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# TESTIMONIALS.

We quote from a few of the many letters received during the past month, from those who have voluntarily expressed themselves regarding their

## Character Delineations!

We would recommend this important department of our work to students or others who wish to start the new year with good resolutions that are based on **Self Knowledge** thus scientifically obtained. (See adv. elsewhere.)

(The following is from one who is very widely known, and whose brain measurements equal those of Daniel Webster. Both name and address are omitted, as either would identify him to many.)

Nov. 1st, 1897.

Your delineation of my character was most satisfactory. Will remit the well-earned \$5 extra, and also send hand cast, brain measurements, etc., of my wife so that you may make a delineation for her.

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Ledge, Mich., Oct. 31, 1897.

The character delineation came Saturday, and to say I am delighted does not express it. I re-read it daily, and find more each time. It is beautiful from first to last and true in every point. I will do all I can to make the most of the excellent teaching which it gave. The back numbers of O. S. L. came also. I like them best of anything I have read, and am learning much from them.

M. W. E.

Aurora, Ill., 10-12-97.

My delineation received. It is remarkably correct, and helpful.

M. S.

Chicago, Oct. 24th, 1897.

I have received the delineation and am much encouraged on reading it. I feel most keenly the imperfections you have hardly more than hinted at. It seems too good to be true that I have such latent possibilities. I hope you do not take a too optimistic view of my character. Perhaps you kindly present that side of it most strongly because you know how discouraged I have been. I have found the delineation most helpful, and will depend upon you to indicate to me the next step.

Blue Earth City, Minn., Oct. 30th, 1897.

The delineation was accurate and most remarkable.

A. H.

London, Gr. Pa., Oct. 24th, 1897.

Most gratefully do I acknowledge the receipt of the character delineation. It is a source of great encouragement to me. At first, much of it seemed too good to believe, but after a careful consideration I became convinced of its accuracy and truth. You have made me feel that there are possibilities before me, and my next thought is how to find the way thereunto.

P. J.

Chicago, Oct. 6th, 1897.

Many thanks for your character reading which seems to be very true and accurate, and I think expresses very clearly what I might achieve. If I have the opportunity later on, I shall hope to come to you for a more complete delineation.

T. C.

Somerville, Mass., Nov. 4th, 1897.

The character delineation came just as I was leaving town. It was very satisfactory indeed.

A. K. M.

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 31, 1897.

My delineation was received in due time, and has been read and re-read many times. It has given me much to think of which I can understand. Allow me to thank you for the good advice which I can now see will give me much strength and help in my every undertaking.

The delineation, as well as your little O. S. L. booklets are more and more enjoyable and valuable after the first few readings.

C. H. F.

Allentown, Penn., Oct. 20th, 1897.

The delineation was received ten days ago. I have read and re-read thoughtfully its many pages. It affords me pleasure to assure you that I have derived great benefit from your words, and am convinced of a still greater profit to be reaped as time flows on.

Buffalo, N. Y., 10-1-97.

The delineation was received this a. m. I have read and re-read it. Each time it takes on a deeper meaning. I ask myself again and again, how shall I fulfill the possibilities which it shows to be within my reach? I said to myself when I filled out the blank, "He will find me a puzzle, for I am so alone—so different from others." I will make a great effort to follow your advice.

H. E.

Mankato, Minn., 11-1-97.

It might be inferred by my delay in acknowledging the receipt of the delineation, that I am lukewarm and indifferent in regard to it, but such an inference from my silence would be wrong. I was greatly pleased with it, and especially with those parts of it which pointed out defects and deficiencies in my character and thought methods, of whose existence I was more or less aware. I am terribly in earnest in my desire to profit by it in every possible way, and by speedily finding my place as a concordant note in the grand harmony of the Brotherhood and its work.

C. O. H.

## SPECIAL.

There are many important occult and other reasons why each reader and each individual member of the Home Silent Thought Brotherhood should in their respective localities, begin at once to establish thought centers for the generation of helpful forces and occult currents, that will aid not only in their own affairs, but also in relieving and harmonizing the intense general conditions which are likely to continue for some time. This means you. Do you ask how to begin? You could begin by putting into practice some of the occult principles, formulas and observances, such as have been given in the Occult Science Library. If you have forgotten what they are, then re-read them at once, or better still, form a parlor group of two or more interested friends, and read them aloud and then discuss and put into practice the principles and leading points. The larger the number which can unite harmoniously in such a group, the greater will be the forces so generated. "Thoughts are things." There are thousands who are beginning to realize that fact, and to form groups as above suggested. The result has been marvellous. Just think for a moment how it is likely to grow, and the greater the growth the greater will be the power thus created for the benefit of the whole and of each individual member. It is something you can do. Begin now.

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# Character Delineations

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It is designed in this important department of our work, to offer students the safe means of obtaining that true self-knowledge which is at the foundation of all development of occult powers. It is only when one **fully understands** his individual talents and capacities, that he can **make the most** of them. To the degree that one lacks conscious omnipotence, does he need self-knowledge.

This department was originally intended, exclusively, for the somewhat advanced members of our Brotherhood. The entire cost of our first five degrees of the Brotherhood, which includes these delineations, two books, and the OCCULT SCIENCE LIBRARY MAGAZINE for a year, is \$7.50 (only \$2.50 more than the delineations alone), and, it is a **great advantage** to take the delineations in connection with the degrees; but, they will be given separately if desired. The five degrees may be taken at one time.

In these delineations we undertake by exhaustive and scientific methods, to ascertain what are the various esoteric undercurrents of the character in question, and thus are we able to give helps and accurate advice for the development of the individual talents so discovered, such as could be obtained, perhaps, in no other way. Do you value business success and growth?

## Your Business Adaptation

is the most important question you have to consider. You cannot **overestimate** its importance. Failure, disappointment, regrets, and humiliations are the almost **certain** results of ill-chosen pursuits. Most persons **stumble** into business, or, are thrown into it by accident, temporary necessity, misguided ambition, or perverted fancy, without any serious **thought** as to their real **fitness** for the vocation they adopt. The natural consequence is waste of time and life's forces, loss of hope and courage, and a sapping of the very **foundations** of success and talent.

## Success is Certain

in most cases where they get into the right place, and then work **faithfully**, with the earnestness which hope and adaptation inspires. Most persons have ten times more talent than they think, and waste their very **lives** in occupations which yield only about **one-tenth** of the money and happiness that would be possible in an occupation scientifically determined by their inherent constitutional biases.

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## Helps.

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The all-important "know how" of practical occultism is but the formation of a partnership with natural law, by which you derive the benefits of its unlimited power. It is through that "know how" that you become able without exertion to put into operation the machinery of natural law within yourself, and then win out in whatever line of legitimate effort you may decide to undertake, and that, too, without any wringing of hands or "gnashing of teeth." Your partner (natural law) thus supplies the power to do all the work while you amuse yourself by "seeing the wheels go round," or in counting the profits. As the Indian said, "It is easy work to see white man chop."

The Falls of Niagara should teach us the lesson, that through natural law it is possible to exercise great power without great exertion. If through a knowledge of practical occultism, we put into operation its laws of thought, we then can no more prevent the consequent results, except by reversing or exhausting the thought currents, than we can counteract the laws of gravitation and thus stay the rapids of Niagara by a wink of the eye.

Power which comes through occultism is from within and under the absolute control of the will. It comes through exact knowledge and by the voluntary exercise of exact principles.

We get so used to the powers of steam, electricity, etc., that we thoughtlessly neglect to apply the same principle to the greater powers within ourselves. And what is that principle? It is the law of vibration. All power is exercised through vibration. Within the few innocent looking drops of water which we see by the wayside, are latent vibratory energies which if through heat were suddenly released and set in motion, would so suddenly expand that we would be blown sky-high. It is through knowledge that the vibratory powers of thought can be made to as suddenly expand, and in time carry us to the heights of our ambitions. There is no electric dynamo with power to produce an electric (vibratory) current, that would be sufficient to kill or even disturb the life currents of the occultist who, through thought, is able to key the vibrations of his body to the same rate of speed. It is thus that man may become proof against microbes, physical or mental weakness, or even death itself.

This is a day and age of the world when no one can successfully deny that the Omnipotent law of life, which is God, is literally "all and within all." In reducing by analysis to rates of vibration or motion those particles of matter called "atoms," of which all nature is composed, the scientist literally proves that our world is not a solid or even fluid, but that it is a pulsating

mass of organized magnetic forces, each "atom" of which contains within itself the perfect and omnipotent law of life, which in time will carry that "atom" to a conscious working realization of that fact.

These "atoms" being but magnetisms, can now be polarized to an educated will, or in other words, when through understanding we come into coöperative touch with that omnipotent law of our lives, we thus become the conscious master of every organized magnetic force which has not yet awakened to the same realization, simply because we can by thought, neutralize their underlying vibrations by arousing higher ones within ourselves, thus enabling us to mould their lower vibrations at will by our thought powers. This power is then ours to use but not to abuse, and will be taken away from us to the extent that we try to impose upon it any personal ambition which is not in line with its Divine and omnipotent will. As it is the law of our life, we will then have no desire to put obstructions in its way, for its way is our way. As this law is within, its powers which come through understanding must be found in the within.

It should be plain that he who through understanding gets conscious command of this law of motion within himself, will then be able to control the atomic magnetisms of his own body, and heal diseased conditions within himself or others. The same principle and rule would also apply to money-making, business success, power, happiness, etc.

The one who understandingly and habitually acts

from the higher self acts with power, and his every undertaking becomes successful. Thought is a proved generator of vibration and power. As we acquire the occult art of true thought concentration, we will be able to keep more and more closely in touch with the higher self, and thus in our efforts will cast for ourselves the dies of our future success instead of failure.

To learn and practice this art is one of the chief purposes of practical occultism and of the daily coöperative thought practices of the Home Silent Thought Brotherhood. It is through a thorough knowledge of thought laws and the laws of motion that you will be able to give your inherent but now latent omnipotence an opportunity to distinguish you in your chosen life work, and thus manifest its own power and glory; but it is so confident of its power that it will not condescend to hurry you into a demonstration through you of that power, at least until the proper time comes.

Why does not natural law interfere when the fish, which by the waves is washed upon the seashore, consents to lie there and die for want of the water which is perhaps only a foot away, and which through knowledge could be reached so easily? Is knowledge so precious that the fish can afford to obtain it at the cost of such experiences? Then is not the knowledge of occult laws through which man becomes able to manifest his divine powers worth all that it costs? Are you willing to be forever bullied by the little humbug of a word "can't" or even "fate," and at the cost perhaps of your very life as well as your success and happiness?

Then you are not sufficiently in earnest to become a true occultist, even though endowed with every other basic quality and requisite.

The law of power within you having endowed you so liberally, will calmly wait until through recognition and understanding you are ready to do its outward work of manifestation. Are you ready for that now? If so you may, if you wish, send to us your date of birth, brain measurements, and such other data as you may be led to communicate to us. If upon investigation of the nativity, etc., no objections arise, we will indicate to you a course of study and occult development, etc., which it is believed will be effective as a help in bringing you the desired results.

We make no claim of actually giving of occult powers, because our part is simply to show the way by scientifically analyzing for you your individual tendencies, capacities, etc., and by pointing out the comparatively simple and easily applied directions, methods and practices which will then awaken such occult forces within yourself and enable you to use them in all your practical or other affairs; or, in other words, it is a matter of showing you how to conform to natural laws in ways that will enable you to get the benefit of these forces and powers which already exist within yourself, but which perhaps you have not as yet been able to recognize and use.

Electricity in its natural state was as abundant before the time of Benjamin Franklin as it is to-day, but it was through him and his successors in that field of

inquiry that its laws were discovered and its powers brought into general use. There are greater powers than electricity within you which can be reached and utilized through your thought.

For years it has been our effort to explain and simplify the laws of thought, so its powers could be more fully utilized by one and all. Thousands have voluntarily expressed their gratitude for the helps which it has been our privilege to thus give, but unfortunately there are few if any of our tens of thousands of readers who have seemed to fully grasp the esoteric meanings which it has been our effort through our publications to convey. Those esoteric meanings are of course the main part, and as a means of more fully conveying that part and the general philosophy to the student, we are with great care preparing a somewhat exhaustive course of question sheets for the purpose of more fully bringing out and emphasizing the main points and basic principles which these publications already contain.

Those who show sufficient interest in these plans of self-culture and self-help to at once take the seven exoteric degrees in the Home Silent Thought Brotherhood, will be given the benefit of these question sheets lessons, reviews, etc., free of charge. The system of self-training, coöperative thought, self-help, occult development, etc., which is represented by these seven degrees or natural steps in occultism, was in all its details founded upon what it is believed are and can be proved to be, the sound, scientific, self-evident basic principles of the occult philosophy. Therefore, each degree has its

meanings and intensely practical uses, which together with the twenty-one lessons, reviews, etc., could be made of almost inestimable value.

The fact of these advantages could perhaps be made clear and self-evident by a single point or illustration which I will attempt to give, so you won't have to take anybody's word for it, viz.: It is plain that as all physical or visible things are made manifest through motion, and are governed by the laws of motion, therefore, he who through understanding, thought control, etc., gets command of the law of motion within himself, thus gets the key to the whole situation; because, through the medium of thought and by occult practices, through concentration, self-training, etc., he can then arouse vibrations (motions) within himself which will in time give him the mastery over all manifested things, including "that last great enemy," physical death, which, according to holy writ, will be "overcome." He thus becomes able to control external things simply by neutralizing their underlying vibrations.

It is an indisputable fact which can I trust with due modesty be said, that to this work belongs the now recognized credit and honor of discovering, clearly defining and conclusively proving the all-important relations which exist between motion and its cause; between manifestation and unmanifestation; between limitation or retarded motion and unmanifestation, or that Divine principle which has within itself the cause of motion; between Truth the eternal and origi-

nal essence called God and its inherent Love principle and tendencies which create positive and negative poles, dual tendencies, centrifugal and centripetal forces, masculine and feminine principles, sex tendencies, etc.

These undeniable explanations have practically unraveled those enigmas which the scientific and thinking world have been puzzling over for ages. Scientists have had no difficulty in reducing by analysis all particles of matter, however large or small, to rates of vibration or modes of motion, but they were unable to go back of that and get at the *cause* of motion at least with sufficient clearness for the chain of its philosophic connections to become unbreakable and applicable. This is what this work has recently done. It is not expected that the scientific and thinking world will immediately awaken to a recognition of the full significance of those proved connections, and if they go to sleep over them or even ridicule them, as is their habit before investigating anything which comes from an unexpected source or outside of their own lines, they will be the chief losers.

These stupendously important discoveries,—which through the aid of occult practices it has been our good fortune to make,—have opened up so many fields for getting the principles involved into concrete working form and into rules which can be applied by everybody, that we have work enough ahead to last us for the next ten years. The number of persons which we can teach through these proposed correspondence classes is

therefore limited. It is hoped, however, that many who take the course will in time become permanently connected with the work with a view to teaching others. The applications for these degrees, lessons, books, etc., will be given attention in their regular order. The books and several of the degrees can of course be given prompt attention, and the character delineations, personal instructions, etc., will follow with as little delay as possible and in their natural order.

The misconceptions, mistakes, etc., which have attached themselves to the occult philosophy, have been so pitifully appalling, that for the sake of those who through a gross misapprehension of the facts and philosophy, are prejudiced against it or fear it, or who perhaps ignorantly think they "know it all," it is eminently proper that a necessarily destructive effort should be made to detach the philosophy from these loads of misconception by showing what it is not. Then it may be easier to clearly see what it is, what it can do and how to escape some of the dangers which surround us in the unseen.

The laws of motion conclusively teach that force is literally everywhere, and therefore that the unseen is as full of living realities as is the seen. Those who are oblivious to the existence of these unseen forces little realize how malignant and perhaps poisonous are many of the unseen currents of force which pour in upon them, because of their unconscious infringements of the natural or thought laws, etc., which govern human life. A danger becomes all the more harmful and insidious

if its very existence is unrecognized and unknown. Unfortunately a large percentage of the investigators along the line of these unseen forces make matters still worse through their well-meant but unwise efforts to cultivate "psychic gifts" (?) and obtain psychic "development." They thus go directly contrary to the first principles of true occultism, and open up the mental pores, the intuitions, etc., to the whole horde of malignant elementary forces which swarm the invisible. It is bad enough to live in the vicinity of a swamp without trying to lie down in its sink holes, thus becoming all the more a prey to its miasma, rattle snakes, etc. It is a scientific and universal principle of philosophy, that all things evolve from within outward, and simply because the law of motion which is within each individual heart is likewise the law of all manifested life. Every physical thing is but organized vibration or motion and its interior law of motion is its organizing power.

All occult powers within man are developed simply by conforming to the exact principles of that interior law of motion, instead of in cultivating psychic gifts, by trying to absorb external forces. To absorb external forces is to sooner or later absorb good and bad alike, as will be clearly understood when the nature of the external forces are understood.

That sponge-like receptivity to the external forces, which comes through mere psychic development and the cultivation of that passive mental state which is receptive to the external invisible world, is an inverted occultism which is unsound in its philosophic principles

and extremely disastrous in its practical results. The "Kingdom of heaven," which is the kingdom of occult power, is within instead of without, and the mental sponge or fountain who tries to find it without will soon become clogged up with the dirty water of other peoples' thought refuse.

Let us try to communicate with the ever living spirit or law of life within, instead of with the "spirits" of the "dead," for in proportion to our ability to find that spirit and law of power (motion) within, will we free ourselves from psychic leeches.

So long as we revel in the grewsome delights of materializing seances, development circles, haunted houses, ghosts and what not, just so long will we foolishly furnish vibratory vitality for the "phenomena" thus seen, and for the lower earth-bound principles of executed criminals who perhaps died with oaths or lies upon their lips and hate in their hearts, thus becoming more dangerous dead than alive, and who for the sake of wreaking their vengeance by obsession, etc., or of re-supplying their waning vibratory powers by draining vibratory vitality from those who innocently submit to it, thus find the seance room their opportunity, and gloat over their victims who ignorantly hover around it, as would a buzzard or crow over a luscious piece of fresh carrion.

Still more insidious and dangerous are the lower and as yet undisintegrated vibratory after-death principles of sensualists, who approach the seance room or receptive mind in the name of love and goodness, per-

haps in the name of father, mother, wife, husband, child, relative or friend. It is not strange that they should shrewdly simulate goodness and benevolent motives, because for the time being they are partially divorced from their higher principles or selves, which, for purposes of reorganization, and through the process of involution or concentration, are then trying to detach these their lower principles from such unwise pursuits of prolonging their false and fictitious energies. It is thus made an actual struggle for a fictitious life by the lower principles of such souls, and it is not strange that they become conscienceless in their efforts to oppose the involutory workings of their higher soul principles.

It is of course true that by cultivating the negative, passive and receptive seance mood you can easily open the mental or intuitional door for little unseen "intelligences," or rather, psychic demons, to enter the mind. After thus paving the way they gain a passage of easy entry to the thought consciousness, so that during the semi-conscious moods of sleep, etc., they can stimulate the passions and drain you of sex force, perhaps entirely unknown to yourself. To allow that is not only a crime against your own nature, as is proven by the results, but is also a crime against such souls, because you thus waste on them your much needed vibratory sex vitality for the sake of prolonging their illusive passion pleasures, and that, too, in opposition to the true interests of such souls which need the quiet rest and inactivity of involution, for the purpose of concentration and reor-

ganization, instead of such disturbances of the workings of natural law. It is thus that many earnest and sincere but deluded people form these leagues with such unseen and conscienceless demons, and unknowingly furnish laughing stock to them and vitality to their false lives and selfish purposes, little realizing the injury they are doing to themselves and to the souls they so much desire to thus "help."

It should be remembered that passion has its origin in a mental faculty, as may be known by the fact that it can be stimulated by a thought, by a sight of its object which through that mental impression conveys a passion idea to the mind. The one who lives a life of selfishness, greed or sensuality (and there are thousands of such) is pretty sure to die before his time. As nearly all of his vibratory thought forces during life are sown upon the plane of greed or passion, these lower principles thus acquire a borrowed life or vibratory potency of their own, which takes time to exhaust, and which after death do not at once disintegrate or reorganize. The seance room and unprotected passive moods of finely organized people, largely women, offer them their opportunities for prolonging their passion pleasures.

Try to remember the philosophic principle, that motion becomes possible only through the existence of positive and negative poles, and that as all manifestation is through motion it follows, therefore, that positive and negative principles prevail throughout nature. Day is positive, night is negative. Man is positive, woman

is negative. The sun is positive, the moon is negative. It is also according to a philosophic law, that a psychic organism should instinctively seek the points of least resistance, which is the passive mood, of woman, at night, and during full moon periods, or at the periods when the moon passes into the zodiacal sign of her birth, when her life or sex forces run high. When through conservation instead of exhaustion, woman is able to transmute all of her sex vitality, she will be no longer troubled with monthly periods.

If she goes to the seance room with the desire to hear from the "spirit" of some relative, her thought vibrations send out advance forms or moulds which become especially sympathetic and receptive to invisible forces, and therefore become the points of least resistance, which are instinctively detected by psychic organisms who are then liable to surprise and win her confidence by relating incidents of past family history, which were perhaps unknown to any one except the departed "spirit" and herself. The coast is thus made clear and she receives with open arms whatever may come along, little realizing to what depths of spiritual prostitution or mental and perhaps physical free love it will finally lead her if unreservedly followed its whole lengths, providing, of course, that her sex force does not become so drained that no farther inducement is offered to the psychic vampires.

I do not dispute the possibility that the higher principles of a departed soul can communicate with the liv-

ing for a time after death, but I fear it is the exception instead of the rule.

The purpose of physical death is concentration and reorganization of the soul principles through involution instead of evolution, and therefore it is, or at least should be, a period of inactivity instead of activity. The higher soul principles being founded on the law of individual growth, have work of their own to do, viz., reorganization and concentration, therefore have little if any time to float around in the astral, even to help those who desire to lean on outside props, but whose chief need is the great lesson that "God helps him who helps himself."

Who ever heard of a seance in broad daylight? The successful ones are at night, in the dark, when the moon is full, in the midst of the harmonizing influence of soft music, peaceful thoughts, the union of voices, etc., etc.

Even physicians do not seem to fully realize how potent are the sex fluids in building up bodily health, talent, mental power, efficiency in action, etc. The fact that they are sufficient to reproduce physical life, and also the fact that sex perversions produce such sad effects should convince us that we cannot afford to be constantly drained of those fluids by ignorantly opening our minds through passive moods to the innumerable psychic vampires on the passion plane which constantly surround us. If we would avoid these unconscious drains we must learn to control our thoughts and to protect ourselves during sleep.

If you doubt these principles, then get facts to substantiate them. Study the shaky handwriting of spiritualistic mediums and confirmed habitués of the seance room, and then decide if you wish to practice their inverted occultism, or to even neglect the practice of true occultism, which by arousing a constant flow of interior vibratory force, is the only true protection against such external psychic forces, etc. How often do we hear the remark, "I didn't sleep very well last night and don't feel quite right this morning. It seems as though I dreamed all night," which generally means that you wasted your sex vitality on psychic vampires.

Then do you ask why the confirmed spiritualist (as well as the negative person) is often lacking in physical and mental power, and individuality, why his handwriting is so shaky; why his fortunes so often suffer, etc? It is the natural consequence of allowing "spirits" to run his affairs. When a dozen different "spirits" step in and quarrel over the sex spoils it is only natural that the hand-writing of that unfortunate victim should partake a little of the characteristics of each "spirit" in the "medley."

Spiritualists are as a rule persons of rather more than the average individuality and natural ability, for otherwise they would hardly have the gumption to step out of the beaten track of religious investigation. They are generally kind-hearted, intelligent and true in their motives. Spiritualism was perhaps the first modern protest of the intuitions against the materialistic tendencies of the times at its beginning. Its endeavor

was to obtain material evidences of the continuity of life, which it did. It itself was also materialistic in its tendencies, for otherwise it would not have cared so much for materialistic evidences of a future life, but would have been satisfied with the inward conviction and the convincing self-evident proofs which, through reason and otherwise, could have been obtained. Its followers as a rule are sincere and earnest people, who have had their place and have done and are doing their important work, but it has been at great expense in health, vitality, mental ability, success, etc., to the individual investigators along that line. There is much more concerning this subject which could be said, but this must suffice for the present.

Hypnotism has also offered its evidence to substantiate the fact that there are forces which cannot be recognized by the five senses, but like spiritualism it is an inverted occultism, though of a somewhat different kind. There are other isms, such as Theosophy, Christian Science, etc., which I hope in time to pay my respects to, by showing their points of likeness and perhaps of unlikeness to the principles of true occultism. I do not combat spiritualists or any others as individuals, but simply their principles. Christian Science is strong in some of its basic principles, but in its efforts to stick to the basic principles of the Absolute, goes to the extreme of denying manifestation, etc., and in ways which lead to very disastrous results to the material fortunes of the individuals who conform to some of its practices.

Occultism sticks to basic principles with equal fidelity, but by clearly explaining the intimate relations which exist between the absolute (unmanifestation) and all manifestation, thus shows methods by which man can invoke within himself the powers of the absolute and then utilize them (instead of allowing them to defeat him) in all business and art as well as in matters of health. Many Christian Scientists innocently cultivate that passive mood which is almost as receptive to external psychic influences as is the psychic development moods of the confirmed spiritualists. There are others whose "treatments" are unfortunately telapathic and hypnotic.

The basic principles of Theosophy, though tolerably comprehensive and perhaps sound, are so lost sight of by its adherents in their desires to investigate the laws of Karma, reincarnation, intermediate and after death states, etc., that the load of misinterpretations which pass current among its students as theosophy, are like a millstone around its neck, and it is almost a wonder that it did not long ago sink under the undeserved burden.

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