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Spiritualism's Christmas Message to the Bereaved

MILLIONS STILL BELIEVE DEATH IS THE END

Ignorance Regarding Psy-
chic Laws Must Be
Overcome.

WILL YOU HELP?

By
Juliette Ewing Pressing

not only check our stories but also
to find out more about this "gospel news" that
has made life
worth living
FOR THEM.



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In nearly all
avenues of life,
human testi-
mony stands as
evidence. This
should be true
in the case of
psychic science
and so, in our
little journal,

we have tried to pile up evidence
to prove survival and spirit com-
munication.
In the scriptures, we are told:
"Keep not your light hidden under
a bushel." Spiritualists and spirit-
ualist mediums are usually willing
to lend a helping hand by sharing
their knowledge and experience
with others.

It Can Be Proved

Millions of homes are being
touched by the scepter of death.
The bereaved must be comforted
and taught the laws of life. I
maintain that *Spiritualism* is the
only philosophy or religion that
can do this, because, IT CAN BE
PROVED! Communications from
those who have gone into the "far
country," prove to the investiga-
tor that there is, indeed, another
real horizon and that those souls
should know because they are liv-
ing in that land and have experi-
enced what lies beyond.

Those same souls, called "dead"
by some, are the very ones who
tell us by spiritual radio (medium-
ship) that there are NO DEAD.
But then, nearly all religions
preach the doctrine of *Life After
Death* in some abstract sort of
way. The difference lies in the
fact that the *Science of Spiritual-
ism* has to prove it!

Mediums Were Located

There is plenty of proof but
each person must make his or her
own quest. Furthermore, there is
no gainsaying the fact that the
greater percentage of people who

sincerely seek proof of continued
existence through mediumship
have been amply rewarded with
palpable evidence to support the
claims of the Spiritualists.

Each year, thousands of people
read, study and attend seances,
meetings and services where
psychic demonstrations are held.
From many of these people we re-
ceive letters expressing deep grati-
tude for the opportunity to buy
and read *Psychic Observer*. The
addresses of churches and mediums
listed in this journal have opened
the way for many to locate a
medium or attend a service.

Responsible Witnesses

In spite of the fact that current
magazines and newspapers hurl
scorn and ridicule upon the spirit-
ualists and mediums, the work
goes forward to enlighten human-
ity. A Spiritualist knows what he
knows and no amount of ridicule
can deter him in his progress along
the path of freedom.

Excepting in rare cases, we do

Christmas
Greetings

The Editors

not attempt to refute the charges
of these uninformed writers. We
need our precious space to print
constructive articles and publicize
evidence received from *responsible*
people.

As I see it, the only way to
overcome ignorance concerning
psychic laws is to increase the
number of people who stand to
witness for truth and evidence as
they find it.

My Personal Experience

Relatively few people have come
into the vista of knowledge con-
cerning "after-death" life by her-
itage. Most people are born into
orthodox families; hence this
thing called *Spiritualism* is, in-
deed, a very startling revelation.

In my own case, I had personal
psychic experiences long before I
realized that spiritualists or me-
diums existed. I was quite dis-
turbed: seeing and hearing psy-
chically was beyond the ken of my

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"Behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have
seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him . . ."

We Have Seen His Star

What is this Star of Bethlehem? It is not proof of the
Continuity of Life? Was it not for this purpose
that The Christ returned . . . and for no other —
to prove life beyond the grave!

It is useless to try to prove
or disprove anything
about the Nazarene.

By Dortch Campbell

I care not how the mystery is
explained. I shall look upon it as
my heart hopes for; that it may
answer its hunger and cry for a
friend who understands me and
loves me and wants me well. The
story of the birth of Jesus may be
somewhat as the orthodox would
have us believe, literal and his-
torical: it may be but another ex-
pression of the universal allegory
of the periodic appearance of all
Spiritual Light Bearers or Saviors.
but I care not.

I can read much that is written
both for and against that story
of the divinity of Christ — and
much I have read—without flinch-
ing or puzzling over its truth or
falsity. For all I ask of it is the
ability to learn its teachings that
I may attain in some slight degree
a part of that Christ-consciousness.
It is what he did and what he
taught that we should strive for.
When we reach that stature it will
be time enough to prove or dis-
prove the sweetest story ever told.

Spiritualism's Proof

Yes, I know what has been writ-
ten about *Rama and Krishna*,
Orpheus and Hermes, *The Buddha*,
Heraclitus, *Pythagoras* and *Soc-
rates*—those torchbearers give me
something very human and very
fine. But I find most of all that
which is very scientific though
practical in that story that came
to us after the star they saw in the
east went before them and stood
over where the young child was.

Apollonius of Tyana, Plotinus,
Mohammed and St. Teresa and all

were wonderful wayshowers of
Spiritualism, but The Christ came
greatest of all.

If, perchance,
there come those
from the chancel
of orthodoxy,
ridiculing this
new-world scien-
tific effort in
proof of the con-
tinuity of life let
us point to the
fact that you may
take the Gospels
as they are and
prove from them
that the life-story
of *Jesus, the Naz-
arene*, is a psychic
narrative from
beginning to end.

The only dif-
ference between
Spiritualism and the conventional
religions of the age—and, admit-
tedly, there is in some respects a
wide gulf fixed—is that Spiritual-
ism gives *scientific proof* of the
continuity of life while orthodoxy
asks only that you believe.

There is also this difference,
that what Spiritists term natural
and spiritual laws, others term
miracles. A Spiritualist can very
easily believe in the signs and
wonders recorded in sacred writ
because equally amazing phenom-
enon occur in New York, London
and elsewhere. Jesus was undoubt-
edly endowed with extraordinary
psychic gifts.

Jesus—Greatest Psychic

You could not, though you tried,
tell all the astonishing things in
proof of Spiritualism which you
find in the brief narrative of the
Nazarene. That which supersti-
tious ages call miracles or marvels
are but the unclassified phenom-
enon of psychic science. The com-
ing and going of angels cease to
cause wonder because that phe-
nomenon is now commonplace.

Jesus was probably the greatest
psychic of all times. One marvels
at the spectacular materialization
on the Mount of Transfiguration—
undoubtedly the greatest spiritual-
istic demonstration in all history.

Moffat's Translation

Moses and Elijah who appeared
on the *Mountain Hermon* repre-
sented the law and the prophets.
Precisely what transpired at that
amazing scene we shall never
know. But it is said, according to
Moffat's translation, that *Peter*,
James and *John* heard *Moses* and
Elijah talking to *Jesus* about his
departure from earth life. They
gave him hope and courage.

The Transfiguration may conse-
quently have had great worth for
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An Interview with RALPH WALDO TRINE by EVA YATES

"Every single human being," lamented a friend of mine, recently, "is hurt in some way by this war. Where can one turn for counsel, to know how to meet the emotional turmoil of this world crisis?"

Without hesitation, I told her to reread *In Tune with the Infinite*, by Ralph Waldo Trine, which has comforted millions of people in more than twenty countries. Because this book so clearly confirms the power of fundamental faith and offers concrete enrichment for everyday life, it has universal appeal. There is not a negative thought in the book.

Remember that ninety-five per cent of all books scarcely survive one year of public favor. Trine's great book has been a favorite bedside "prayer book" since the day it was published.

It has been translated into almost every tongue. In India, it is published in Hindi, in Urdu, and in a Bengali translation. It is printed in raised Braille for the blind. And recently, an edition has been published in Esperanto.

Mr. Trine writes, in a part of the foreword of the Anniversary edition: "We are born into a strange time — a time that tries men's souls. It is truly a world crisis. Bewilderment and fear hold many; change and uncertainty stalk through the land—all lands.

The Price We Pay

Those who keep their courage up and go serenely on are coming through in a way that those who weaken or lie down cannot know. But to do this many lives need help—real concrete help.

"We of America must keep our courage up, must keep our vision clear, must keep our balance, so

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND THE BOOK

Born at Mt. Morris, Illinois, in 1866, Ralph Waldo Trine attended public school there until he was twelve, then worked on farms and as a wood chopper until he was eighteen. Eager for more knowledge, he enrolled in the Academy of Carthage College, later graduating from Knox College. He did further work at the University of Wisconsin and Johns Hopkins, and for many years was engaged in teaching, lecturing and newspaper work. He has been called "one of the foremost representatives of American idealism; a spiritual descendant of Emerson." His famous book, *IN TUNE WITH THE INFINITE*, was published in 1897, has sold more than a million and a quarter copies and, in recent war-torn years, has been more and more in demand.

that we may free our country from the frightful regimentation, dislocation and disorder that are the results of the great world conflict.

"What a frightful price we have had to pay for our ignorance, neglect, our self-seeking, our forgetting that the good of all is the only real and lasting good! Out of all the travail good may come — but that will depend on us."

In Tune with the Infinite has become almost a magic book — there are so many stories of its

uplifting influence. It has brought people up from sorrow, suicide, and financial and moral ruin. A Western railroad president bought 500 copies to give away wherever he felt the book would answer a friend's need.

Great men like Max Muller of Oxford, William James of Harvard, Winston Churchill, Henry Ford, Noel Coward have extolled the book's strange power. Rich and humble alike have called Ralph Waldo Trine a Great Comforter.

Power of Prayer

Knowing this kindly sage personally, I sought him out with some of the urgent questions we are all asking about today's crisis.

"How can the individual prepare, fortify, against the clamor and chaos of the terrifying headlines of war and destruction?" I asked, first.

"I would suggest building up one's inner faith and courage — through prayer," he said, thoughtfully. "Above all, we each need some period of solitude every day, to be completely alone for awhile, to restore inner tranquility. Family people especially need some period of quiet. They usually return from a noisy office to a household of more noise, confusion, radio, and usually too much talk. Both husband and wife should have a peaceful hour alone, some time during the day. A room apart, with one's own books and belongings is the best, if possible. Instruct the family that this quiet period must be respected. That's what's the matter with many of us. Jittery nerves. We're with people too much."

"But," I put in, "suppose you have only a small apartment. Then

there's not room for a separate place, alone. Then what?"

"At least," he suggested, "you can try to simplify your life — so you have time for moments apart, for spiritual growth. Go for a long walk through a park, as near Nature as you can. Or spend a quiet evening at the library, occasionally, reading a book that lifts your thoughts. Study your life; watch whether you are progressing or going backward. Strive to reach constantly upward, toward greater understanding."

"Perhaps you can arrange to arise half an hour earlier and, sitting in bed, read a few pages of a philosophy that appeals to you to start the day off right. Keep a few really inspiring books on your bedside table. The Bible is the paramount comforter. Get in a few moments of reading before retiring at night — you're sure to sleep in peace and awake refreshed."

Prayer Protects

"And how," I asked, again, "can one overcome the negative suggestions all around us?"

"Again, protect yourself with prayer," counseled Mr. Trine. "Ask for daily guidance to encircle your person, your family, your household, your job, against all negative conditions. Know that your Heavenly Father watches over you constantly. Remember that your thoughts are your power in life. Nobody can control your thoughts but yourself. You make your own heaven or hell, now, by your thinking! You have to control your thinking, to keep any inner confidence, in trying times like these!"

"It's a continual challenge — to try to find the good in every situation, in every man. If you hear someone's name being blackened, you can speak of the good side of his character. If you can't say anything kind about a person, it's better to keep still. There's a lot to be said for silence, anyway. Let the other fellow blow off steam."

"But," I interposed, "there are some people you just don't get along with. They seem to rub you the wrong way in spite of your efforts to like them."

Power of Vibration

"That's right," Mr. Trine agreed. "When you get the 'feeling' that you're out of tune with someone, that's your subconscious speaking. When people depress you or irritate you every time you see them, then your vibrations do not agree with theirs. It would be wiser, then, not to be with such people any more than you can help. Vibrations are as powerful as electricity. You can sense the atmosphere in a room the moment you enter the door. Some

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Former St. Louis Mayor and Mark Twain make spirit contact through California Medium.

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An outstanding performance, in the transmission of spirit communications, ought to be recorded while the facts are still fresh in the minds of several hundred trustworthy witnesses. It is now but a short time since I experienced a feat of mediumship which should settle for all time the possibility of communication between the living and those who have dispensed with their physical bodies, their organs of speech and the habit of responding orally at the sight of old friends.

The medium was one of the most noted and gifted women in America. Rev. Florence S. Becker of San Francisco. I knew her work by reputation, and I was eager to study her method of picking up the thought of the unvoiced statements of a score or a hundred eager communicants. While I cherished a wee small hope that some loved one would greet me, I can say truthfully that I did not even dream that I would be singled out as the receiving end of a tremendously evidential message.

It was only in retrospect, as I untangled the complex threads of this discourse, that I realized how well the stage had been set by the invisible actors, and why I had been chosen to receive and interpret it. There had been thrilling or touching exchanges, between the rostrum and the excited or grief-stricken recipients in the audience, all of which were essentially personal.

Amelia Earhart?

At the conclusion of one such, Mrs. Becker stopped abruptly, turned her head as if listening to sounds the rest of us could not hear, and remarked:

"I don't know what it's all about. For a moment I thought a flight of planes was going over the building. There are so many of them. And some of them are crashing. I hear the name of Amelia, and I see a tall spare man with his hand on the knob of a door. On the door is the name, Putnam. I wonder if Amelia Earhart Putnam is trying to communi-

cate. I don't see her. Would she be coming to anyone in this room?"

There was no response, and she continued: "The man shakes his head. He says he wishes to speak to Emily Grant. He knew the Putnams on both planes."

The three friends who sat with me near the back of the auditorium insisted that I stand up. But the medium had used only part of my name, and I thought there might be another Emily Grant present. As I hesitated, Mrs. Becker said: "There are two doctors here, one who was the brother of this Emily, and the other was only her physician, but he looked on her as a sister. Would you know Richard? If you do, please stand up. This is important."

"This is evidently for me," I admitted, raising my hand and finally getting to my feet. "Richard was my brother, and I'm sure I know who the second surgeon is. I believe I can identify the man who called me simply Emily Grant."

Richard and Carl

"Don't tell me," Mrs. Becker warned. "They know what they want to say. Richard has brought little Carl with him. He laughs and says some of them are here for the purpose of introducing others. Would you know little Carl?"

"Yes, he was our baby brother. He passed at the age of five."

"Well, he's a magnificent young man now, and he is engaged in a great work. He has brought someone with him—some woman both you and Richard knew. Her name is Carl, too. But it isn't a given name. It is her family name and her first name is Emily—no, not Emily — Amelia — Amelia Carl, she was little Carl's nurse. She is the one I got confused with Amelia Earhart."

Henry Mueller

"This is amazing," I exclaimed. "Carl has told me that his work is caring for the American boys who crash, while they are still in training. And Amelia looks after them when they are brought into the spirit hospitals."

I sank into my chair, thrilled with joy. But I was told to stand again. Listening intently, Mrs. Becker asked: "Would you know a man named Miller?" As she did not give the spelling, I at once thought of Richard Miller, the famous portrait painter, who was born in St. Louis and was our intimate friend. The medium apparently sensed my mistake, for she said hurriedly: "This man was a judge, his name was Henry Mueller. He has been gone about a year. No, he stops me and says: 'I ought to know. It happened on Sunday, the first of August, 1943. Myself and nine others, who tried to pretend we weren't afraid, went up—for about a minute. And then, down we came.'"

The Glider Tragedy

Exclamations were heard all over the auditorium, as several hundred persons realized who was speaking. In the audience was a charming girl, a first cousin of Judge Mueller; but he did not address her. He explained:

"I am another one here for the purpose of introducing a more distinguished visitor. He was one of those who lost his life—as you say—in the glider tragedy at Lam-

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Trine Interviewed

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people just don't mix, as oil and water will not mix.

"Even persons of the same family may be discordant, by nature. It's a mistaken idea that just because we're born into a family, we're actually 'related.'"

About Discord

"But," I asked, "what can you do, if you find yourself unhappy in your family surroundings?"

"All families need frequent vacations from each other," he said. "They return refreshed and more appreciative of each other. If you are forced by circumstances to live with some member of the family you do not like, it might be better to forego security and move elsewhere. At least try it for a time. Time, itself, often dissolves discords. But records show that a great many mental cases are caused by disharmony in family life. Remember that our only true relations are those related to us in spirit, in our likes and aspirations."

"But, speaking of discord," I went on, "suppose you work in an office or place of business where the whole atmosphere is discordant. You dislike and fear your boss, and you only stay because of the salary you need. Should you quit your job in such a case? Or try to rise above the situation, somehow?"

Try To Mend

"Well," Mr. Trine smiled, patiently, "you can at least try to rise above it, before forcing any change. If you can mend a thing, always try. Perhaps you can develop harmony within yourself, by holding loving thoughts for everyone you work with, until you overcome the discord, in yourself. Love can work miracles in any environment, if it's sincere. You know it takes two to make discord. Watch yourself and see if you are not at fault, too. If others are arrogant or hypocritical, consider it as ignorance. At bottom, all evil is ignorance. Try to ignore the critical attitude of others."

"Work is wonderful. Become absorbed in your work—do the best you can, where you are in life. Try to develop peace within. To the extent that we open ourselves to the Spirit of Peace do we become magnets to attract peace from every source."

"But if you try, sincerely, and find you continue to be unhappy, out of harmony with your work, it would be better—for your mental as well as physical health—to change to a different work. Don't fear the change. When we

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MARBRA BROOKS, new office manager and program director of PSYCHISTS, Inc., 313 West 57th St., New York City; educated Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.; member of Psi Beta Phi; fourteen years business and executive experience.

She is a student of spiritual science and psychical research; has attended classes and witnessed phenomena demonstrated by Lula Taber, Pearl Long and Marion Miller. Says Mrs. Brooks: "For quite some time it has been my desire to become actively associated with psychic research. It is a subject closest to my heart and I trust I may be able to do my part in bringing to fruition the desires and hopes of the organizers and founders of Psychists, Inc."

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NOTE: ARTHUR FORD, former program director of Psychists, Inc., has continued his psychic activities, public lectures and private consultations, in the City of DETROIT, Michigan, where he has been assisting Rev. Edith GREEN, pastor of The Allen Memorial Spiritualist Church, Macabae Bldg., Putnam and Woodward Sts. ED.

have completed a job, another door, and usually a better one, opens to us.

Acid Argument

"Don't hang on, for fear of insecurity. Unhappiness and discord upset the digestion. And then the glands don't function properly and suddenly you are mysteriously ill. More sickness than we suppose originates from inharmony in our personal lives."

"Always avoid arguments," he added: "nothing is more futile. It gets you nowhere and usually ends in quarreling. Be alert and watch your own thinking. Don't dwell on unpleasant things. If you've had trouble in the family, the quickest way to heal it is to keep your mind off it. Turn your thoughts to something pleasant. Every time you retrace a sorrow or failure, you condemn yourself or others, and you imprint the event deeper into your subconscious. Then it takes longer to heal. Control your thought and you control your destiny. Just take care of this one day and let past and future alone. Turn to prayer for guidance for today."

"Thy Will Be Done"

"Mr. Trine," I asked, then, "can you suggest a simple way of daily prayer?"

"I do not believe in any set form or formula for prayer and meditation. They all become monotonous after a time. Each person must find a time. Each person must find his own way of quiet prayer, of turning within. I like to make up prayers to suit the day. But always include the Lord's Prayer as this is a mystical prayer which has served humanity through the centuries and has powerful accumulated vibrations. I'd say it is wiser to ask for definite answers in our prayers. Ask that *Thy Will Be Done*. Out of the Father's infinite wisdom and understanding He may be preparing

a far better plan for you than you ask.

"Test your prayer; ask for a way to be shown to better your situation. Don't try to wrestle with trouble, alone. The Bible tells us to lay our burdens on the Lord. Depend on him. Take him into your confidence. *He will answer!* Recall what Whittier said in the *Inner Light*—'I know not where His islands lift Their fringed palms in air. I only know I cannot drift Beyond His love and care.'"

No Pat Answer To Death

"And now, the most difficult of all questions," I concluded. "WHAT CONSOLATION CAN YOU OFFER WHEN WE LOSE A LOVED ONE?" (Having lived in Oriental countries where people celebrate death with a feast, to send off the soul on its loftier path. I personally consider our "civilized" funerals to be medieval orgies of grief!)

"Of course, no one," said Mr. Trine, humbly, "can offer a pat answer to death. But as one grows in spiritual understanding, you know that all life comes from the divine inflow of the Infinite Source. And death is a returning to that Source for further fulfillment."

Death NOT Final

"It is regrettable that we teach our young people to fear death. But it is an encouraging sign that today, leading institutions like Harvard and Duke Universities are exploring the spiritual realms of the fourth dimension. Wisdom dispels fear and ignorance of death. Death is no more final than the sleep we enter, gratefully, each night, for rest and rejuvenation. It is the quick transition to life in another form: the putting off the old coat and putting on the new... a part in life not to be shunned or dreaded or feared, but to be welcomed with a glad and ready smile when it comes in its own way and time."

Taken from "Your Life" magazine, on For Ralph Waldo Trine's books, see page 7.

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The Religious Philosophy of Spiritualism

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The "How" of the Scientist and the "Why" of the Philosopher can be found in the phenomena and teachings of Spiritualism.

By W. H. EVANS

Author of "How to be a Medium" and "The Philosophy of Spiritualism."

There are many who may deny that there is a religious philosophy of Spiritualism on the grounds that Spiritualism is not a religion. With the suggestion that Spiritualism is not a religion I am inclined to agree, because in my view Spiritualism, in its religious content, goes beyond any sectarian conceptions of religion and is really religion itself, shorn of its many creedal excrescences.

This view may be, probably will be, regarded as extreme, but I find it impossible to split Spiritualism up into separate parts, for, in so doing, one has in each part something that is less than Spiritualism. One must try to get as complete a view of Spiritualism as is possible and then, if we see it in its wholeness, we shall realize that it is both destructive and constructive, both critical and encouraging.

How Delicate the Machine

One may, of course, confine one's attention to the facts which supply the data for the science of Spiritualism. But these facts are peculiar, being unlike the facts which form the basis of any other science. One cannot isolate that mysterious force, called by Spiritualists "the power," and analyze it to find out its constituent elements. For this peculiar "power" is always associated with a living person, called a medium.

Whether we shall, in the future, find that power operating independently of a medium we do not know. Some think that one day a machine will be constructed of such fine and delicate adjustment that it will respond to psychic and spiritual influences, so that the medium now essential for the production of psychic phenomena and communication with the unseen will be no longer needed.

There Is A Missing Link

It is a possibility which may be realized, but I must point out that hitherto the instruments which have been made for this purpose have been found to be dependent upon a medium to supply the power by which the apparatus

could be made to work in co-operation with the unseen operators. The inventor of the apparatus has, often unconsciously, supplied this necessary link in the chain. So we are still presented with the problem as to the nature of the power which is associated with living matter that, as far as we know is not found in the inorganic kingdom.

At present we do not know what it is. I believe that ectoplasm has been analyzed, but ectoplasm is a result of the power, but not the power itself. Up to now, then, we have been and are dependent upon a medium for the production of all kinds of psychic results.

Metaphysics Remains Speculative

It is not the province of science to ask why these things are, but if satisfied that such phenomena happen, science wants to know how they happen. It is philosophy which asks why, though I presume the scientist does at times wonder about the "why?" of things. When he does, we get the scientific philosopher, like Sir Oliver Lodge. Philosophy is interested in causes, but it has to study the data of science if it is to be really fruitful.

A philosophy which is introspective or purely intuitive is metaphysical, and while it may make many valuable suggestions it must in so far as it is unconnected with the world of fact, be speculative. Many of us in this realm of psychical philosophy are tempted to indulge in speculation, but if we keep within the gravitational pull of our facts, our speculations may well be true.

What Spiritualists Claim

The philosopher, then investigating the facts of psychic science, asks why they happen. And there is here a curious connection between the "How?" of the scientist and the "Why?" of the philosopher, for both find that the facts are incomplete unless the "intelligence" associated with them is considered.

And this intelligence is really the core of the facts, for generally speaking, if it does not act, no psychic phenomena take place. The scientist, if he recognizes this intelligence, will be interested in knowing how it produces the results he witnesses; the philosopher will wish to know why the intelligence acts as it does. So we see the facts involve both science and philosophy.

Broadly speaking, the philosopher finds that the intelligence, who claims to be a human being who once lived upon earth, desires to prove by this means that man survives the experience of death. He claims to be living in another world, separate from earth and constituted of another form of substance: a world which, he affirms, is as real to him as our world is to us.

The "What?" of It All

In fact, he so emphasizes the aspect of reality as to assert that he is more alive, and therefore finds life more intense and real than he ever did before. If we accept this—as Spiritualists do—then we come to our next point, which is the "What?" of these facts. It is their content, what may be within, with which religion is concerned.

But here let me point out that (Continued on Page 10, Col. 1)



W. H. EVANS

Spiritualism's Christmas Message

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knowledge. Finally, I was led to one who explained this great truth and it was then that I found Spiritualism's teachings to be true.

The main reason for my desire to publish *Psychic Observer* was to spread this great truth to a larger number of people. At first, I experienced difficulty in locating mediums. And then, too, it was also next to impossible to locate books on the subject—books to enrich my knowledge of spiritual science.

Can You Visualize?

And so, in *Psychic Observer*, we decided to stock and list a complete line of appropriate books in order to help people find their way. So that personal experiences could be made possible, spiritualist churches and mediums were also listed.

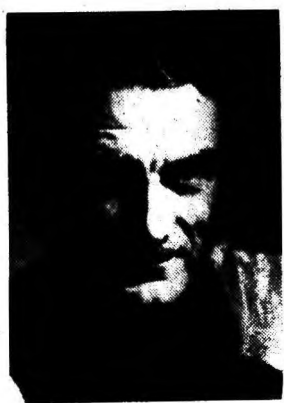
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The Cost So Trivial

Surely we would have a better world if people realized they are personally responsible for their misdeeds and thoughts. No, indeed, this is not a campaign for circulation but a heart to heart talk with those who really want to help spread this truth—especially during this blessed holiday season. You see, the cost of a subscription is so trivial, it should be worth a trial—not for yourself alone but a subscription to someone who really needs something to hang on to in their darkest hour.

I receive many letters in which people tell me their copy of *Psychic Observer* is passed on to a dozen or more people. This is commendable but it does not strengthen the circulation of *Psychic Observer* which continues

HE KNEW!



Psychic Observer

BOAKE CARTER, noted lecturer and radio commentator, with offices at 1440 Broadway, New York City, passed away last month.

He was interested in psychic science and personal conscious survival; was a keen observer and had definite religious convictions.

In a letter, written to the editor of *PSYCHIC OBSERVER* some time ago, he said: "I enjoyed looking over copies of your journal and heartily agree with you that 'death' is merely a change of vibration or a 'transformation'."

to stand on the front lines before unenlightened public.

Just What He Needed

Many persons purchase a copy of *Psychic Observer* at the church where they attend spiritualist services. This is a splendid idea and by all means continue this practice, but I suggest that those of you who can afford it—have a subscription sent to your own home—then the copy you buy in the church can be used for propaganda and left in some public place, (i. e.) rest-room, street car, bus, train or subway . . . where it will be found by the uninformed.

This suggestion was offered some time ago. Many people responded. As a result, we received letters from all over the country, telling us they found a copy of *Psychic Observer* in a public place. They have written, I quote:

"In *Psychic Observer*, I found just what I needed. For sometime I have been hearing voices. I didn't understand it. I feared I was losing my mind. I was seeing all kinds of lights. I was so glad to hear that others have had similar experiences. I attended a Spiritualist Church I saw listed in your paper. It was wonderful. I received a message from my dear husband. It was he who had been showing me the lights. I thank God for letting this paper come to me. God bless you. Enclosed is my subscription for 6 months, etc., etc."

God Speaks To Many

. . . and this is just one of many letters received in response to our previous propaganda campaign.

Ever since Pearl Harbor, and even before that, we sent bundles of *Psychic Observer* to army camps, navy hospitals and even battleships. From faraway places in the four corners of the earth, we receive V-Mail letters from boys in our armed forces who have found copies of our journal. These lads are living very close to God and through earnest prayer, "GOD" is speaking through to them in various ways. All of which they report in their letters.

It is idle to speculate on the outcome of the results of such widespread circulation of *Psychic Observer* such as I have outlined, but I firmly believe it is the solemn duty of Spiritualists to share the precious knowledge we possess. I believe *Psychic Observer* can work in a silent way and sow seeds that will be the means of eventually causing the truth of survival to permeate all religious thought—irrespective of denomination.

In any case, the cost is so trivial, I submit the plan for consideration. I trust that all readers will re-

spond by taking out a personal subscription and sending a gift subscription to someone else. Furthermore, it is a splendid idea to purchase a "seed" at the church literature stand, to sow in the "garden of abysmal ignorance" concerning afterdeath life.

A Joyous Christmas

My heart is filled with the deepest gratitude for our many loyal supporters and I sincerely thank all for their cooperation.

May that "peace that passeth all understanding" dwell in your hearts so that your Christmas season will be joyous . . . and this can only be possible when you are satisfied that you have shared with others the light of truth you have found in the philosophy of *Spiritualism*. Yes, we can truly say that the knowledge of personal conscious survival, properly understood, is *SPIRITUALISM'S REAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE BEREAVED*.

Star of Bethlehem

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both master and disciples. That great seance took place amid rarified air in stillness and darkness, a perfect setting. Its chief purpose doubtless was to prove to the disciples, man's mastery over death.

Peter, James and John were doubtless chosen for their mediumistic power. They were "weighed down with sleep," that is, they went into a deep trance and psychic power was drawn from them. It was a transcendent seance.

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Others perhaps lacking spiritual understanding may be weary

teachers, the Saints, the Prophets, the Seers, the Witnesses of God—are these any other than those who possess the psychic sense? Like many others, I do not particularly like the word Spiritualism, but I can not call the Witnesses of God by any other name than spiritualists.

That Inward Light

The great Teachers like John Wesley of the Methodist church have always been swayed by the stormy breath of Spirit speaking directly through them to each succeeding generation. For the thoughts of men are widened with the setting of each sun, and a religion founded only upon tradition is as nothing unless refreshed by newer revelation in each succeeding age.

And so, as of old, these signs shall follow them that believe. There is an Inward Light that shines in the lives of the sons and daughters of men. And there is The Voice so ready to speak to us as of old. We ascribe too much to the ancient Witnesses and not enough to our own seers of modern times.

My Desire To Go On

We should teach not that which we have learned from others of ancient times, but we should make known that by which we are inspired in this greatest of all ages when the very doors of Heaven are again opened. None though can take the place of The Christ whose name was called Wonderful because he was a Revolutionary and we of today are as yet only Reformers.

Yes, you and I and the rest do see a star in the east, and his name is Wonderful. I do not believe I would care to go on if it were not so. There are ten thousands like me. We can suffer many things if we know it is not in vain. Consequently, I do not care to prove or disprove anything about the gentle Nazarene; he has given me all I need—a new meaning regarding life, that it goes on forever.

What is this *Star of Bethlehem* if not that? What is it if not convincing proof of the continuity of life—a vast demonstration of amazing life beyond the grave? FOR THIS PURPOSE, I AM PERSUADED, THE CHRIST CAME, AND FOR NO OTHER.

with struggle, with physical labor, weary even with praying; if your spiritual power could revitalize these, your brethren, and impress upon them the importance, especially at this critical time, of all men and women opening their souls to the Breath of God, to the Light of the Divine Spirit, the Cosmic Christ, you would render great service both to your nation and to humanity.

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possibility of waves still more subtle of waves of thought, of far higher vibration and greater potency.

Mankind has yet to awake to this ancient truth—and then it will be considered essentially modern and up-to-date.

The Sages of long ago always taught the neophyte, the candidate for entrance into the Mysteries, that the power of thought must be understood and used selflessly, exactly, wisely, and always for the good of humanity. How sad it is to see the wastage of thought power by man!

Yet, Few Believe

The human mind is like a highway crammed with thought-traffic, and if the thinker be a weakling, so will he receive and entertain thoughts of fear, failure, defeat and darkness. Each person is so sure that his own thoughts are secret to himself! But thoughts are things, you are told, and thoughts have power.

You believe this? Oh yes, you try to believe it! But when it comes to putting this true and scientific fact into operation, are you not too lazy and indifferent to be bothered?

In this new age, the aeroplane, the wireless and thought transmission will hold a prominent place.

This message should be broadcast so that men may be awakened to their responsibility with regard to their own thought.

You not only send forth thoughts, but you receive them also; the quality of your mental atmosphere or aura governs the nature of the thoughts which find entry.

Opposing Thought Power

By adopting a positive attitude, by recognizing only the power of the Divine Spirit, and by breathing into your being, morning, noon and night, the Spirit of Infinite Intelligence; by visualizing in the mind of your heart (because the heart has a mind, understand), the perfect, the gentle, the divine Man . . . you will create in your aura a light sufficient to reinforce your weaker brethren.

Humanity is being crucified; but at last this light is breaking through. But the true victory arising out of the war will come through the ether, through transmission of the right thought power. Largely through such a transmission of opposing thought power by the enemy of civilization, has the world arrived at its present stage.

We speak not of flesh and blood alone, but of principalities and powers of darkness in high places. A grave moral responsibility rests with all the great nations. This conflict will be fought out in the mental world. We cannot too strongly emphasize this statement.

This Spirit of Light

Action must be taken without delay. If the men in power were fortified by knowledge, they would be protected and aided by the hosts.

To concentrate upon Christ brings Him so close to you that He is within; as you allow this truth to master all your thoughts and daily actions, so you create within yourself His Cross of Light, the Cross Divine.

Think, my brethren, what the effect would be if millions in your country were thus radiating light! Think what the effect would be if men abandoned thoughts of self, desire for accumulation for protection of self, and held fast to

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one dominating thought of peace and brotherhood!

Will you make this effort? For we tell you that the hosts of heaven are ready and waiting to help man.

This spirit of Light will save mankind, and this spirit alone. You may feel skeptical, but we care not; we know that this power will be the salvation of the world.

Your Holy Grail

There is a fountain of life which man has not yet discovered. All the teachers of the past, and holy men of today, and the spirit world itself, direct your attention to this truth. Even in your English myths, you learn of the search by King Arthur and his Knights for the Holy Grail.

The Holy Grail is within the heart of every man. It is within your heart . . . but is it filled as it might be? And may not the Cup which you offer to the Spirit be tiny indeed?

When filled, its size and receptivity increases, and it will project, transfer, transport the Divine Power and Light, the very Wine of Life, to others.

Your Responsibility

We pray that everyone reading our words will be touched, and make a supreme effort, and by such aspiration, fill the Holy Grail within the heart with this Divine Spirit. We repeat this message again and again, and with intent. We know the urgency! Become receptive to the Divine Light!

Send it forth again and again, so that all people in all countries, shall appear in the etheric

world as a blazing Light, which no power of darkness can harm . . . so that all attacks fall away, are impotent, for they cannot penetrate the Light.

The responsibility is placed upon you, not only to live this message, but to convey it to those with material power sufficient to set in motion the spiritual forces which alone can save the world.

The masses in all lands can be helped and inspired. Were a picture of the Cross of Light displayed on many buildings, in many places, it is a psychological fact that the continued beholding of such a Sign of Power will create a Ring of Defense around them.

Only A Few Listen

May this Cross become a living symbol, cleansing the nation of hatred or desire for vengeance, protecting and saving the people. For the moment, the powers abroad continue in subtle form to penetrate the world, but we see a gradual diminishing of their potency.

Your work must not be stayed for one instant. Put on the whole armor of God—go forward in this spiritual battle.

Within one week, were the government and people at one in the effort, you would see victory for the White Army of Christ.

Knowledge of the power of thought and possibilities of thought transmission is meagre. Few believe or will listen to teaching concerning it. But similar doubt and skepticism held up communication by telephone, or by wireless; and even the aeroplane was considered to affront the divine power.

FEAR—Man's Great Enemy

It was said that if God had intended men to fly, He would have provided them with wings. But if God did not endow men with wings, He put the conception of flight into the mind, which conception enabled man to construct an areoplane. God has also given men wings of thought.

We leave you, my brethren. Let us rise on wings of aspiration and as one company of brethren, robed in white, ascend in spirit to the throne of Light, to the Fountain of all Goodness, Love, Wisdom and all Power . . . that we may be filled with the divine Spirit . . . Being thus filled, there is no fear.

The greatest enemy of man is fear . . . there is nothing that you need fear in any country—except fear. Put on the whole armor of God. Be filled with the power of the spirit of Christ, and like St. George, with glittering raiment, you will stand aloft, master.

We pray with humble hearts for the blessing of God the Father, God the Mother, and God the Son, the Holy Spirit.

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A Spirit Runs An Errand

By PAUL R. LOMAXE

The book, *There Is No Death*, by Florence Marryat (Mrs. Ross Church) contains an interesting account of a spirit running an errand.

In the days of Mrs. Marryat's early married life, her husband, a British army officer, was stationed at Madras, on the Bay of Bengal, in India. There was another young officer in the 12th Madras Native Infantry, a bachelor, named John Powles, who was a great friend of her husband. On several occasions he shared their house and lived with them on the terms of a brother.

He was a careless, irreligious fellow, but he liked to discuss the Unseen. He often ended their conversations by assuring her that, should he die first, he would (were such a thing possible) come back to her.

Powles' passing was very sudden, although the disease he died of was of long standing. When he took an unexpected turn for the worse, she and her husband were summoned to his bedside to say good-bye to him. When she entered the room he said to her, "So you see it has come at last. Don't forget what I said to you about it."

Skeptical Cousin

Powles did come back to her—and often, over a long period of years. One of these occasions was many years later when she was back in England. At that time she was having a sitting with a British officer from Aldershot, a cousin of hers, who ridiculed the possibility of communication with the dead.

Powles communicated at this sitting. Considering her cousin's skepticism, she proposed a test. "Let us," she said, "ask John Powles to go down to Aldershot and bring us word what your brother officers are doing."

Her cousin caught the idea at once, and remarked enthusiastically:

"Oh, Yes! By Jove! Capital idea. Here, you fellow Powles, cut off to camp, will you, and go to the barracks of the 84th, and let us know what Major R— is doing."

An Unexpected Order

The message came back in about three minutes. "Major R— has just come in from duty," Powles reported, "He is sitting on the side of his bed, changing his uniform trousers for a pair of grey tweed."

"I'm sure that's wrong," said her cousin, "because the men are never called out this time of day."

It was then four o'clock, as they were careful to ascertain. Her cousin returned to camp the same evening, and the next day she received a note from him saying:

"That fellow Powles is a brick. It was quite right. R— was unexpectedly ordered to turn out his company yesterday afternoon, and he returned to barracks and changed his things for the grey tweed suit exactly at four o'clock."

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Philosophy of Spiritualism

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5) good moral relations are not dependent upon our knowing that we are spirits, they are dependent upon the realization of our relationship to other human beings. *Matthew Arnold* said something to the effect that religion is ethics warmed by emotion. And we can have ethics without emotion, for we can view our thoughts and actions in a detached and dispassionate manner, without being emotionally affected, or at least almost so.

Some Without Religion

We see that the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," is not a specially religious matter, although it is generally associated with a religious ethic. It is really common sense, because humanity is a corporate entity, and by regarding the welfare of others as our own we gain "more abundant life."

One can try to live out that rule without being religious, and even believe while so doing that death ends our life for ever. Indeed, many great men having this conviction have lived good and true lives, thought more for others and less for self, than many professedly religious people. These are nature's noblemen, for they act from a pure altruism without having the encouragement which belief in a future life may give. So, we see that while ethics are usually regarded as an integral part of religion, the good life can be lived without any religion at all.

Facts vs. Teachings

It is in our relationship to the unseen that religion deals. It carries ethics into another realm of being, extending the law of cause and effect to the beyond and emphasizing the spiritual nature of man, his relationship to the Creative Power, to the unseen world, and to his fellows.

But the truth of this depends upon whether there can be gained any evidence of a life beyond the grave. In the absence of such evidence, the rational mind ceases to be interested in the purpose of life, not seeing that any exists. But if, as we know, the evidence can be gained, then, religion assumes a definite importance.

Now the facts of psychic phenomena are one thing, the teachings we have been given by the religious sects of today and in the past are another. While the facts supply the evidence we need to prove our survival, we have to depend upon the messages coming through our "media" for confirmation or contradiction of what we have been previously taught.

Is This Heaven?

It was natural, when communication was opened between the two states of life, the here and the hereafter, for people to enquire about their existing beliefs as well as the kind of life lived by our friends over the way. For most enquirers in those early days had been reared in the beliefs of a very narrow and rigid theology. Hell was no fiction to them, but a dire truth.

Heaven was a place where one sang everlastingly. Prayers for

"WILL ROGERS SPEAKS"



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WILL ROGERS, American humorist, has, since his passing to spirit, been able to speak. His characteristic messages have been taken down by NELL NATHAN and published in a little booklet, "Will Rogers Speaks" ().*

Since Will Rogers was killed in an aeroplane crash over nine years ago, (August 15th, 1935) the author of this booklet feels that she owes the public some explanation for the regrettable and unavoidable delay in its publication... all of which was due to lack of funds and outside assistance. "However," says Mrs. Nathan, "It is perhaps better that it come to you at this time when the wonderful enlightenment is so much sought for."

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the dead, outside of the Roman Church, were considered useless. And if one did not accept what was called "the scheme of salvation," one was doomed to everlasting torment.

Damnation Theme Broken

These beliefs are still held by large numbers of people, and one needs only to go to a "Mission Hall" of one of the more obscure sects, or listen at an open air meeting of the Salvation Army, to know that hell and everlasting damnation are one of their staple beliefs. But, in the main, these beliefs are now sublimated or glossed over, referred to in an obscure manner, or denied outright by the more vigorous religious thinkers.

And we find that religion in these minds tends to conform to the teaching given by the spirit people nearly a hundred years ago. In this one sees that among the factors for such change has been the permeating influence of the spirit people who, we remember, do not confine their attention to any one sect or community. Spiritualists enjoy a more intimate communion with the unseen, but they by no means have all the interest of the spirit world.

Man Is A Risen Being

What, then, is the religious philosophy of Spiritualism? Based upon the fact of survival it may be expressed thus:

There is a Creative Power, from whom emanates our universe. This power is immanent in this universe. Therefore, if we wish to know anything of that Power we must study how it acts in the universe. This power, being conceived of as Spirit, the universe, both seen and unseen, is a spiritual universe.

We do not enter into a spirit world at death, we are in a spirit world now, conditioned so to act that we have called one aspect of it material and another physical. Through our world, life has emerged, and we find it follows a certain line of development which we call evolution. In this sense the legend of a "golden age," or

state of perfection, is denied. Man, we are told, by spirit teachers, is a risen and a rising being.

What is called the material universe is essential for the Creative Power to emerge in a number of self-conscious beings. That Power repeats Himself in his creation according to the conditions obtaining, but always one notes its forward thrust and effort to reach the point of focus where its own Self becomes expressed in a lesser self who, with full self-consciousness, grows and develops to some degree, then passes to the next stage of being to continue the process.

Law of Evolution

There is no final state such as heaven and hell. Redemption is as valid and as possible beyond the grave as here. What the spirit teachers tell us is that the process of evolution, instead of ceasing at death, continues in the beyond, therefore if one does live an evil life, means are provided for the overcoming of his evil desires and his returning to the path of rectitude; that this, in all planes, depends upon his own effort; that he cannot be saved by any vicarious sacrifice; that while the innocent may, and often do, suffer through the guilty, they cannot suffer for the guilty.

The former is a natural law, the law of consequence, emphasizing that we are all members one of another; the other is an injustice and not a law.

The continuity of the law of evolution in its unfolding of whatever powers and capacities we possess brings out the point that the life on the other side is a progressive one, a life of continually expanding consciousness, brought about by an ever-widening experience.

Evidence Supports Doctrine

These views are, today, held by many who are associated with the Church, and constitute that little heaven which, we hope, will in time impregnate the whole lump of theology, and one day lead to a revision of creed and dogma.

One thing must be made clear.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

*Seek and Ye Shall Find
Yet Seeking Is Often Denounced!
Is the Bible truly reversed?*

SPIRITUALISM LENDS A SCIENTIFIC TOUCH TO RELIGION

By BERNARD RODIN

Recently appointed as resident staff medium for Psychists, Inc., 313 W. 57th St., N.Y.C. He is a trance and mental medium.

Of all Biblical signs, surely the injunction "Seek and ye shall find" is one of the most pointed and encouraging. The call to seek recites no limitation. The Spiritualist can therefore, from scriptural standpoint, feel perfectly at ease and in harmony with the prolific Nazarene.

In forbidding research or seeking into matters of "death" and survival religious teachers are seriously contravening the Master. He himself inferred the presence of "angel friends" and provided tangible evidence by return after crucifixion.

Gateway of Realization

Of course, theologians could try to turn the meaning of the quotation by saying Jesus was merely speaking of seeking the Kingdom within. But this is really no exit—as TRUE delving into this realm will positively bring one to the gateway of realization.

The trouble is that too few seriously touch into the Kingdom! Spiritualists are all for finding first the kingdom within that all else may be added. And surely all

U. S. A. Echoes

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 5) bert field. He wishes to speak through this medium, whose name is the same as his, and address his remarks to the little lady who knew him well in life, and has also conversed with him since he is on this side. Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor to introduce your former Mayor, William Dee Becker."

Florence Becker

Had Judge Becker stood there on the rostrum, in his well known physical body, the greeting could not have been more spontaneous. I, for one, was taken completely by surprise. Under ordinary circumstances I possess a tenacious and a verbatim memory. But these circumstances were not ordinary.

Strive as I will, I cannot piece together the sentences of that ex-Mayor's first public address, since his passing to the etheric, fourteen months ago. What I do remember is that he thanked Florence Becker for the privilege

The teachers from the other life never attacked the basic elements of religion; they sought to cut away the excrescences which had grown around them. That man is a spirit and is related to a world beyond is no new doctrine; what is new is the democratic nature of the evidence supporting it. Now any one in possession of mediumistic power may prove these things, he needs neither priest nor church to tell him about it.

The applications of the teachings of Spiritualism are obvious, just as are the applications of the teachings of Jesus. While they cut across and deny many doctrines, in their essential nature they are one with the basic elements of all religions. And because of this I conclude it is not a religion but is religion itself, shorn of all sectarian and creedal authority.

of using the forces of one whose name was the same as his, and gave me a word of commendation for having made his entrance possible.

Mayor of St. Louis

He assured his fellow citizens that he was far from dead, indeed that he knew all about what was going on. He exulted in a *World Series*, all in St. Louis, and had been present at every game. He was watching with interest the approaching election, as keenly as if he were running for Mayor. He foresaw great developments in his native city, and a future in which mediums would be valued instead of persecuted. He added that he had greatly enjoyed the convention.

It was all so vivid and natural, I felt as if I could actually see the Judge, taking a bow and retiring to his seat. I was about to resume mine, when the medium again insisted that I remain standing. Another spirit visitor wished to be heard. I at once thought of Dr. Hervey Hyslop, who both in life and later in spirit invariably addressed me as "Emily Grant." I was positive it was he who held open the door of Putnam's publishing house, since he figures prominently in my book *WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?* (*)

Samuel Clemens

More than likely I was correct; but Mrs. Becker was not seeing James H. Hyslop. The person she saw was not so tall, he had tousled gray hair and a scowl that hid a smile. He told her he had made his MARK, and Emily knew all about him, and why he had come to scold her. He said: "Tell her to get back to work. The pencil has been idle altogether too long. She knows what I mean." To this Mrs. Becker added: "In private life he was Samuel L. Clemens, but the world knows him as Mark Twain."

This was the end of the message service. After the benediction, I made my way to the rostrum and thanked the superb woman whose mediumship had once more demonstrated the absurdity of Death.

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A Unique Psychic Experience

THEY HAD NEVER MET BEFORE!

By PALMER EMERSON
5 Scott St., Augusta, Maine

The reason I ventured to call this experience "unique" was because I never happened to know of a similar case, but perhaps that is due merely to my own ignorance. If others know of a case like this, then to them this case is not unique. To me it seems to be so.

It began developing several years ago. For the sake of any who would desire to confirm the following statements of fact by a "scientific" checkup, I am genuinely sorry that I am prohibited from publishing the real names of the parties concerned; but when these incurable sufferers from "fraidicattis" are your own true-blue friends—tested by many years of complete confidence and trust—such confidence cannot be violated.

Neither Picture Nor Description

For this reason, I must substitute the names Mr. and Mrs. A and Mr. and Mrs. Q in place of the real names of these good people.

Mr. and Mrs. A dwell in my own home town, Augusta, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Q reside very far away.

At the time this development began, several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. A — through me — knew Mrs. Q to be a high-type medium of strict integrity; but did not, at that time, know Mrs. Q's real name, nor her residence; had never seen any picture of her, nor heard any description of her.

Mrs. Q, however, had learned from me the names and address of Mr. and Mrs. A but had never seen any picture of either of them, nor heard any description of them; and these negations applied also to Mr. Q.

Positive She Would Know

One day several years ago, Mrs. A surprised me by the positive and emphatic statement that she KNEW that if she should meet Mrs. Q anywhere, she would know her!

Mrs. A immediately followed this declaration by a description of Mrs. Q—which I, while remaining noncommittal, knew to be accurate.

As the months and years rolled on, Mrs. A repeatedly brought up the subject — always of her own accord, and always without receiving any suggestion to get her started.

In every case, she reiterated the same positive statement: that she KNEW she would know Mrs. Q if she should meet her anywhere; and in each instance Mrs. A followed this statement by the same accurate description of Mrs. Q.

One day in the first half of 1912, Mrs. A and I were seated in diagonally-opposite corners of

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Mrs. A's living room, which is connected with the dining room by a wide archway. Next to the archway, on the living room side, was a vacant chair of commodious proportions.

While we were waiting for Mr. A to return from his work and join us, Mrs. A suddenly saw a vision of Mrs. Q coming from the dining room into the living room and seating herself in that chair close to the archway. Mrs. A, rather gleefully repeated the same accurate description of Mrs. Q that she (Mrs. A) had always given before.

In May, our local church chose Mrs. A as one of the delegates to the Maine State Spiritualist Con-

vention which was to meet on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of June. At the time, I did not expect to attend the Convention; and I said to Mrs. A: "If you see anybody there that you never saw, tell me about it afterward, will you?" And Mrs. A replied: "Yes, I will."

Contrary to my first expectation, however, I did attend that Maine State Convention. Shortly before one of the meetings in the Club House opened, I entered the building.

That's the One!

Directly in front of me, and at some distance away, stood Mrs. Q, conversing with another lady whose back was toward Mr. and Mrs. A, who were seated together on the opposite side of the room.

The obstructing figure was directly in the line of sight of Mr. and Mrs. A, concealing Mrs. Q entirely from their view. I stepped to Mrs. A and said:

"Watch that lady whose back is toward you; when she moves aside, you go for the other one."

A moment later that occurred, and Mrs. Q stood revealed. Mrs. A instantly sprang to her feet, exclaiming: "THAT'S THE ONE I SAW DOWN HOME!" and immediately rushed for Mrs. Q.

It was simultaneous: at the same instant Mrs. Q recognized and rushed toward Mrs. A, whom she had never seen before; and the two ladies "melted together" in the warmest of greetings, as if they had known each other all their lives!

THEY HAD NEVER MET UNTIL THAT MOMENT!

Explaining The Bible

(Continued from Page 10, Col. 4)

To hold seances for communion with the so-called dead would be to open glorious avenues for seeking in a practical and profitable way. The great ones who appear at these sessions would easily remind of the Great Master and indeed, of the many masters whose lives are history.

Love Idea Lost

Something far more than the grandeur of churches is required for in this alone, there is the danger of being overwhelmed by promiscuity which can shatter the innate desire to seek. Illusions set up by earthly beauty can, together with hypnotic authority, so easily frustrate the desire of men to study and think for themselves.

Can it be doubted that the voice of Jesus were it heard today, would strongly urge all to seek of the etheric spheres and in so doing, further understand of life's responsibilities?

Spiritualists have profound reason to be utterly sure that He would rouse the masses to psychic and spiritualistic research and would tend them knowledge as to how to prepare for unfoldment.

One can suspect He taught of such in His day and that certain "wise" men somehow deleted these gems from the record. For modern students have sound reason to accuse of tamperings with original scripts.

Since the world has fallen so far behind in the Love idea, He would need to pound the need for mediumship today with all possible gusto.

Spiritualists often feel they are the nearest to "speaking for the Master" in these times — for no group among the peoples are so inspired from His Realm. The constant seeking by true Spiritualists opens to them ever more the Spheres of Light and demonstrates the tragedy incurred by those who will not heed one of the testament's most vital implications.

The outpouring of Universal

Love which stimulate the real Spiritualist testify that his interpretation of the Bible is highly intelligent. It is optional of course, whether Spiritualists use the scriptures but those who do, can surely

find the gold therein. For the inspirations which teem from those "gone-on" supply inexhaustible facts of destiny.

Such is seeking in true earnest and as said, turns the Bible (and all holy writings) into comprehensible form. Our greatest prayer is that those bound by falseness and aggressive censorship shall be delivered.

Naturally, this will take much time. Man cannot do without a

basis of religion if enduring peace is to come but he will fail so long as holy books are as walls around his soul instead of inspirational emancipators.

True religion is spiritual awakening to the unlimited faculties of the spirit through which love-divine will be valued as the keynote to bring all life's needs in the healthiest of ways.

Seances of Greater Quality

In such consciousness the various colors of skin will be known as a kind of beauty. God-given, to help make the game of living more picturesque. Toleration for the "other fellow" would then be known as a necessity for each individual's peace within.

This seeking in harmony with loved ones "gone on" is the medicine divine. Happy are they who carefully and loyally "try the spirits" by and through their own culture of soul and fearlessness to go wherever the facts of revelation lead.

This is true science. It is necessary to add the scientific touch to religion and this is just what Spiritualism is accomplishing.

Let us not merely read cold words to seek but let us so lovingly put seeking into action that the Christ power pours from our tongues, shines in our eyes and leads us to seances of ever greater quality as we carry our hearts into attunement with the splendours of Infinity.

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Mae West, appearing in "Catherine Was Great" at the Royale Theatre in New York, held "court" in her dressing room after her arduous performance as Catherine. Wednesday evening, November first.

Frank Decker, internationally known medium; R. C. Pressing, Editor of the *Psychic Observer*, and this writer were received cordially by the Hollywood and Broadway star. The meeting had been arranged by Mr. Pressing who had met James Timoney, Miss West's personal manager.

Back-stage discussions

Mr. Timoney, veteran producer and manager, had invited us to attend the performance of "Catherine Was Great" and at the conclusion of the play conducted us back-stage where we waited until Miss West had a chance to remove her make-up and change from her costume of the Empress Catherine to street attire.

Mr. Decker, Mr. Pressing and I "perched" ourselves comfortably upon the furniture used in the scene of the Empress' boudoir. As we sat there in just the glow of a

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had two strikes on him at the start. Frank grinned and said, "Don't worry, I have Patsy in there pitching."

We Sang Badly

Before the lights were turned off, Miss West told us of her personal revelation, experienced for some time past and how while writing her current play, heavily bearded faces kept appearing in front of her and that from time to time she sensed peculiar vibrations in the region of the solar-plexus.

She said that she had tried desperately hard to get a picture of the Empress Catherine before her but was not successful in this as the heavily bearded gentlemen in Catherine's life forced their visions upon her.

Social amenities over, Mr. Decker suggested the dressing room lights be extinguished. The Lord's Prayer was repeated and after some decidedly "off-key" singing, Patsy took over! He greeted each one of us individually and then assured us that while he would not promise anything, he would do the very best he possibly could.

The first Spirit who came in was Mr. Timoney's grandfather. The old gentleman had a decided sense of humor and became nostalgic in discussing past acquaintances of his and Mr. Timoney's in show-business. He mentioned the Knights of Columbus Hotel at 50th Street and Eighth Avenue where he and Mr. Timoney had lived. He described a certain vaudeville performer who at one time had been a most successful magician.

Light Upsets Seance

The second Spirit was the writer's wife who has been in spirit exactly two months to the date. Her first words were: "Oh, darling, isn't it wonderful to manifest under these conditions?" She then addressed those in the room and said, "My name is Wynne Strong and I am very happy to have the privilege of meeting you all tonight." The writer then introduced her to each of the sitters and after acknowledging the introductions she bade us good night.

Before the next Spirit entered, a dramatic and serious incident occurred that might have endangered the medium's physical well-being. Mr. Pressing, on entering the dressing room, had observed a window over which the shade had been drawn. He inquired of Miss West what this window looked out upon. Miss West

assured him it was merely the stage-door alley and that with the shade drawn no light could come through.

All Is Well

Mr. Pressing and I both thought the window should have been more heavily covered; however, we did nothing about it. About thirty seconds after Wynn Strong's exit, the stage-door light was thrown on by the watchman who, naturally, knew nothing about the seance in Miss West's dressing room.

The effect was startling; Frank Decker groaned two or three times and the silence was further broken by Mr. Pressing's cry to turn off the light. Whether or not the night watchman heard the order or the forces inspired him, the light immediately snapped off.

There was a dead silence for nearly two minutes and then Patsy's voice was heard: "The medium is all right—there was no harm done." Both Mr. Pressing and I heaved a sigh of relief.

Corbett Speaks!

Patsy then continued in his job as master-of-ceremonies. "Miss West, there is somebody here that you knew many years ago and this is the first time he has ever spoken through a trumpet. I will help him all I possibly can. Also, I want to tell all of you folks that this is the first seance my medium has given in a long time." Patsy laughed and then continued: "You see, he has an antique shop now and that is consuming most of his time."

There was a little pause, following which a faint whisper was heard—"Mae, Mae." Miss West replied, "Yes, who is this?" The whisper became more audible as the Spirit replied, "Jim—Jim Corbett—do you remember me?" Miss West laughed and said, "I certainly do. We worked together on the same bill several times."

She was referring to vaudeville engagements when they appeared at the same theater. Miss West

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then asked, "Do you remember, Jim, where we last appeared together?" Jim hesitated and then said, "I think it was in Boston."

Miss West replied, "You're right we appeared in Boston, but that was not our last engagement—try hard and remember."

Where They Met

Corbett answered, "No, it was somewhere in New Jersey. I can't remember the town, but it was New Jersey." Miss West immediately agreed and addressed the sitters saying, "Jim and I played in Newark." Jim then asked Miss West if she remembered a certain hotel that he referred to as "an Inn"? She could not recall immediately what place he was attempting to identify.

Mr. Timoney spoke up and said: "Jim, you wouldn't be referring to 'Bartholdi Inn' by any chance, would you?"

Jim Corbett answered, "That's it—that's the place. I mean." Miss West immediately recalled this historical theatrical hotel which, thirty years ago was located on Broadway in the middle 10's, and every actor and actress at some time or other lived there.

The interview with Corbett concluded the seance and as Frank Decker came out of his trance after inquiring as to the success of it he appropriately used another famous line in the theater:

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