know them in the objective life, (or in the lower vibrations of Force) we can learn how Thought radiates. Taking the sun as an example, we learn that each point on its surface emits rays into the surrounding ether. From each infinitesimal point, each sphere radiates its power. These rays are alike from every point. From every point upon the sun's surface, radiate all possible rays of sun life. His light, heat, atinic, and millions of other discovered and undiscovered rays go forth with constant radiations. By these rays the sun is at all times present in every inch of space. The only limitation possible to his power is the possibility of limitation of the medium through which his rays vibrate. If that medium be ether, and if ether be universal, then the sun is omnipresent, fills all space, and is as much in any one inch as in any other inch.

Remember that it is the tendency of all nature to economize space. This causes all atoms to collect around centers forming spheres. Thus the Human Soul, being of the One Universal Substance, obeys the one law and as a center, is a sphere. Like all centers in the One, it has no circumference. There is no circumference to whirlwind or whirlpool. They are limited only by the medium in which they are cen-

ters. All the atmosphere is the body of the whirlwind and all the sea, the body of the whirlpool. In like manner, all the Universal One is the body of the Soul. As a center, it has its circumference limited only by the infinity of the medium in which it is a center.

Being a sphere, the Soul radiates all its possible forms of force from every mathematical point. And Thought being the one used by it, this form of individual manifestation is radiated from every point into the Universal space which is its body. Just as an emotion is felt throughout one's physical body, so is thought felt throughout the Body Universal. Realizing this, it is easy to understand how each Soul is present everywhere at all times. Every Soul is Omnipresent by its Thought. Its thought rays are, like sun rays, constantly radiating from every point and these vibrations are present at all times in every inch of the Universal One. But it is also everywhere at all times in all the many million modes of motion that it, as a manifestation of the One, is. It is present by its Love, its Truth, its Faith. For instance, I hold the thought, "Health is the normal condition of each Soul;" and I affirm, I AM HEALTH; that Thought radiates from me as a Soul-center in every possible direction. I am omnipresent by that thought and I help to make the thought atmosphere of the Race, just as each star helps to make the light of our sky, and each lamp, the light of the hall. I cannot help radiating that which I AM. Unconsciously these Thought radiations are doing their work. Every Soul feels them. Every Soul that is receptive responds to them, just as receptive eyes respond to light.

As every known force occupies a certain range in the scale and can rise or fall in pitch, so Thought has its range. That range has not yet been measured. But that some souls radiate thought of greater potency is already demonstrated by the phenomena of telepathy. The more individualized, the more self-assertive the individual, the higher the

pitch and therefore the more powerful. They who assert themselves raise the vibrations of the race. They create a Thought-atmosphere that makes Human Evolution possible.

Because of this unconscious, uncontrolled, and often destructive action of Thought, we know that controlled, directed, and creative, action is, when Man learns to use Thought as Force, just as he has learned to use steam as Force. It is the Province of Soul Culture and the other forms of The New Thought to so teach Man that he will, through intelligent use of Thought as Force, become self-directed, consciously self-created, and the Conscious Master of Fate.

Soul Culture approaches this study with the Affirmation that Man Is Spirit—is Spirit *now* with all the God-powers latent within, awaiting the Ithuriel touch of his Conscious Will to spring into manifestation. Through Self-assertion alone, will they ever find expression. Self-Trust is the key to Power.

Realizing that Man is a Soul-center and is constantly radiating that which he is, it will be readily understood that as we know all other centers by their radiations, so can Man be known. Though the beams of a million stars touch the eye at the same time, still it is possible for us to concentrate attention upon one alone and study it. By his spectrum analysis, the scientist tells the elements that compose the star from which any beam of light comes. It vibrates with the colors of the minerals of which it is composed. Nature's one law controls the making of star and Soul. Like star Soul radiates that of which it is composed. In case of Soul, it is God. It radiates God-Powers.

Each Soul has its own pitch, color and power, graded by its unfoldment. That unfoldment is not dependent upon age, incarnations, birth or special privileges. It depends alone upon the Self-assertive power of the individual. The price of immortality is individualization. Till one has gained

power to assert the I, he is a slave and a babe and is nursed into unfoldment by others in the subconscious, just as he has to be nursed into selfhood in the objective life. As soon as one realizes that he is ONE with the ALL-Power, and asserts it, he is free from all leading strings of men, angels, or gods, and becomes himself in manifestation that which he ever has been in reality—GOD.

Until then he is subject to the undulations of the Thought-ocean in which he lives, also subject to the consciously directed thoughts of others whenever they intensify any desire or tendency within himself. Like a fish in the sea, he can swim but is subject to currents and to bigger fishes than himself. When once he asserts the I, he is beyond comparison, and knows only himself and the ONE.

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[Books received will be noticed under this heading. Those we have space for will be truthfully reviewed.]

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