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# Practical Christianity

## THE CHRIST IN EVERY-DAY LIFE

By CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER



CHRIST IS THE REVELATION OF TRUTH. It is the Light of God shining in each soul. The things of sense may have blurred one's comprehension of this Light, but it is there, ever shedding its rays of cheer, hope and gladness. In time its penetrating influence will dispel all gloom and shadows, and leave the soul free and full in the enjoyment of conscious oneness with the Good.

This process is one of unfoldment, or so-called growth. Our eyes must become accustomed to the light before we can open them wide. As you practice seeing, the more are you capable of seeing. The more you discern the Christ within you, the more light of Truth you have in all your affairs.

In order to have more light, you must use what light you have. You develop or unfold by seeing, then doing. If you only see, but do not do, your sight soon becomes clogged, for you have only accumulated and stored away. This is not exercise. By using what Truth you perceive you expand, become strengthened, and thus have more room for Truth in your consciousness. Your capacity is being enlarged; your growth is normal, vital healthy.

Truth does not lead you into mistakes; it leads you away from them. As you serve Christ you are serving your own truest and highest interests. You walk in the ways of peace, wholeness, prosperity. It pays to serve the Good.

True love (conscious unity) sees no "mine" nor "thine." It never asks who it must serve, but who it can serve; and is ever serving all.

When this attitude is attained, you are ready to serve the Truth, not for what you may yourself derive from it, but for the general good of the world. You cheer the disheartened, you sooth the sorrowing, you render loving service to everyone constantly—doing it all as unto the Lord and not unto self. When an opportunity arises, though it may cause some exertion on your part, you do not make excuses to avoid doing the kindly deed, glad that you have the ability to overcome the difficulties which lie in its path.

Indeed, in serving the Christ, you are not open to any excuses either from yourself or others or conditions. Every occasion is a joyous opportunity, ever the clarion voice of the Christ to "Follow me" leading you on into new heights of spiritual realization.

In recognizing and serving the Good in yourself, in another, in everything, you are serving the Christ, the revelation of God in you.

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You derive the greatest benefit and blessing through being alert, watchful and expectant for the Good.

## MAKE YOUR WORK A JOY

By CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER



DO NOT TOIL, BUT WORK! Only through applying your abilities can you achieve success in any line.

To toil is to slave under the bondage of compulsion or seeming necessity, but work is the natural expression of the activities of mind and body.

To keep well you must continually exercise—work. So why not be a producer of that which is good and beneficial to mankind?

Produce more! This is the cry of the business world today—the salvation of the race. Everyone must be a producer. We have no place for the slacker or sluggard. To have a right to live, you must help bring into visible form that which is good.

So work; work with a will, work with a purpose—and work willingly, cheerfully, joyfully. Work in the thought of being a real blessing in alleviating want and suffering, in producing that which will give peace and comfort and sustenance to a sense-tossed world—in heart, body and affairs.

No matter what occupation you are following—no work is too lowly for a true servant of God. Having a right attitude toward it, you will find in it that “peace that passeth understanding,” for, in that attitude, whatever you do you will be

doing heartily as unto God and not merely unto men.

Jesus sanctified work, and his early years were spent at the carpenter's bench. So Paul, one of his illumined followers, became one of the world's greatest workers, with his hands as well as with his mind and heart. You can and should do likewise.

Take great interest in your work, however menial it may seem. Try to like it; always doing it to the very best of your ability, and when you should do something else your own attitude will open the way for you to enter.

George Macdonald says, "He who works not has not yet discovered what God made him for, and is a false note in the orchestra of the universe."

Having a right attitude toward work, one is lifted into a higher spiritual consciousness, as was Paul, in which he was filled with courage and surrounded with Infinite Protection.

### WORK NOT DRUDGERY

The "Boston Transcript" quotes the following from a sermon by the Rev. Franklin H. Reeves:



**WE** MUST NOW SEE that work is far from being an evil. Are loafers ever chosen to positions of responsibility and leadership? Rather it is the one who has disciplined his powers by hard and steady work, who has wrung his triumph out of a strenuous toil, who has, as Roosevelt said, lived life "to the hilt."

Rich men say there is more fun in making money than in spending it. Work is often the only cure for sorrow. Society women thought life consisted in afternoon teas, bridge and the theater. Then came the war. They left pleasure for the Red Cross; some even to cross the sea to minister in lonely huts or in hospitals. They confess now that it would be impossible to return to the old life. They must do some worth-while work. Life has taught them the glory of work.

If our labor, then, has a purpose in it, our work has a deeper meaning, a richer flavor. Such work is the salt of life. Without it life is like the weak muscles that are so flabby and useless. Work makes life strong, vigorous, and wholesome; puts a healthy color into it. Work toughens the moral fiber; in fact, gives to life much of its moral tone. The character is developed and enriched by it. Work, then, for the sake of work. "Blessed," shouts Carlyle, "is the man who has found his work!"

Ruskin says we must work for the work, and not for the wages. When man truly loves his work the drudgery disappears. Work, a blessing in itself, a joy to us—this is the message of labor.

Yes, the true man hears the call of humanity. Though he has to work hard from morn till night, he is larger than just the mere labor he is doing. His great heart of love takes in the whole world, and work becomes sweet and life full of interest. In the vocabulary of life, drudgery to him is an unknown word.

Your life is not your own. It belongs to God. Your time belongs to Him. Your work is done for Him. Why does not the lighthouse-keeper let his light go out? "Because," says Prof. Peabody, "it is not his light. He is its keeper, not its owner." So has our daily work been given us in trust by our Creator. Nothing, then, is insignificant. The little, common, everyday duties are of the utmost importance. The dullest task becomes transfigured because of the divine purpose that is in it.

#### SOME THINGS TO LEARN AND DO



**LEARN TO LAUGH.** A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom.

Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels and on the stage, but they are out of place in real life.

Learn to meet your friends with a smile. The good-humored man or woman is always welcomed, but the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not wanted anywhere, and is a nuisance as well.

—"Health Culture."



## THE POWER WITHIN TO OVERCOME

By HELEN L. DELANO



HERE IS A POWER within man which, when awakened, has no limit to its possibilities. The power is of God, for it is God-Spirit; and when man realizes that he has within him the potentialities of God, and seeks to use them, he has opened up a spring of the waters of life that will freshen and glorify the life here upon earth.

It is a hidden spring and few there be that find it, but once found and known as a fountain of tremendous possibilities within oneself it will flow through the entire life a current of health, strength and vitality.

The power, however, is unused until man recognizes it as being within him, for it needs the personal recognition and co-operation to differentiate it and make it work for the good of that particular individual.

The power is one vast sea of God-Spirit, and until the different outlets are opened to its inflow, it remains in a state of Universal Love ready to be focalized upon some one who knows how to draw upon its resources for help and powerful expression.

Who who know that we are ONE with this Power for good can accomplish any desire of our heart, for we truly desire only the good, and the good is of God.

He has promised us every good thing which our hearts desire, and therefore we know whereof we speak. We know that God in us doeth all things well, and He therefore brings to us our heart's desire, if we but have faith and feel always that He is our life, our love, our understanding, for through Him all things are possible.

Through faith that knows Him as our own innermost being, we are able to overcome sin, sickness and even so-called death, though death is many times a friend rather than an enemy.

To overcome *sin* we have only to feel that God in us can do no wrong, and with new consecration each day, pray:

"Father, thou art all in all, and as my true Self, thou in me can do only that which is worthy of thee. Therefore I am no longer subject to sin, and the wages of sin, but do all things to thy honor and glory. May even the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to thee forever. Amen."

To overcome *sickness* we realize that God is our life, God is our strength; and because God is all there really is, we can express only His perfection. He expresses through us only health of mind and body, and if therefore we make ourselves open channels for His expression we shall manifest only the good, the true, and the beautiful.

So when sickness seems to have caught us napping, let us quickly affirm that Truth of our being in these words:

"God is my life. He is in and about my being,

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filling it with health, strength and vitality. I can no longer outpicture disease, for my body is filled with God-life and expression."

As for the power to overcome *death*, we know that there is no death, for life is eternal. The casting aside of our garments of clay, which we call death, can be postponed if we desire, by the realization of our own divinity and the faith that says:

"I am the resurrection and the life. In me there is no death, but only life everlasting. As long as I desire to express in this physical body, I shall do so, and live the life more abundantly. And to God shall be all honor and glory, forever,"

By thus acknowledging the God-power within us, we manifest according to His will, and have indeed the power to overcome sin, sickness and death.

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### THE POWER OF PRAISE

IF ANYONE could tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing. Could you, therefore, work miracles, you could not do more for yourself than by this thankful spirit; for it heals with a word speaking, and turns all that it touches into happiness.

—William Law.

## TRUTH

A STATEMENT OF THE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS OF  
BEING.

GOD.

God IS.

God is ALL, both invisible and visible.

God is SPIRIT.

Spirit is SUBSTANCE, the Only Substance.

Spirit is the Substance of all FORM.

ONE Pressence, Knowledge and Power is ALL.

This One PRESENCE is All Life, Intelligence, and Substance.

Its INTELLIGENCE is Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding.

Its NATURE is Love—Conscious Unity.

Its ACTIVITY is Life and Strength.

Its STATE is Wholeness—Health.

God: the FATHER; Source, Substance.

God: the HOLY SPIRIT; Creative Energy.

God: the SON; Manifestation.

"Like begets like." "That which is born of Spirit IS SPIRIT."

MAN is the Expression of God.

Man is ever ONE with his Source.

CHRIST is the Revelation of Truth; the Awakening of the Soul; the "stirring up of the Gift of God in thee."

JESUS CHRIST is the Realization of God in Man, in you; Man conscious of his Divinity.

"Christ IN YOU the hope of glory."

CHRISTMAS is the Celebration of the Dawn of Truth, the Birth of Christ, in you.

"The Father and I are ONE." "ALL that the Father hath is mine."

This is the TRUTH of you, the Truth of all.

—Charles Edgar Prather.

## HOW TO NULLIFY EVIL PREDICTIONS

By HENRY VICTOR MORGAN



MAN HAS THE INITIATIVE. There is no fate but character. There is nothing ordained in advance that must inevitably happen. Of him who has attained to vision, it has been said, "Man is the miracle worker; he is seen amid wonders. All men curse and pray. He says Yea and Nay only." An older writer seeing the same principle, says, "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee."

It is all a question of mental attitude. No prophecy of calamity need be fulfilled, as there are counteracting forces that may be set in motion. All things become possible to the believing soul.

It is folly to study the lines of your hand, the shape of your head, or the day of your birth, in order to discover your destiny. Each man may be a law unto himself when he co-operates with the Whole. In the midst of trials innumerable, in the abandonment of a great faith, he may say, "None of these things move me."

The purpose of religion is to make man superior to circumstance and master of fate. Adversity may indeed become the prosperity of the great, as nothing can happen but may be turned to beautiful results. Paul, seeing this, cries triumphantly, "The law of the spirit of life in Christ

Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Whosoever fears the future, or desires even to know what is coming, shows his lack of faith. Sufficient it is to the God-illuminated to know that "the Father that dwelleth in me" is sufficient for every occasion. We must learn to live with God in today.

In a world where faith is the dominating factor there need be no defeat. He who refuses to have "the strong man of the house" bound will never be taken unawares. And what is the "strong man of the house" to which Jesus refers? Is it not that inner faculty whereby man sees and knows as God?

We live largely on the surface and never dream that within us are resources on which we have not drawn. The message of the illumined, "Awake thou that sleepest," is in reality a call for us to use the faculty that connects us directly with the mind of God.

Of old the men who functioned in God were known as prophets, and considered miracle workers. They foresaw where certain disintegrating tendencies would lead, and called on men to repent.

When we remember that the word repent means to change your mind, we begin to see what master psychologists, what apostles of freedom these men were. What a pitiful thing it would be to foretell future calamity were there not left open a sure door of escape. To foretell calamity

is to produce it. To listen sympathetically to one who foresees evil is to become a party to it. It is in this sense that we miscreate our own evils. The Voice of Wisdom forever says, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." This does not mean that you are to kill the person who prophesies evil, but that you must not allow the evil thought to take root in the subconscious.

A very marked case of the disintegrating effect of predicting evil came under my observation several years ago in San Francisco, when a gentleman came to me for consultation. He seemed badly frightened, and when I questioned him, he said, "My legs are numb and I am going to be paralyzed." Then he told me how "just for fun" he had gone to a fortune teller two years before, and had been told that in two years' time he would be paralyzed in both legs. He said he had considered it all a joke and had not thought of it again until on that morning when he awakened and found both legs were numb. I explained to him the power of suggestion and what a perfect time-keeper the subconscious mind is. Under personal treatment and instruction the numbness entirely disappeared.

I believe in premonitions and forewarnings. He who acknowledges God in all his ways and meditates on the law of the Lord day and night receives divine instruction. He can foresee the inevitable result of destructive physical and psychic forces unless the law of God countervenes.

There is an old saying that is rich in truth, "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." When

premonitions of danger come to you concerning yourself or a friend, the thought of *fatality* should be instantly banished. It is yours to protect and to safeguard. One instance will suffice to illustrate my meaning. A school teacher friend of ours came to Mrs. Morgan one day and told her of a premonition that had come several times within a few days, of a young man whom she knew, being shot. Mrs. Morgan explained the Law of Liberty to her and together they held the young man in prayerful thought, saying, "You are under Divine Protection, and you will do the right thing at the right time." A few days later the mother of the young man told our friend that her son had been out where target shooting was being practiced, when suddenly he felt impelled to throw his head to one side. As he did so a misdirected bullet whizzed harmlessly over the place where his head had been, just grazing his temple. This is more than fortune telling—it is fortune making.

It is of great importance to know that whatever you see in the Silence you can deal with in the Silence. Not long since a woman said to me, "If I had only obeyed my intuition my sister would still be living. I knew she was terribly depressed and one day as I was working in the kitchen I saw her enter the bathroom and turn on the gas. Her house was only half a mile from mine and at first I thought of going over immediately, but finally said, 'Oh, I guess I am only seeing things.' A few hours later my phone rang and I was told that on the husband's return he had found my sister in the bathroom dead. She had turned on the gas."



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Had the woman who "saw things" only known that what she saw in the Silence she could deal with in the Silence, she could have spoken the word and saved her sister though thousands of miles intervened. This is the Science of Omnipresence. Thus does the Law work.

Somewhere Emerson has said, "Let your feet run, but your mind need not." In the light of many experiences I would say, Let your mind act and your feet need not run.

Let this then be your abiding realization: I am no automaton; no cinema picture thrown on the screen without power of volition, but a living Intelligence with power to share the Mind of God and enter into partnership with Him. What God is I AM. Or, in the sublime words of Jesus, "I and my Father are one."

Then will you be a cause, and, no longer waiting for the oracle to speak, you will become an originator, and in the ecstasy of creative joy declare as you witness your thought take form and materialize, "What never has been is now!"

Then will you be indeed as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, a dispeller of illusions, a breaker of hypnotisms; then it is that you will calmly face the morrow in the negligency of that faith that carries God with it.

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To the faithful student of Truth "POWER" brings monthly an abundance of POWER to carry one safely and masterfully through all the varying moods and experiences of life.



## Health and Healing Department

### DIRECTIONS FOR THOSE DESIRING HELP

1. There is but one Power and one Presence in the Universe—the Good Omnipotent.
2. Recognize that Power within you NOW.
3. Think Health, talk Health, see Health; keep your thoughts on pleasant things.
4. Send out good kind thoughts to everyone and everything.
5. Be cheerful and happy; give thanks for your blessings NOW.
6. Be not anxious about things.
7. Take lessons in the Science of Right Living. Keep at hand good reading on these subjects.
8. Have no doubt about your good; acknowledge God in all your ways.
9. Be not weary in well-doing. Be ye steadfast, immovable; Forgetting the things that are behind, you press forward to the high mark of your calling.
10. Freely ye have received; freely ye give.

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Special treatments for overcoming sense delusions, such as sin, sickness, hardship, poverty and trouble, including the belief and effects of physical disease, etc., are given by the week or month—and only on request.

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We hope to get out a new edition of "Spiritual Healing" early in the Spring.

## TRUE SELF-CULTURE

By SARA E. KERWIN



WE SHOULD DECLARE there is but one Presence and Power in all the universe—God the Good.

That we are one with God, created in His image and likeness, perfect expressions of our Source.

That this Infinite Presence is omnipresent—fills all space, and we are constantly within this Presence.

That God is ALL IN ALL—the “fullness that filleth all;” the Source and Substance of all things.

We must see this Living Substance in us and in all our affairs: see God as our abundance, life and health.

As a result, all that we need or desire will be brought forth into realization at just the right time.

Why should I meditate first upon God? Because He is the Source and Substance, the “Alpha and Omega” of all things—invisible and visible.

What kind of affirmations should I make for myself? I am the living expression of God, sound, whole and perfect. I lack nothing, since I am filled with God’s abundance.

How do my thoughts free me from the sense of sickness? Since my body is the Temple of God, my thoughts are Christ-thoughts, pure, true and good; and thus do I transcend sickness by expressing my real Self in health and perfection.

In what light should I view my environment? By seeing only the Truth or Reality—Good—in every person, thing and condition.

To have a pleasant, healthful, progressive and successful day, what kind of thoughts will help me to start the day aright? Thoughts of only the good and true, the beautiful, the pure and perfect—God manifesting in and through me in divine order, harmony, peace and power.

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### TREATMENTS

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We are not half daring enough in laying hold upon spiritual possessions. God is ready to give above all that we are able to ask and think, but He does not thrust any good thing upon us. We must lay hold upon it for ourselves. By faith we must first grasp the vision, then by love we must bring it over into the material world of action. Then and then only, does the vision become truly our own.

—“The New Age.”

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### FOR WISDOM.

I listen for the Voice of God.

God speaks to me through my best and purest thoughts.

God's voice in my heart is the prompting of love, generosity and good-will. As I obey this Divine Voice I find peace and joy.

The Voice of God in me speaks of fuller expression of all my divine qualities and talents, so that I may show forth His glory.

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I am learning to trust fully Divine Guidance in all the affairs of my life.

*FOR HEALTH.*

I keep my thought in conscious harmony with God's wholeness.

I will not be misled by appearances, but will hold steadfastly to God's divine reality—perfect Health, in all and through all.

The whole Spirit of God permeates my body. I keep my thought on this Truth, and know its almighty strength.

The pure Spirit of God in me is all powerful, all knowing, all loving.

I am one with the Holy Spirit of God now, and all is well.

I know that it is God who "giveth me power" to get Health, therefore I use it to His honor and glory.

*FOR ABUNDANCE.*

I succeed in all my undertakings, because I put "God first."

Sincerity, honesty, justice and Truth characterize all my deals with my fellows.

God is perfect success, and as I work and walk with God, I am perfect success.

It is God's will that I should succeed in all I do, and my will is one with God's will.

I work for the good of all, so cannot avoid success.

I am energetic, earnest, willing and purposeful, and put my best self in all I do.

My success is assured and permanent, because it is in God, the Eternal Good Omnipresent.

—"Good Will."

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THE UNITY PROSPERITY THOUGHT  
BY THE RIGHTEOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE  
DIVINE LAW, I AM BLESSED  
AND PROSPEROUS

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### AUTO-SUGGESTION



ADVERSE SUGGESTIONS lead to sickness, misery, failure and want. Wholesome suggestions lead to health, happiness, power and peace. Every good thought is a force working for your welfare. Then why think anything else; why suggest anything else; why encourage others to think or suggest anything else?

Every thought is a suggestion; every word is a suggestion; every act is a suggestion. And the way you think, speak and act will determine what the nature and the power of suggestion is to be. Ignore this law and you may become your own greatest enemy. Give scientific application to this law in all things, and you will steadily gain ground in all things.

It is a fact that you will finally believe as truth what you continue to suggest to yourself. Therefore, think only what you know to be true, and suggest only those ideas that actually convey Truth.

—Christian D. Larson.

## EDUCATION IN THE ARMY



IN A BULLETIN by Major General Wm. G. Haan, in charge of education and recreation work in the army, he describes the progress of this unique departure from former methods, showing the important trend of the army in facing the new problems developed by the World War.

The object of this educational system is to produce men of the best possible type, having a good general education, possessing a useful trade, but, above all, thoroughly trained in moral character and the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship.

General Haan says:

“All training, whether purely military or educational, has as its main object the development of the soldier’s mind to make him a responsible, thinking human being. Every soldier, however poorly he may be educated, or however limited his experience, has still a thinking mind, and that mind is active practically all the time. Such a man is perhaps incapable at the moment of looking at affairs in a broad sense, but the object of all training must be to guide that mind in the direction of right thinking. In order to accomplish this the instructor himself must be able to estimate about what are the channels of thought in the mind of the men being trained, in order that he may so conduct his own part of the work

as to gain the confidence of the men he is instructing or leading.

“In developing the soldier’s mind the most rapid progress is made by placing upon the man, as early as practicable, as much responsibility as he can stand. This placing of responsibility on the man stimulates his pride, raises his self-respect, and urges him to better effort. This is applicable in all kinds of training. It is character building, frequently called moral training, and the most effective means of stimulating self-development. And it is to develop these latent qualities of leadership that this educational program has been inaugurated.”

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#### THE CONNECTING LINK

IF YOU PERSIST in the thought of good intent to all, you are connecting yourself with the higher and more powerful order of thought element. You are then receiving of that thought from Mind and from a world of greater power than you can now realize of here. You are connecting yourself with a world which does nothing but build up, whose inhabitants are gods in power, and whose creations at will are beyond our wildest dreams. All that so-called fable or fancy has conceived of are realities in the higher worlds of Mind. When, by the thought of good intent to all you so connect yourself with that world, you are receiving of their powerful thought. You are then absolutely safe against all enemies.

—Prentice Mulford.



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## AMONG OUR EXCHANGES

The Advanced Thought magazines for January are exceptionally good.

UNITY, as usual, is filled with practical articles, the main theme for January being "Faith."

THE HARMINIZER is attractive in appearance and abounds with sane, sensible and convincing expositions of the working of Spiritual Law in human affairs. I especially like the methodical presentation of Truth as given by the editor, Bernard C. Ruggles, on the subject of "Progress."

NOW, edited by Sam E. Foulds, is a journal of Affirmation—"chanting the beauties of the Good." Besides the usual sterling messages of its founder, Henry Harrison Brown, able articles appear from the pens of Henry Frank, Eugene Del Mar, Henry Victor Morgan, and Dr. Sheldon Leavitt.

THE MASTER MIND teachings are based upon the precepts of Jesus Christ, of which Mrs. Militz is a profound student and interpreter; the goal of the Master's philosophy culminating in "Happiness Forever"—the leading article for the month.

THE COMFORTER brings us as a frontispiece the picture of the editor, Mrs. Florence Crawford, a spiritual writer of a high order. Her answers to questions are helping many in their personal problems, and her lessons on The Way of Life are fine expositions of the teachings of the Master.

NAUTILUS is the chief representative of the organized movement of New Thought. Elizabeth Towne has always been a broad-minded woman, a convincing and pleasing speaker, and her corps of writers join with her in showing how to utilize the laws of Mind in living a life of serenity, peace, power and affluence.

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## TRUTH ACTIVITIES

Miss Eleanor Reesburg, who has carried on a most wonderful work in Los Angeles for many years, has broadened her field of usefulness in establishing a non-sectarian Metaphysical Mission in the poorer part of the city. Among its activities will be a circulating library.

free copies of magazines, classes in Truth, healing services, moving pictures, a day nursery, and an employment bureau.

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### THE RIDDLE

Its purpose is to puzzle and perplex. Its obscurity tests the sharpness and thought penetration of those who attempt to solve it.

The Hebrew word from which we derive the word Riddle means "to twist"—a knot to untie.

The queen of Sheba made a journey to Solomon's court to test him with riddles. We are told by Solomon that it is a part of true wisdom to understand a proverb and its interpretation; the words of the wise and their dark sayings—riddles and enigmas. By inciting the inquiring mind to search for their hidden truths gives them proper place in Truth literature.

Perhaps the best-known Riddle is that given by Sampson: "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." (Judges 14:14.) None in three days' time could solve it, yet possibly many of them knew that Sampson himself had previously slain

a lion, the symbol of strength, out of which he later ate honey from a swarm of bees which had made the carcass a hive.

A Riddle which yet remains to be solved—the solution thereof to be generally accepted, although many interpretations of it are given by various sects, is found in the Book of Revelations (Rev. 13:18): “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding reckon the number of the beast, for it is a man’s number; and his number is 666.”

While the Riddle is employed with things which deal essentially with earthly things, causing the exercise of human ingenuity and shrewdness, ENIGMAS refer to the more mystical utterances which serve both to conceal and emphasize some deed or sacred thought.

Strictly translated, 1 Cor. 13:12, should read, “For now we see through a glass in enigma,” instead of “For now we see through a glass, darkly.”

Among the dark or hidden sayings of Scripture, which needs must be spiritually revealed, is the statement of Jesus to Nicodemus, the influential Jewish ruler: “Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he can not enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3, 5.) Again, in Jesus’ discourse in the synagogue at Capernaum, “Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.”

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