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The Oft-told Story of Easter WHAT MAKES IT So Beautiful and Alluring?

Jesus returned under vari-
ous conditions to prove
there is no death — for
him or ANY son of man.

By DORTCH CAMPBELL

The old, old story — so oft re-
peated and yet with repetition los-
ing none of its rejuvenating quali-
ty—is so alluring and so beauti-
ful—

“Now upon the first day of the
week, very early in the morning,
they came unto the sepulchre . . .
And they found the stone rolled
away from the sepulchre. And
they entered in, and found not the
body of Jesus. And it came to
pass, as they were much perplexed
thereabout, behold two men stood
by them in shining garments . . .
They said unto them, *Why seek ye
the living among the dead? He is
not here, but is risen.*”

What makes the oft-told story
so beautiful and so alluring? Is
it not because the great Truth is
so ingeniously given that it fails
to offend gross mortal sense? It
is the truth that the sons and
daughters of men do not die and
there are no dead.

A Cloud of Witnesses

I know, verily, that there are
literally millions who ask for and
earnestly believe in a very differ-
ent interpretation of this story.
Verily, it is the age-old struggle
between old ideas and the new.
But for me the story's enrichment
is that none die.

Betrayed by Judas, denied by
Peter, deserted by the Apostles and
all whom he had greatly loved and
to whom he had ministered, Jesus
was condemned, crucified. Joseph
of Arimathea asked Pilate for the
body of Jesus and carried the body
to a new tomb he had prepared for
himself, and Nicodemus brought
myrrh and aloes to embalm it.
Then—

Very early on the Sunday —
“while it was yet dark” — Mary
Magdalene, greatest of all women
lovers but despised by libertines
and hypocrites, hastened to the
eleven Apostles who in fear and
trembling had fled—hastened with
the story that was wonderful. Her
heart was overflowing with awe
and love and gladness; she told
them the stone had been rolled
away from the tomb. They could
not believe what they had heard.
But there was something over-
shadowing them like a cloud of
witnesses.

Jesus Came Back!

Peter and John raced for the
sepulchre. Swifter of foot, John
reached there first, but he did not
go within. Peter—boldest of all—
dared enter that sacred chamber,
and he was astounded at what he
saw—bandages had not been un-
wrapped from the body, but the
body had dematerialized without
disturbing the wrappings. Peter
and John thought the phenomena

HE APPEARED TO
ALL THE APOSTLES



He never said he was “GOD” but
stated simply “... and these things ye
shall do.”

proved that Jesus had risen from
the dead.

Loving little Mary stood sob-
bing outside the tomb. But in spite
of her grief, I think she must have
understood—her heart told her!
She got a glimpse of that which
we all are just now beginning to
know—there is no death!

Yes, it IS a wonderful story, and
it has beauty, but we get that
which is far more lovely—wonder-
ful as beauty is—from that great
thing that was written at the tomb,
where loving little Mary stood
sobbing.

Spiritualists have got an inkling
of that part which is true, knowing
it is possible for a body to dema-
terialize in an instant.

But a far more wonderful part
is the coming back of Jesus. It is
not too great a miracle for The
Survivalists to bear; they know of
too many instances in which men
and women have risen from the
dead! I say it not in lack of rever-
ence for The Master, but in
gratitude and love that he pointed
the way.

They Cannot Understand

It takes not from his divinity
that others, too, have materialized.
For his signs and wonders were
for us all to understand; and his
mighty works become so simple
and understandable in the light
of what we in modern times have
misnamed Spiritualism.

And, behold, two of them went
that same day to a village called
Emmaus; and they talked together
of all things which had happened.
And it came to pass, that, while
they communed together and rea-
soned, Jesus himself drew near
and went with them . . . And . . .
as he sat at meat with them, he
took bread, and blessed it, and
broke, and gave to them.

And their eyes were opened, and
they knew him; and he vanished
out of their sight.

Will we—can't we—ever, ever
understand? In his little book,
“That Reminds Me,” Ernest Oaten
tells us that he has seen a material-
ized individual eat food and after
the spirit had vanished there was
not the slightest trace of food!

Miracles are happening every
day — in New York and Lond-

and elsewhere—and still we will
not believe even though one rose
from the dead. What ails the sons
and daughters of men that they
will not, perhaps because they can
not, understand? Is it because
truth is so simple and obvious?
I am awaiting the answer as to
why they do not see the truth: I
have waited long years.

Mount of Olives

Jesus came to earth many times
after his crucifixion. That is the
wonderful and beautiful part. His
coming back is resplendent truth.
“He appeared to Peter, to the
eleven, to five hundred disciples at
once, to James, to all the apostles,
and to me also,” observes St. Paul.
Luke declares, “With abundant
proofs he showed himself to them
ALIVE AFTER HIS DEATH.”

Jesus kept coming back under
varying conditions that he might
give ample proof that there is no
death for him or for any son of
man. The final manifestation was
to his disciples on the Mount of
Olives, where he was received up
into heaven and where a cloud
withdrew him from their sight.
That was the final glorious
achievement that has been emu-
lated by others even in this day of
disbelief and confusion and wars.

Resurrection Misunderstood

Nothing, indeed, can defeat the
life principle. Even in gross earth
life the divine spark remains
supreme. For millions of years
life was threatened by climatic
changes, lack of food, ferocity of
beast and fellow-creatures. Heat,
cold, flood, drought and earth-
quake have no power over the life-
principle. We have struggled up-
ward, stage by stage. Wars and
cataclysms are only a challenge to
us.

If it is not possible to extin-
guish the spark within the soul in
earth-struggles, how much more so
shall we march invincible beyond
those portals men call death! I
tell you, these impulses and urges
of life are inexhaustible. We are
not born to die but to live.

The Resurrection of The Christ
is a beautiful illustration that
shows us what we may do in our
own lives. There is a resurrection
for all beyond and also here. For
life is filled with pulsating energy.
Hear the command of The Christ:
“Arise! Come forth from the
tomb.” And we must obey.

Where Is Your Faith?

Let us give heed then to that
Voice that speaks with authority
and power. Roll away the stone
of misconception and ignorance.
You, too, can arise with the Risen
Christ. Cast away that fear! And
when you do, faith comes.

Stop talking about your plagues.
Roll away those stones that The
Christ within you may arise. Look
about you at Nature—is this which
I tell you not the manner of all
life? Plants and flowers and
shrubs and trees toil not, neither
do they spin—they grow. And in
the act of growth they gain faith.

The Christ is indeed calling to
this age. He is calling to you.
Consciously live in the power of
the resurrection of Spirit. Lilies
and all accept the resurrection of
life. Can you not also? Where is
thy faith?

The Raps They Heard Startled the World



Psychic Observer

In the picture above, reproduced from a rare painting, the artist portrays
the apprehensiveness of the two little Fox girls when they first heard spirit rap-
pings in their upstairs bed-room. These raps, given later in code, proved conclu-
sively the case for personal conscious survival.

The 97th Anniversary of MODERN SPIRITUALISM

[Go ye into the world and preach the gospel
unto every creature. Mark 16:15]

This lecture by J. M. PEEBLES was delivered at a
Spiritualist convention celebrating the Fiftieth Anni-
versary of Modern Spiritualism at Rochester, N. Y.

SPIRITUALISM complement of True Christianity

By J. M. PEEBLES

It is natural to have faith in
God or gods, natural to worship,
to believe in angels and spirits.
Bearing in memory all my travels,
all the monuments, ruins, inscrip-
tions, shrines and Bibles I have
seen, I count them as dross—poor
perishable dross—when compared
with the tiny Rochester rap, that
echo of eternal life, demonstrating
beyond the vestige of a doubt that
momentous fact, of a future con-
scious existence.

Modern Spiritualism

Modern Spiritualism was not a
modern invention by either spirit
or mortal, but a discovery—the re-
discovery of a fact, old in one
sense, as Babylonian or Akkadian, an-
cient as the faded ages of remot-
est antiquity.

And this Spiritualistic discovery,
this mighty modern movement now
in a measure known throughout
all enlightened lands, did not
spring into birth full-grown like
Minerva from Jupiter's brain. It
was feeble at first.

It is young yet, but though
young as compared with other re-
ligions, it is pregnant with divine
truth and afire with infinite possi-
bilities.

Seven years before the Hydes-
ville manifestations, similar phe-
nomena appeared among the Shak-
ers. They continued for three
years. These were so overwhelm-
ing at times in the line of mysteri-
ous noises, trances, visions and
prophecies, and so exciting to those
outside the Believers' fold, that
they were obliged to close their
meeting houses from the public.

They were thought to be going
mad, and there was raised the old
cry of witchcraft. The spirits
prophesied at this time, through

the Shaker mediums, that these
manifestations would soon go out
into the world, and would spread
to every hamlet and city, island
and continent of the globe. This
prophecy has been literally ful-
filled.

Christianity started from a
dream (Matt. 1:20)—Spiritualism
from a mystic rap. Angels and
spirits were the potent forces be-
hind both the dream and the rap.

The mightiest results often flow
from seemingly the minutest
causes.

How small an upset lamp; yet,
Chicago was laid in ashes; how
small to the physical eye Newton's
apple, yet there lay the hidden law
that held suns and stars in their
circling orbits.

How small Stevenson's puff of
steam, yet now railways and ocean
steamers girdle the globe; how in-
significant to proud, imperial
Rome was Mary's babe in that
Bethlehem manger, yet there lay
concealed divine causes that in less
than three hundred years shook
the Roman empire to its very cen-
ter, and planted the cross as a
crown of promise in every civilized
land.

Easter Morning

So, that little half-muffled sound,
that gentle telegraphic Hydesville
tapping in 1818, like a messenger-
bird with good tidings of light and
love from the heretofore dark lands
of tombs, came with messages of
holy memories from the loved, and
startled the world!

It was the Easter morning of this
century, the golden dawn of a new
dispensation, the dispensation of
spirit demonstrations and angelic
ministries, of freedom from
churchal confessions, from medie-
val superstitions and from human
slaveries. It prophesied of wo-
man's equality with man and with-
al, it inspired or instituted the
great social, political and national
reforms that have in the past de-

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WAR or PEACE?

Nations must not expect peace until they can apply the basic truth of Brotherhood of Man.

By JOHN H. MANAS
President, Pythagorean Society

Human evolution is very slow. According to philosophical authorities the human race as a whole is several millions of years behind its scheduled spiritual progress. This state of affairs is the result of man not being able yet to perceive and to understand the Light of Truth and apply it in his daily life.

In the long history of the world, when a Truth is presented to the masses, which Truth decries the old and asks for a new conception of life, a broader mind outlook and the expansion of soul consciousness, man refuses to go forward. He sticks tenaciously to the old ways of life and revolts attacking the light bearers of the new. This condition is the cause of many wars, suffering, bigotry and strife among the members of the great human family.

One of the basic Truths which man is still unable to understand is that of the Brotherhood of mankind.

The First Plan for Peace

The Spiritual Guides of the destinies of mankind in the 6th century B.C., tried a great step towards the realization of this great Truth by the masses. Several men of the highest spiritual advancement, philosophers, world reformers and teachers were sent in all parts of the world to teach this great Truth and show the example by their life.

Thus, in China we had Confucius and Lao Tse. In Persia, Zoroaster and in India Gautama Buddha taught the same Truth. In Egypt we see the high priests of the temples of Thebes, Sais and Heliopolis, and in Greece, Pythagoras.

Of all these contemporary spiritual leaders and world reformers, Pythagoras proved to be the most resourceful, the most determined, practical and brilliant leaders and the greatest scientist at the same time. He set out to apply this great Truth of the Brotherhood of man among the Greek race by es-

tablishing his famous philosophical School and Pythagorean Society at Crotona, in Magna Graecia.

This community was the first of its kind to be founded, in which all members were living as brothers, studying, working and living together, sharing all worldly things, in this first communal system of life and of government in the world.

The Plan Failed

The Pythagorean University and Brotherhood at Crotona during its thirty years of existence produced a galaxy of thinkers and philosophers of first magnitude upon whose knowledge, wisdom and spiritual progress all modern civilization is based.

For all those thirty years, the Pythagorean system of government and of life were responsible for peace, progress, happiness and spiritual enfoldment enjoyed by the Greek Nation as a whole. This progress was interrupted by the revolt of the masses drunk by greed, violence and ignorance breaking all restraints of discipline.

From that time on until now, dissatisfaction, greed, bigotry, fanaticism, poverty in the middle of plenty, unhappiness and war, are the lot of humanity. Thus the great plan and attempt of the Divine Providence through its messengers failed.

The Final Plan for Peace

About seventy-five years ago, another attempt has started and was put into operation, but this time the plan was more drastic and decisive. The grade has to be made by humanity at any price. This time besides the spreading of knowledge to the four corners of the world, countless inventions were sent to man. The most important of all for this purpose being those of airplane and radio.

In this way the elimination of all existing distances was effected. Thus the world has become a very small place for all nations, races and peoples to live in.

Under the present conditions the Divine plan is clear. The world's situation today likens a group of persons of several types beliefs and temperaments living in one and the same house. In this case there are two ways open to this group of men: either to learn to live in peace with one another for the good and the welfare of all, or they will fight killing each other and will be dispersed from the house.

This same thing happens at present to humanity. The world has become a very small place to live in. There now exists a continuous interdependence among all nations, races and peoples of the world. It cannot be otherwise.

Present Mental Fixation

The first world war was fought to end all future wars and for the establishment of this brotherly human society so badly needed by the masses for their spiritual advancement and awakening. The people had their lesson but they failed to learn it. Hence the present second world war was created.

The present indications are that the Nations of the world must not expect any peace until they conceive and apply this great basic Truth of the Brotherhood of Man. The necessity is imperative. This is the only way out left to humanity. Man by all means must learn to live in peace with his fellowmen without discrimination of race, nationality, color or creed.

The consciousness of man must be turned away from its present mental fixation, how to make as much money as possible, and be focused on virtue and on how to render as much service to his fellowmen and to society as possible. The work of all philosophical societies is bent towards this great goal.

The Event and Its Purpose

In this materialistic age, man must be appealed to through his curiosity and wonderment.

FEW KNOW ABOUT MIND AND SPIRIT OF MAN

By ERNEST OATEN

THIS week we Spiritualists celebrate the ninety-seventh anniversary of the Hydesville rappings, which called the attention of the world to the fact that personal communication between the spirit world and this, was not only a possibility, but could be placed upon a substantial and orderly scientific basis.

It is a common fallacy to suppose that this incident was the beginning of Modern Spiritualism. For several years prior to the event a band of spirits, which included "Calen," Emmanuel Swedenborg and other historic personages, had taken charge of the mediumship of Andrew Jackson Davis, and were pouring the spiritual philosophy through his lips.

Davis was an uneducated country boy of 18, but the wealth of cultured languages, knowledge of history, of scientific law, and philosophic principles contained in his trance utterances, made his published works one of the wonders of the literary world.

He has well been called the John the Baptist of Modern Spiritualism.

The "Good Work" Begins

It would appear that in the counsels of the unseen world, a real and concerted attempt was made to convey the teaching of Spiritualism to the world on philosophic and spiritual lines through Davis without the use of phenomena.

They attempted to appeal to the mind and spirit of man rather than to his curiosity and wonderment. But it was a materialistic age. The treasures of the mind and spirit did not appeal to any but the cultured few.

And so, in March, 1818, came the outbreak of physical phenomena. That the work of Davis and

Winter Lily Dale Residents Celebrate Ninety-second Fox Cottage Anniversary



Psychic Observer

Winter winds and snows grip Lily Dale every March 31st. In the picture above, taken over five years ago, winter residents of Lily Dale can be seen celebrating a Fox Cottage Anniversary.

Grouped in the unheated cottage around the tin box are: STANDING (left to right) Mary Shipman; Lula B. Freeborn, who officiated at the ceremony; Barbara A. Pressing (mother of R. G. Pressing); James La Marr; George Kopp; Mrs. H. A. Dennis; Mrs. James La Marr; SITTING (left to right) Fred Werner, Mrs. Fred Werner, Mrs. Dan Martin, Mrs. William A. Stoyles, Hazel Kopp and Mrs. John C. Noble.

FLO COTTRELL, the rapping medium, does not live in the Fox Cottage during the winter months. She resides at Holland, N. Y. (30 miles south of Buffalo). She was unable to be present at this celebration.

Modern Spiritualism had a humble beginning. Through the mediumship of the Fox Sisters, the tin box on the table (see above) was found in the cellar. It was buried with the peddler who was murdered for the few notions and trinkets it contained. By deciphering a tedious code used when spirit raps were heard, the box, which is the original, was found.

According to history, the people at that time were satisfied that this startling demonstration proved conclusively that personal consciousness not only survives but also can, under certain conditions, administer proof positive that intelligent spirit communication is possible.

the Fox Sisters was connected is evident by the fact that in the very hour when public attention was attracted by the Hydesville Rappings, Davis was informed that the "good work" had begun.

I have always held the idea that it was only when the higher appeal failed that the directing band of spirits decided upon the use of the "second best" phenomena. I believe they would have done without it if they could have successfully reached us by other means.

Consider Spirit's Viewpoint

When I look at the results and note the large number of people to whom Spiritualism is merely a mass of sensational phenomena, and note the selfish and materialistic uses made of these phenomena by individuals who have not sufficient spiritual life to see in them anything more than wonderment and entertainment, I am inclined to share the regrets of those great originals at the necessity of presenting the facts of the larger life to the world, in their second best aspect.

We too often fail to consider the matter of intercommunion from the standpoint of the spirit people. We consider our own point of view—our own satisfaction, but do we give sufficient attention to the other side of the problem?

Our mentors and inspirers are living in a world which is being peopled by those who enter it from here. The quality of the life over there is largely determined by the continuous flow of emigrants who pass through the gate from this world.

What Do Spirits Do?

They all have to be met: the unruly have to be controlled; the ignorant educated; the crude polished; the selfish purified; the sick in mind nursed back to health; the immature nurtured and trained; the creedbound released from their bonds, and the wilful taught the value of co-operation!

And we sometimes have the effrontery to ask: "What do they do in the spirit world?"

Looking at the matter from our own limited standpoint, we emphasize the fact that our loved

ones return to us to assuage our sorrow, to comfort our hearts and influence our lives.

Of course they do! But that's a small and personal aspect. There must be over there administrators and directors who have to take the larger view of the wellbeing of the many communities; and the continual influx of newcomers must be very disturbing to the harmony of these bodies.

Have you ever thought that the gates of communion were opened not by a few small people of limited outlook, but rather by a council of great minds, striving to find some method of improving the type of people continuously passing into their world and disturbing its harmonious and smooth working?

Add to Their Joy

To illumine men's minds concerning spiritual verities, to improve character by the inculcation of a sense of responsibility, to help to curb selfishness and the brute instincts of men by teaching the necessity of personal discipline and self-control would result in an improved class of immigrants. Hence the original appeal to the mind and spirit of man.

The direct appeal was ignored and phenomena were resorted to as a half-way house to draw attention to the fact of a spirit world in the hope that the recognition of that fact would induce men to consider the necessity of fitting themselves to enjoy its simplicity.

Not by prayers and fastings and religious observances, but by types of effort which will unfold their innate powers, expand their minds and enlarge their field of service.

Spiritualism only accomplishes its true purpose when it improves character, increases usefulness; expands our knowledge and makes us better citizens here, as a prelude to the citizenship of the hereafter.

Let us view our ninety-seventh anniversary from this aspect: then shall we add to the joy of our invisible companions.

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What It's Like To Be A Medium

MY EARLY PSYCHIC EXPERIENCES

SCIENTISTS CALL IT
"Multiple-Personality"
"Split-Personality"
"Alter-Ego"

Spiritualists Call It
Mediumship

By REV. CLIFFORD BIAS

"He's a very strange child," my mother often confided to her friends. "He has an imaginary playmate that he calls by the ridiculous name of Pepper."

Mother's discussion of me and my "imaginary" playmate Pepper disturbed me not at all. Pepper to me was a very real little boy who came every day and many nights to visit and play with me.

From whence he came and whither he went I questioned not, possibly because it did not occur to me to question. Pepper has grown up with me. I've seen and talked to him all my life. He is my spirit collaborator.

Many modern psychologists will tell me that Pepper is my own "alterego," that he has no existence other than being one-half of my own "split-personality" or one phase of my own "multiple-personality."

Born in Huntington

To me, these statements are much more far fetched than Pepper's own simple statement that he is a spirit being; that he "died" in 1911 at the age of one year, that he was allowed to visit me; that he has grown to manhood in the spirit world just as I grew to manhood in the physical world.

Perhaps there are such things as split personalities and multiple personalities but who can say, in the face of the massive pile of evidence, both ancient and modern, that there is no such thing as intercourse with spiritual beings?

In 1916, when I was six years old, a remarkable phenomenon of strange lights in the sky startled and puzzled my home town of Huntington, West Virginia.

I was with my family out in the yard watching these lights when a force which I did not understand struck me to the ground.

A voice, which I shall never forget, spoke in my ear. "Be not afraid, little boy, you're not hurt. I am your teacher."

Table Tilting

Not until years later did I learn his name. It is Dr. Albert Lascelles. He is my spiritual teacher.

The first manifestation of my physical mediumship occurred when I was eight years of age. My sister Georgia was entertaining some friends one evening when the subject of "table-tilting" was introduced.

Thereupon the young people determined immediately to try an experiment. A small round table was placed in the center of the room and all present except me placed their hands upon it. Nothing happened.

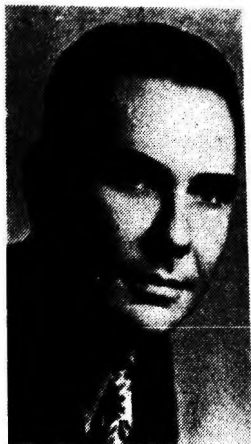
When the (as now I know — usual) comment was, "I didn't believe it could, anyhow." I went to the table and touched it lightly.

Instantly the table began vio-

lently rocking back and forth, then literally shot across the room as if a very powerful man had flung it. My mother later rescued me from under the sofa.

Needless to say, after that the young people of the neighborhood kept me busy "making the table walk," to answer their questions by tilting once for "no," twice for "yes," three times for uncertain

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and four times a call for the alphabet.

The questions most usually asked were, "Who will I marry?"; "Does my sweetheart love me?"; and "Will I ever be rich?"

These adolescent questions were sometimes answered and sometimes disregarded. I'm sure the guides often had their tongues in their cheeks.

When I Was 11

This phase of mediumship lasted only a short time and was stopped by Dr. Lascelles who explained that it was harmful for a youngster to exercise physical mediumship for any extended period of time.

From nine to fourteen my mediumship was dormant except for the regular visits of Pepper and the occasional presence of Dr. Lascelles.

When in my fourteenth year, my spirit teacher led me to the occult and Spiritualistic section of the public library I was in ecstasy. From then on I read everything I could get my hands on, from Hudson's "Law of Psychic Phenomena" to Blavatsky's "Secret Doctrine."

I read "Golden Bough" and knew that, with all his erudition,

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Frazer had missed the point as far as ancient magic was concerned. I read Sales' translation of the Koran and prayed to Allah on a parlor throw rug.

I read "The Lives of the Saints" and burned candles before a home-made crucifix. I read a poor treatise on Yogi and sat cross-legged breathing through first one nostril then the other.

What I Learned

My reading was unorthodox and voluminous. A lot of it was undoubtedly beyond my depth, but with Dr. Lascelles' wise and patient guidance, I learned.

I learned I was a spirit existent in eternity, manifesting in a physical world in a physical body which was not me but mine.

I learned that God was not an old man in some far-off heaven but Universal Spirit that was all containing yet uncontained.

I learned how man in the spirit world and man in the earth world communicate with one another.

I learned that my psychical experiences were duplicated and far surpassed in times past and present.

I learned to feel a kinship to all those who had seen visions of the after-death home. I LEARNED I WAS A MEDIUM.

SPIRITUALISM—A Creative Science, Philosophy, Religion

This article is for those
who are just beginning
to take an interest in the
teachings of SPIRITUALISM.—(Ed.)

By DR. F. M. SEBREE

Spiritualism so-called, when properly understood, is a science of the spirit and the soul; for it deals with all of the creative phases of life; and, everything that has ever been created has life.

The purpose of Spiritualism is to teach us to be self-reliant. In other words, to stand on our own two feet and shoulder our own responsibilities; not to lean upon any being present or of the past to shoulder our blame for mistakes we make.

When the truth is rightly understood no one can take our blame. God's laws are immutable, and the law of compensation pays us in suffering or in countless blessings according to our own merit.

Payment Settles a Debt

The Masters and Great Teachers down through the ages have taught the laws in their purity. But the crafty ones who set themselves up as teachers and leaders of mankind have found it to their advantage to keep people ignorant of the truth, to keep them under subjection and domination by fear of the hereafter and promises of heaven, if they stay under their ruling, of promises and threats.

No one, either in or out of the physical body, can forgive us our sins to the extent that we can go free by merely telling some individual that we have done such or such a wrong thing. We are only forgiven when we have confessed or admitted to our own spirit that we have committed a wrong, and then get busy correcting that wrong.

We have to ask forgiveness of those whom we have wronged and set about to correct that wrong. A debt is only settled by payment and so it is with the wrongs we commit. We must at all times be

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In the preface of his book "WHAT'S AHEAD," Mr. Lopez says, "When I began to consider the deeper and more permanent things of life, I read the book 'A DWELLER ON TWO PLANETS.' Incidentally, this is only one of the twelve books which he recommends in the bibliography of his book, 'What's Ahead.'"

is a place we must make for ourselves.

As a man thinketh in his heart so is he, and so he creates conditions for himself which he will pass into at the time of his transition. As you have sown: so will you reap.

The science and philosophy of Spiritualism teaches us that as we live here every moment of every day we are creating conditions for ourselves both here and in spirit.

Doorway of Reformation

We create our own heaven and our own hell; though there is no pit of burning fury and leaping flames, there are unpleasant places of the most gruesome kind; and if we create such a place for ourselves, we have to liberate ourselves from it by our own efforts of correction.

The door of reformation is never closed against any soul and all have the opportunity to advance out of unpleasant surroundings and conditions.

The great science of spiritualism teaches us that if we wish to have a mansion in the sky, we have to build it while we are here, by the good we can do for one another. We must learn to be completely unselfish in our lives and in all of our dealings with mankind.

Always remembering to give a helping hand without the everlasting thought of "What am I going to get out of it?" According to our service to humanity we advance spiritually; and through unselfish service only can be hope to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Human Radio

The science and philosophy of spiritualism teaches us to find ourselves; to learn to know ourselves and to become master over our weaknesses. When we learn to master ourselves; we then learn to live in God's Laws; for we then attune ourselves so to all that is about us and become as a human radio.

We then, by this sensitive conditioning, are able to penetrate the veil between the two worlds and the two worlds become one, for they are co-joined together.

The veil between the two worlds is only over our physical eyes and gross natures. The spirit world is not in some far off place; but it is a part of the world we live in. When we have thus parted the curtain between the two worlds, we are all spirits no matter by what other name we choose to call them.

No one lives in spirit who at some time did not live in the physical body. Beside our relatives and friends there are the high teachers and Masters whom others among other names call saints. These blessed messengers of God commune with us for the purpose of teaching us the Laws of God, that our path of life might be less thorny.

Children Are Sensitives

All humanity could commune with the saintly ones if they so conditioned themselves through a spiritual life of unselfishness. Communion with the purified ones is not only for a privileged few, but is a privilege all could enjoy and benefit by if they would choose to learn God's Laws and live in accordance with them.

All babies up to a certain age both see and hear those who gather around them from spirit, and they spend many happy hours with the sweet companionship of spirit—angelic beings.

Yes, He gives His angels charge over you to guide you in all of your ways. But those heavenly

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THE FOX COTTAGE

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acades brightened the moral horizon of this century.

As in the historic past women were last at the cross and first at the tomb; so in this century, women—the Fox Sisters—were the first to discover the new alphabet; that, cabling the ocean of doubt and bridging the river of death, enabled mortals and immortals to stand consciously face to face, re-clasping hands and reaffirming their undying loves. The stone was now forever rolled away from the doom of the sepulcher.

Upon the ushering in of this dispensation there were no Sinai thunders, no terrific earthquakes, no darkening of the sun, or other strange mythic miracles. Neither did any graves give up their dead, for there were no dead in them.

The tombs there, and the tombs of the agony ages were all empty. The pronounced dead had risen. Their white feet were pressing the evergreen shores of life, and their inspired tongues were musical with the resurrection songs of immortality.

Not Supernatural

Nature's chain has no missing links. Law is as continuous as immutable. Cause and effect, father and son, the old and the new, ever in continuity clasp hands. The good of the old-time remains, the truth never dies. There are no dead today.

Spiritualism, as tangibly as absolutely, demonstrates it. *Oh! death, where is thy sting? Oh! grave, where is thy victory?*

Ring the bells of gladness, sound the loud timbrel, shout the chorus in one ascending, resounding anthem of joy; for death is conquered, priestcraft is uncovered, theology is proven worm-eaten, creeds are doomed, sin is checked, the devil is defeated, and the old-time hell is transfigured into *Gehenna - gardens* and vineyards where purpling grapes now grow in richest luxuriance.

A few years ago, I was in old Bethlehem near Jerusalem. Now I am in the new Bethlehem, Hydesville, near Rochester—the imperishable Bethlehem of this crowning century of science and progress. This is consecrated ground, consecrated and sacred to science, to brotherhood, to the immortality of divine truth, and to the matchless glories of present spirit ministries.

A Demonstrated Fact

This is truly an age of science, of profound research. And while investigation is indispensable to arrive at truth—while psychical research is an earnest move in the right direction, and while mere spiritism, accepting the fact of an intercommunion of this and of the world beyond, is a grand step upward from materialism, Spiritualism is a fact, an absolutely dem-

onstrated fact.

And more, it is a fact plus immortal truth, aflame with the suffix al, which suffix implies quality, a spiritual force, allied to and connected with conscience, reason, intuition, religion, prayer, inspiration, angel ministries, and a deep-rooted spirituality, the fruits of which are love, joy, peace, kindness and good will to man.

Self-Evident Truths

All thinkers admit there are self-evident truth-axioms. That I exist is to me an axiom. The existence of space is another; the existence of God is still another. And the logic of true Spiritualism is this: God is spirit, self-conscious, pure, infinite, unchangeable; and man in his innermost being made in the image of God, is necessarily a conscious spiritual being.

Spiritual beings in all worlds, visible and invisible, just as naturally respond to and converse with each other through the electro-forces of nature and the vibratory laws of sympathy as music responds to music, or as love responds to love in noble human souls. There is one God, one eternity, one law, one humanity and one destiny for all aspirational human intelligences.

Abounds in Phenomena

Spiritualism is rooted in God, for God is spirit. It is grounded in Nature, for Nature is the garment of God. It is established in law, for law is the will of God manifest as energy and force. It is the science of all sciences, the philosophy of all philosophies, and the true wisdom-religion of all historic ages.

Spiritualism abounds in phenomena. The genuine are the cellular-wall foundations, the scaffolding by which the masses ascend. They have their uses. Materialists especially require them and more; they require a clap of thunder to arouse and inspire them to think above the ruts and mires of a dreary material existence.

But Spiritualism does not rest alone upon, or center in, phenomena. It centers in essential Spirit, and is based upon the consciousness of the races, upon the emotions of a quickened nature, and upon the moral constitution of man, which constitution requires for sustenance, aspiration, vision, faith, trance, clairvoyance and heavenly impressions from the angel spheres of love and wisdom.

What Paul Said

Educated Spiritualists, like the primitive Christians, believe in God the Father and in the brotherhood of man. They acknowledge the Christlike spirit of love and forgiveness; they feel the serene influx of the Divine Spirit.

They converse with heavenly intelligences; they cultivate the religious emotions; they exercise charity and all other spiritual

This picture of the FOX COTTAGE (below) was taken in 1898. The couple, shown in the doorway, were the last inhabitants. Eighteen years later, the cottage was moved to Lily Dale, N. Y.



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This picture of the FOX COTTAGE (below) was taken in 1850. The people in the doorway are visitors. Thousands journeyed here from all parts of the country to hear the "mysterious raps."



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graces; they open their seances with hymns and prayer, they are richly blessed with clairvoyant visions, and calm, up-lifting ministrations from the loved in heaven.

They walk in the spirit. They see in every pure, crystal stream a present Jordan, in every emerald clad mountain, a present Olivet, in every well-cultivated prairie a Canaan flowing with milk and honey, and they teach salvation by character, or by the life, as did Paul who said "Being reconciled we shall be saved by His life." (Rom. v:19).

The Spiritual Is the Real

It is not cold chilly matter, so-called, not sea-slime, nor protoplasm that constitutes the underlying infilling, basis of life, but spirit—that is to say, spiritual or divine substance. *Spirituality is substantial reality.* Much that seems real to the senses is only illusion.

Man is a spirit now—a spirit living in a material body, which body bears something of the same relation to the real, conscious, invisible man that the husk bears to the corn, or the bark to the growing tree.

Evidently man is a trinity in unity, constituted of a physical body, a spiritual body, and a conscious undying soul or spirit, which spirit is uncompounded, in-

destructible, divine substance—God in man.

Advanced spirits are denominated angels. Spirits are but men and women, divested of their mortal clothing. *They are not authority.* They are not perfect but have taken with them consciousness, memory, sympathy, character, and through the mystic laws of vibration and thought transference they delight to impress and inspire.

They walk by our sides often; and yet, unseen! Philosophically considered, there is but one world, and that one world embraces the yesterdays, the todays, and the innumerable tomorrows of eternity.

Spiritual marvels have appeared as rifts in the clouds, as lights upon the mountains, under all skies and in all past periods, assuming various forms of manifestations according to temperaments and racial developments. They were and are God's living witnesses of a future existence.

Cosmopolitan Spiritualism

To deny them is to plunge the world into the thickest mud of materialism. To counterfeit them, as certain professed mediums have done, exhibits the deepest, grossest and blackest depravity.

Spiritualism is not local, but cosmopolitan, inspiring under some name alike Yogis, seers, prophets, oracles, and intermediaries in all

lands. To this I bear the most positive testimony.

These manifestations were considered at different periods miracles, magic, apparitions, possessions, special providences, witchcraft, demons and angels. Their persistence, surviving the decay of thrones and empires, is according to *Herbert Spencer*, a palpable proof of their reality and of their moral value—only truth is immortal.

What Scientists Say

The learned Dr. Beard, physician, author, scientist and hypnotist of New York, strongly inclined toward materialism, declared that "Judge Edmonds used to say that he sifted the evidence of spirit manifestations just as he sifted evidence in cases of law, and in accordance with the same principles, and from the standard of the law books and the universities his position was impregnable."

Camille Flammarion, the great French astronomer, said: "At least ten of the manifestations he witnessed through *Eusapia Paladino* were incontestable. He further said:

"Placing myself solely at the point of view of a physicist who observes, I say, no matter what explanatory hypothesis you might adopt, there exists an invisible force drawn from the medium's organism, which can leave her and act outside of her. . . . Invisible, intelligent forces seem also to act in unison with hers, producing varied phenomena. Those pronounce themselves spirits, and what other explanation can be given?"

Alfred R. Wallace, the eminent English naturalist and scientist, pointedly says: "My position, therefore, is that the phenomena of Spiritualism, in their entirety, do not require further confirmation. They are proved quite as well as any facts are proved in other sciences."

With the more intelligent scientists of this country, including *Edison*, the great inventor, the victory is won; and so Spiritualism proudly takes its place in the *Pantheon* of the sciences!

No Miracles

It must be remembered, however, that these spiritual phenomena are not miracles in any such sense as the 17th century schoolmen defined them. They are not violations of the inexorable laws of nature, but the operations of higher natural laws than the masses comprehend. The supernatural, in fact, is the natural upon the spiritual plane of existence.

Spiritualism explains the philosophy and the various psychic methods of spirit intercourse. It has encouraged all the philosophic reforms of the age, and has given us a revised geography of the heavens and the hells—the higher and lower spheres of existence.

It has outlined the law of the progress of spirits, angels, archangels, seraphs and the still diviner intelligences that pass and re-pass to and fro from the planetary

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PEEBLES LECTURE

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worlds that dot and stud the sidereal heavens. It further teaches that enveloping every human being there is a refined, etherialized aura—an emanation dark-hued, gray, white or golden, according to character and grade of spiritual development.

Ministering Spirits

Spiritualism teaches that the past converges in the present, that the heavens, and the Biblical "mansions" of the old seers were as real, as substantial, and wisely adapted and fitted for the abodes of spirits, angels, and gods. These exalted intelligences, ever aflame with love, are continuously active in some great educational and redemptive work.

They condescend to descend to us to teach as do professors to their pupils in universities. Coming to earth enriches their experiences. They glory in self-sacrifice, knowing that in educating and lifting up others they become still more highly and divinely exalted. They delight to give.

The superiority of God himself consists in that he is eternally giving and never receiving. All is life—all in the inmost is energy. Heaven's rest is not idleness. The soul's activities are intensified by the translation from earth.

Memory—An Undying Worm

The immortal life then is not a dissipating "shell" life, but a conscious social life, an industrious life, a constructive life, a retributive life, and a progressive life, where the emancipated soul sweeps onward and upward in wisdom, excelling wisdom and in glory transcending glory through the measureless ages of eternity.

True, there are undeveloped, unhappy mortals; there are selfish invisible vampires, there are obsessions by diakka demons here, and there are different degrees of happiness over there. Memory is the undying worm. No one in any world can get away from himself. There are dark spheres, there are intense sufferings in those cimmerian regions of moral wretchedness.

And those poor suffering, semi-penitent souls are often brought by the higher intelligences to earth and into the aural sympathetic atmospheres in seances for instruction and spiritual benefit. Often in agony do they say, "Pray for us," "Help, oh! help us. We seek the light."

Advice to Mediums

Concerning spiritual phenomena, I must utter these advisory and fatherly words to the mediumistic. Let your aims be high—do not sit in impromptu, promiscuous circles; do not cease for a moment to be yourself, and never surrender to any intelligence your own conscious selfhood.

There are many diakka spirits who assume great, flaming names, to excite the vanity and get a stronger control over the weak-minded.

Test the spirits, test and try them by your higher judgment and your

The Fox Family

MARGARETTA KANE-FOX (Right)
LEAH FOX-UNDERHILL (Center)
KATE FOX-JENCKEN (Left)



THIS NEWSPAPER MAN WAS A WELCOME VISITOR



The picture (above) shows the FOX COTTAGE at Lily Dale as it looks today. At the doorway, R. G. Pressing is inviting a newspaper man to inspect the cottage. During the past seven years, there has been a continual trek to Lily Dale by those who desire to hear these spirit rappings.

Representatives have been sent from TIME and LIFE MAGAZINE; Chicago, New York and Canadian newspapers. In September, 1932, even ROBERT RIPLEY wrote up the FOX COTTAGE in his syndicated column "BELIEVE IT OR NOT." In describing the cottage, Ripley called it "THE SPOOK HOUSE" but admitted the rappings were genuine, stating it was "a phenomenon that startled the world."

A nationally-known Movie-tone Weekly sent their representatives to Lily Dale in 1938 and in the process of their investigation, they were able to pick up the actual rapping sounds. Through the mediumship of FLO COTTRELL, raps were heard on the microphone. All the rapping sounds are made by Miss Cottrell's principal spirit collaborator, who prefers to be known as "UNCLE IKE."

God-given intuitions. Spirits, like mortals, must be known by their fruits: if they improve your health, enlarge your moral nature, lift you up spiritually, and beautify every characteristic of your higher nature—accept them as message-bearers from the diviner life—but even then, be yourself!

"Karma"—Unnecessary Word

Mortals are moral agents, the architects of their own heavens or hells. They reap what they have sown. "Karma" is an unnecessary (Sanskrit) word, implying cause and effect—nothing more. Every child born into this world is a possible archangel or a possible demon: his head touches the world of light, his feet the world of darkness. He is a rational, moral being, having the power of choice.

Punishment, disciplinary punishment, necessarily follows sin: there is no escape. Socrates and

Plato, Confucius and Christ, Theodore Parker and Phillips Brooks are still preaching to undeveloped, imprisoned earth-bound spirits. God's mercy endureth forever.

The angels call, and souls are constantly coming up through tribulation deep. God's love is infinite and unchangeable. The door of mercy is not shut; there is ever the opportunity of progress from darkness to light. None can be eternally lost.

"Good Morning"

Spiritualism does not say "good night" in the solemn hour of death, but rather gives the glad assurance of a most welcome "good morning," just across the crystal river. It does not drape the mourner's home in gloom, but lifts the grim curtain, permitting us to hear the responsive words of undying affection from those we love.

It would see no mourning garments worn, it would see none draped in crape, but would see at funerals only opening buds and blossoms and hear only resurrection songs of music.

It would see cemeteries made as beautiful as gardens and the groves of spring time, with wild briars twining around tombstones, and everything else that can remind us of the evergreen shores of immortality.

Oh! let us rejoice then, and be glad in these Easter days of Spiritualism, for they give life a new meaning and add millions of charms to the homes of our loved in heaven. They put new courage, new strength, new intelligence, new religious aspirations, new and

sweeter devotions into our daily life.

Spiritualism the complement of true Christianity, beautifies the bitterest cup, helps bear the heaviest burdens, lightens the darkest day, comforts the saddest heart, and gathering up the kindly efforts we make in behalf of our fellowmen, transfigures them with its brightness and ennobles them with its moral grandeur.

I Was Called "Blasphemer"

Those of this generation know little of the persecutions, trials, and martyrdoms of those old pioneers of the Rochester-rapping days. They were called fanatics, heretics, madmen. They were mocked, slandered and hunted as though they were wild beasts. Some of the more mediumistic, like the Nazarene, had not where to lay their heads.

Personally, some forty years ago I had stones hurled at school-houses and halls in which I was lecturing. I was hooted in the streets; and once was mobbed by an infuriated sectarian crowd after an evening's discourse.

At another time, in Illinois, a church-woman rising in the audience rushed toward me, flourishing an umbrella over my head, and shouting, "You are a blasphemer! you are a wicked blasphemer!" And then slamming the door after her, hurriedly departed.

Antithesis of Materialism

Coolly, I replied, "How the chaff flies when the gospel fan-blows."

In those early times of this movement, press and pulpit pronounced the phenomena "toe-joints," "imagination," "secreted machinery," "detached portions of electricity," "the devil," and a "nine-days' wonder." And yet, right in the face of these oppositions and journalistic toe-joint exposures, Spiritualism marched on.

Spiritualism, the antithesis of materialism, was the heaven-inspired and angel-commissioned instrument for turning back the inflowing tide of materialism, and of demonstrating the fact of a future progressive life.

Reduced to the last analysis, Spiritualism rests not upon any Bible, not upon any creed, any external authority or any phenomena; but upon the moral and spiritual constitution of man, upon reason, conscience and the soul's divinest intuitions.

Test Mediums and Platform Speakers

The phenomenalist and the great broad-minded leaders, all have their work. There should be no rivalry, only as to who will enlighten the most minds and bring the most polished stones to the divine temple of truth.

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speakers are indispensable. There is no virtue in ignorance. "Feed my sheep" was an old command. No dry stale food will do. It is neither digestible nor nourishing. Thirsty flocks rush to the living waters.

If spiritualist committees will employ worthy and cultured speakers and secure excellent music their edifices will be thronged each Sunday. The day for wretched discordant singing and dull ungrammatical illogical lectures through the sickly organisms of half-developed mediums in dusty, ill-ventilated cob-web-decorated halls is passing away. Bid it good bye, with gladness.

The number, the name of spiritualists, is legion; and they should rise to the occasion securing neat appropriate buildings. They should decorate the desks with roses and lilies, and consecrate the holy structure, to seances, lyceums, lectures and mediumistic gifts—saying, like a seer of old, "this is sacred ground."

And further, it is not wise to have the inspired speaker and the test medium upon the platform at the same time. They have each a different work to do. They have different auras, different spirit-influences and different purposes in view. These necessarily divide the sympathies of the people. Milk is good, and vinegar is good, but it is neither good nor wise to mix them in the same bowl.

Needs of Spiritualism

There is much work to be done. God, angels and ministering spirits help those who help themselves. There are pressing needs demanding the prompt attention of Spiritualists. They need more intellectual and moral culture, more harmony of action, and better music in their societies. They need to give more encouragement and financial support to progressive lyceums and the young people's social institutions.

They need more commodious and comfortable edifices, consecrated to and used only for lyceums, lectures, conferences, and seances. They need to pay more attention to organizing public circles so as to have a calm aspirational and religious element the predominating factor.

Eyes Upon Us

They need to be imbued with more of the fiery missionary spirit that characterized the old pioneers. They need more settled speakers, conscientious, cultured and apt to teach; and they need to have kindled in their soul's depths a diviner and loftier spirit of enthusiasm.

Such regal-souled missionaries and martyrs to truth have in all ages shaken the world, and crowned new dispensations with imperishable glory. Spiritualists, the eyes of all Christendom are upon you; do your duty.

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Fundamentals of Spiritualism

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beings can only come close to us when we open the way through our keeping our vibration clean and high.

But it must also be remembered that not all are purified angelic beings who dwell in spirit. There are also those who are still in their various unenlightened stages and states of depraved minds, just the same as they were while in their physical bodies.

This type of beings we attract to ourselves according to the type of lives we live and thoughts we send out upon the ether waves. Yes, it is indeed true that we portray our character by the type of company we keep. And our thoughts can both be seen and heard by those in spirit.

Purpose of Birth

God, the Universal Law, is no respecter of persons. God does not favor any one. We all must tread the same path of progress and advancement. God is not a personal being. God is Creative Force which causes us to live. We live and breathe and have our being in that Great Life Essence like the fish in the sea.

When we learn this Great Law of God, and put it into practice in our daily lives, we then become One with the Universal Whole-God.

The science of spiritualism teaches us the purpose of our birth into the physical body. We were born through the physical channel of our parents that we might individualize and personalize that spark of life which had been released from that God Source.

Our personality then has to be cultivated and developed into a worthwhile character, and that again comes from the lessons of our experiences and how we react to them.

No Need To Fear Death

By our sojourn through life in the physical body we are supposed to prepare ourselves for the higher life so-called death: and which is only rebirth. The knowledge we have gleaned here should be sufficient to carry us to the higher planes where beauty exists in the spirit realms.

If, however, we have not had the opportunity to learn the truth about spiritual progress, we then find ourselves in sad plights when reaching the other side of life.

Spiritualism teaches us to live so that we will have no need to fear death. Death so-called, should be looked upon as a glorious privilege for our passing into the kind of place we want to go; just as when one is going on a beautiful trip to which he has looked forward for perhaps many years.

When we have the right knowledge about our passing into spirit, we need not even lose consciousness. Passing into spirit can be a process, just like passing out of one room into another; and can be done while one is in full possession of all their faculties.

Have Heaven Now

The science of spiritualism teaches life; life eternal, not death. There is no death; we discard our physical bodies only, just the same as we discard our clothes. The spirit and the soul live on through all of eternity. The physical body is only the clothing of the spirit and soul.

We do not go into any pro-

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REV. EDITH GREEN, 2212 West Grand Blvd., Detroit (8), Michigan; 1st Vice President of the International General Assembly of Spiritualists; pastor of the Allen Memorial Center, Macca-bees Bldg., Detroit, Michigan. She is a lecturer, teacher, mental and direct-voice medium.

Rev. Green, according to a recent communication, visited The Florida Spiritualist Camp at Hollywood, Florida, and during the early part of March, served Ethel Post-Parrish's church at St. Petersburg, Florida — The Institute of Universal Science, 2800 Central Ave.

During the summer months, Rev. Green visits Spiritualist camps; this year she is scheduled at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pa., during July; may spend several weeks of August at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana.

longed sleep when we make our rebirth; only if we have been sick for a long time before passing, then we go into what is known as a rest sleep; that is for the purpose of restoring the soul to its natural state of being. Otherwise those who pass over when quite, well have no need of rest.

Spiritualism's science and philosophy teaches us that we should have heaven here upon earth, now, not after death. As it is on earth so it is in heaven: since we create for ourselves heaven both here and hereafter.

Life—a Great Chain

The science of spiritualism teaches us how to live richer and fuller lives for it teaches us Universal Love and kindness for every living thing.

Spiritualism teaches us the Unity of Life for it teaches our relationship to every living thing: for every living thing that is, has been created for a purpose in life, even though we may not understand the purpose for which it is put upon earth.

We must practice kindness to all of God's Creation: for if we abuse the very creatures which so faithfully serve us and have been put here for our purpose and our many uses, how can we expect to enjoy the greater blessings of life?

The science of spiritualism teaches us to respect and to love all of God's Creation; for it teaches us that we are all related by that great chain of life.

Freedom of Soul

Spiritualism teaches us to understand life in all of its phases in every living thing. And when we have thus learned to understand God's Creation: we learn something about the Great Creator; for we then begin to realize that God is Love and that LOVE IS THE LAW.

Spiritualism teaches freedom of the soul; for it teaches truth: that as you do unto another so shall it be done unto you. And whatever mistakes you do not correct here, you will have to correct them

when you make your transition before you can even hope to get away from the earth plane.

After leaving your physical body you only become invisible to the physical vision.

But you yourself will be the same personality that you were before your passing from your physical body. You will be in full possession of all of your faults and your habits. To become a spiritual personality you have to cultivate a spiritual way of living.

You do not become all-wise just because you shed your physical body any more than you do so now when you shed your clothes. Nor any more than you did your first day at school.

Knowledge Is Light

Whatever you gain in knowledge is only done through much study and many experiences: and all this will take a long time. For stubborn people here are stubborn still when they pass into spirit. Their dispositions do not change.

A great many so-called good people find themselves in sad predicaments when entering the spirit world, only because they had not been taught the truth here. Some become very resentful towards the church to which they had belonged on earth; because they realize that they had lost much valuable time in learning the wrong teachings.

True knowledge is light: then since they have not the knowledge of the truth of God's Laws, they have no light emanating from their soul to light their way: and since they have no light, they are in darkness.

Prayer Not Enough

Yes, they are souls in darkness: this darkness is only created by ignorance of the truth about Life's Laws and Life's responsibility to All of Life.

Through the scientific study of the philosophy of spiritualism, humanity is taught the necessary knowledge about life here and hereafter, so that upon passing into spirit they need not remain upon earth in fog and confusion, but can find themselves in such beautiful conditions that can truly be called heaven. The same laws which control the heavenly realms control the earth plane and all of the universe.

The science of spiritualism teaches that no one can buy nor pray their way into heaven. Prayers must be backed by the right knowledge of the functioning of the Universal Laws and living in accordance with them. Prayer without works is as nothing.

Laws are Unchangeable.

There is only One God and He is not enclosed within any special four walls of any church. God is the Universal Creator. Creator of Universes and all that is and ever will be.

God does not belong to any church or any select group of people; for all belong under His Laws as all are part of His Creation. If it were not so, none would exist.

Man, and not God, builds churches with high walls and fences around them. God needs no church. God expresses through all of Nature and all His Creation. God speaks to mankind through all the beauty upon earth and in heaven.

Man warps God's teachings to suit their own selfish selves for

ZORINA IN "THE TEMPEST"



Psychic Observer

The picture above is reproduced from one of the stage scenes in "The Tempest," Alvin Theater, N.Y.C. It shows ZORINA, in the part of "Ariel" a very solid spirit and ARNOLD MOSS as "Prospero," a fourth dimensional dispenser of seeming worth while philosophy.

"William Shakespeare's last important contribution to the theater is a challenge to any producer"—Newsweek.

The play itself is supposed to describe activities in the spirit world; the principal scene is an island inhabited by spirits in and out of the body. In her directing, Margaret Webster sacrifices fantasy for clarity and continuity.

monetary gain and personal glorification that trusting humanity might bow before them.

Churches are intended for the social gathering of the people of that community who come together in harmony for the furtherance of their spiritual progress. For if there is no harmony, there is no progress.

Spiritualism has always existed down through the ages and it always will, for truth never changes. Truth may get covered up for a time and humanity gets detoured by the various teachings that try to replace truth, but sooner or later all must find the true path to God: for there is only One God.

ABC's of Earth-life

The purpose of life is progress and evolution. This law of personal obligation to God's Laws must be fulfilled whether we choose to take a span of life time to do it in here upon earth or thousands of years after our passing into spirit.

That course we cannot alter, and like the ship at sea, may toss about for a time when knocked off its course by circumstances of storms and wild breakers. But when the interference of storm is abated: it finally pulls into harbor.

So spiritualism in its final analysis teaches us that if we don't learn and progress while in the physical bodies, we must do so after passing into spirit. Only then we have it to do from the very ABC's.

That is the reason for so many unhappy souls who hover over the earth plane who are called earth-bound. Not having any place to go they still inhabit the places where they used to live when in the physical. That, too, is the reason so many places have been called "haunted."

Liberated By Truth

The poor ignorant beings who find themselves without their physical bodies have no intention of frightening any one, since they themselves are in a sufficient predicament and only victims of circumstances of their own making.

These poor souls are not evil; they are only earth-bound because they are ignorant of the laws of life, and are in great need of sympathetic help and teaching of the Truth for their liberation.

So then if some personage were

standing on the border-line with his arms outstretched, scooping all to his bosom, who pass into spirit, there would be no haunted places upon earth, for there would be no ignorant and earth-bound spirits clinging to the earth plane.

But there are millions of unhappy souls clinging to the earth and still living in the same old places where they lived before their passing over. Don't you think that if there was such a being as a personal God that he would scoop all these souls up like fish into a net and take them home to where they belong? This is something to think about.

So the great science of spiritualism teaches people the truth about the laws of life both here and hereafter for the purpose of eliminating these deplorable conditions upon the earth: and liberating those who are so enslaved through lack of understanding.

The Tapping Bird

By BOB ROLAND

IT IS an ancient superstition which holds that death is at hand when a bird flies through an open window into a room. Whether or not he was aware of this old belief, the great Col. T. E. Lawrence of Arabia died during dramatic circumstances which conformed to the warning of the superstition.

Living in England in 1935 after a life packed with incredible adventure and achievement, Lawrence one day was disturbed by a bird tapping with its beak on his windowpane. When he could stand the sound no longer, he moved to another room. But the bird followed him and repeated the tapping. It seemed to be inviting him to open the window.

Every day for three weeks the bird came and repeated the tapping. Lawrence became moody and nervous, and his friends began to worry about him. One morning he sought relief by going out for a fast motorcycle ride. Thinking to get rid of the bird before Lawrence returned, his friend, Sir Ronald Storrs, opened the window and shot the bird as it flew into the room.

In that same hour, and possibly at that same moment, Lawrence met his death on a lonely country road. He was flung violently over the handlebars of his motorcycle, and landed 60 feet away.

(This story was told by Sir Ronald Storrs and widely reported in British newspapers.)

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When The Great Seek Spirit Guidance

*Silver Birch Helps
an Idealist.*

By HANNEN SWAFFER

I TOOK along to my home circle recently a friend who is waging a war against prejudice and tyranny. To say more would identify him, and so, perhaps, make his task more difficult.

Anyway, the mission he has chosen makes him a champion of millions in subjection and in distress. Our ruling classes, born to privilege, do not understand . . .

He was seeking guidance and inspiration—and the old faiths had failed him. Their narrowness and antagonism were making his struggle more difficult.

How would you give counsel to a soul such as his? *Silver Birch* did not hesitate.

"My son, it is no accident that you are here," he began. "You know the old saying, 'When the initiate is ready, the master appears.' When the individual is spiritually ready, he is led to those who will help him in the task which he has yet to do.

"You have a great work to do, my son, in your own land, and others who are more closely interested in you, who belong to your own race, want to use you to help your own people.

They Read Souls

"And you will help them, for one of the greatest cries of your heart, which is almost a prayer—not in the sense of being spoken, but in its true meaning—is to be able to relieve some of the agony in your own land.

"You have said to yourself, again and again, 'Even if I be sacrificed, I would willingly do so if it would help to bring peace and end the bitterness and discord.' That is known over here.

"We know people for what they are, not the outward mask they wear, but the inner, often unexpressed, emotions that come straight from the soul. You will be helped and you will be of service. That is why you are here.

"Your eyes have been opened and you will go forward with much greater strength and courage, and with even more confidence to right wrong, to redress grievances, to fight injustice and to help freedom to be enjoyed by those who have not yet tasted it.

Spirit Holy Trinity

"Our task is not only to comfort those who are experiencing the desolate sorrow of bereavement, but to liberate the soul. If the body is enslaved, the soul cannot be free. Therefore, we must free the body so that the soul can be liberated.

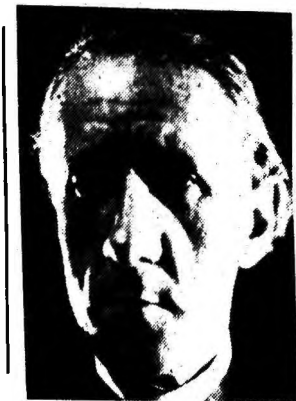
"The human spirit cannot prepare itself, educate itself or equip itself if its temple is a prison.

"That is how we approach all your earthly problems. That is why we oppose everything which keeps mankind in subjection and binds him. We want him free in mind, body and spirit. That is the Holy Trinity in which I believe."

When my friend asked: "How can I go on fighting in at a task so hard that it seems insuperable?" *Silver Birch* gave evidence that he knew more about the visitor than we did.

"We know what you have been through and that you have struggled and struggled desperately.

FEARLESS PROPAGANDIST



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HANNEN SWAFFER, 8 St. Martins Place Trafalgar Square, London, England; dramatic critic, columnist and one of Great Britain's foremost propagandists for the cause of Spiritualism.

After the International Spiritualist Convention at Glasgow, Scotland in 1937, the American Spiritualist delegates visited London and were met and entertained by Mr. Swaffer at his flat. Those present were: Frank Decker, T. John Kelly, Maurice Barbanell, Paul Miller, Juliette Ewing Pressing and R. G. Pressing.

Mr. Swaffer is author of the book "When Men Talk Truth" and is one of the leaders in defense of the "Helen Duncan Case" which has created international attention during the last six months.

even for the means of existence," he replied.

Help When Needed

That was news to us. Indeed, my friend now seems in comfortable circumstances.

"I will help you," went on *Silver Birch*. "Use me as a focus. Call on me and I will help you.

"Do not abuse it—I will not help you if you do—but when you are really in need, when all seems dark and difficult and seemingly impossible, you will find that doors will open. When they open, go inside. If you turn the handle and the door is still locked, do not waste any more time . . .

"There is no request that you make, even though it be unuttered, that is not known to someone in our world. Think of yourself surrounded always by a host of those who love you because your ideals are their ideals and your desires are their desires, and they see in you a means of service.

"If you will be faithful to the trust which is reposed in you by those whose sacred task it is to uplift the weak and the fallen, you will never regret it. For you will come into the possession of a spiritual wealth, of a richness that is beyond all earthly treasure.

Jewels of the Spirit

"Long after beauties of earthly possessions have tarnished and faded the jewels of the spirit will endure in all their brilliant luster. Remember that!"

That message from *Silver Birch* can be taken to heart by all those who, in the difficult days to come, stand on the side of the masses and seek to aid in the divine work of the amelioration of their lot.

His closing prayer put it in other words.

"Let us remember the service to which we are dedicated," said *Silver Birch*. "the common tie that makes us all as one, the mission on which we are engaged, the task of enlightening a suffering and bruised humanity.

"Let us rejoice that we are given

Freling Foster's column in Collier's Weekly is widely read. In February 3rd issue of Colliers, Mr. Foster reprinted an article written by Allen F. Morton, Montgomery, Alabama. The article reads—

"AS A CONCESSION to the belief of one man, the writer Stewart Edward White, the last three editions of *Who's Who in America* have deliberately omitted a fact in his sketch, the death of his wife in 1939, the first 'inaccuracy' permitted in the some 465,000 biographies published in this book in 46 years. Mr. White does not consider his wife dead, because he continues to feel her presence and writes his books with her collaboration. His conviction is based on the fact that, when alive, Betty White developed psychic powers and often communicated with the other world."

SERVICE?

In spite of handicaps beyond our control, papers and books are shipped as prompt as humanly possible.

By
PSYCHIC OBSERVER EDITORS

The opposite picture, taken recently, shows precisely why certain editions of *Psychic Observer* have been delayed in reaching subscribers and churches during the past two months.

The first snow fall came early in December. Without an intermittent thaw, it has continued to pile up. Compare the banks of snow in front of the Lily Dale Post Office with six-foot Postmaster, Arthur Myers and his assistant, Marguerite Fidale, who is a trifle over five feet in height.

On several occasions the U.S. mail trucks have been unable to travel the main highway, consequently there was no delivery of incoming or collecting of outgoing mail.

In addition to local weather conditions, the railroad yards in the city of Buffalo were snowed under to such an extent that the Army was called in to help clear the way to facilitate movement of vital war freight. Buffalo is a distributing point from which all Lily Dale mail is relayed and routed to all parts of the nation.

High Snow-drifts

Blizzards and snow drifts also prohibited regular functioning of our circulation department. The entire staff of employees were unable to reach our offices even though living within walking distance.

Our printing is handled in Jamestown, New York, twenty miles south of Lily Dale. The finished journal you receive does not actually disclose the amount of detail work necessary for preparation. Only those directly associated with this type of business are aware of each essential step in its completion.

Furthermore, many journeys to the privilege of service, that to each one of us comes the means of helping others, to cheer them in their time of sorrow, to sustain them in their moments of weakness, to provide them with refuge and sanctuary when they are beset by the raging storm, to bring them truth when they have lived too long with error.

Why Live With Error?

"And let us realize that whenever we engage in these tasks, we are truly at one with the *Great Creative Spirit* of the universe, for we are helping its mighty purpose."

The stranger came away heartened, comforted and re-inspired, eager in his questioning, but even more eager than before to serve the millions whose friends in Britain are so few.

"Psychic News"

SNOW AT LILY DALE—In the hills of old Chautauqua in Western New York State, the largest snow-fall in many years is being recorded.



Postmaster Arthur Myers and Ass't Marguerite Fidale; Lily Dale's third class Post office in the background.

and fro, over hazardous highways, in blinding snowstorms, are necessary before each edition of *Psychic Observer* is ready for wrapping and mailing . . . all of which is handled at Lily Dale.

The same conditions that have confronted us, have also been faced and met by our printers. Their operators and pressmen have also been unable to reach the plant. In addition, they are strangled by the curtailment of manpower, plus a thousand and one other difficulties which prevent a smooth running of business. Taking all these things into consideration, we feel our service has been reasonably good.

Many Books Out-of-print

We have received many letters of complaint and a few inquiries as to "why" papers have not arrived promptly, hence this explanation. At the same time, we shall also try to clarify a few other matters that cause complaints to reach our desk.

All mail in this section has been slowed up. Letters from some points in the country are often received ten days to two weeks after date of mailing. Such delays we simply cannot help but we can assure our customers that all book and merchandise orders are filled and shipped from this office the same day they are received.

As a rule, if we do not have a book in stock, or if for any reason an order is delayed, a postal card with explanation and probable date of shipment is mailed to the customer the same day. This procedure puts our customers at ease in regards to a possible delay.

Our customers should realize that many books are going out of print. When our journal goes to press, the book page has been carefully checked and all books thereon are in stock. But by the time this issue reaches the subscriber, it is possible that certain titles have been sold and then when we reorder from the publisher, there are apt to be occasions when the book has since gone out of print.

Few Letters Go Astray

If your book orders do not reach you or if a card has not been sent to you within a reasonable length of time, write a letter of inquiry, but please wait a week, at least.

In some instances, our customers register impatience within a few days after their order has been sent to us. We can check this by the date of postmark on the two communications.

Customers sometimes write very unkind letters. They tell us they know their letter must have been received because their name and address was on the outside of the envelope, and that it certainly would have been returned if we had not received it. Sometimes mail, even with return address, has been lost. However, during our Christmas rush, relatively few let-

ters went astray. The fact that the sender's name and address was on the envelope did not insure the letter reaching us.

Watch Your Number

While explanations are being given, we will endeavor to clarify our system for handling expirations on subscriptions. On the upper left hand corner of front page of each *PSYCHIC OBSERVER*, you will see a number. For instance, March tenth issue is number 156. If on the outside of your wrapper in which your paper is mailed, the last number is 156, such a number would indicate that your subscription expires with issue number 156. We find this to be a very simple, clear method and, in most instances, easily understood.

We offer to send free samples of *Psychic Observer* to occasional names submitted. Oftimes, the name of a regular subscriber is sent to us by a friend. Unless the name was first checked, and we always strive to do this, a duplicate copy would go forward. Sometimes this has caused confusion.

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SPIRITUALISM; 1848-1945

"There is one science and philosophy of life here and hereafter, that comes free to all as the sunlight, and scorns the limitations of creed, set forms of belief, and the organic efforts of self-constituted leaders. It forms no lodges, and its believers are not identified by grip or sign. Its holy temple is the wide world, its brothers are mankind, its effort is to escape from the mysteries of ignorance to the light of truth, its leaders are the independent workers innumerable, who labor in divers ways, and the angel host."

—Hudson Tuttle.

Spiritualism Makes No Claims That Cannot Be Substantiated.

By W. H. EVANS

ON THE thirty-first of this month, modern Spiritualism will be celebrating its ninety-seventh anniversary. On March 31st, 1848, little Katie Fox discovered that the power which was causing the disturbances in their home, "could see as well as hear." From that time to this, communion between the two states of being has been unbroken.

In the face of misunderstanding, misrepresentation, and the active hostility of both the organized churches and of materialism. Spiritualism has gone on its triumphant way. So virile and strong that not even the unwise enthusiasm, and sometimes ignorance of its friends, could stay its progress.

It has gathered under its banner representatives of every grade of society. It is a living gospel backed by scientific evidence, and offering a philosophy of ever-widening degrees of progressive life.

A New Revelation

The movement of Spiritualism was initiated, not by the people of this world, but by those in spirit life. It is truly a spirit-inspired and spirit-guided movement, and we do best when we open our spiritual nature to the higher influences of the spirit world, and strive to interpret and express in our daily lives their gospel of service.

The stream of inspiration has continued to flow with steady power from the first opening of the door between the two states of life. Within its light, Spiritualism has gathered people of all shades of opinion. It is broadly tolerant, kindly, but withal just. Its unseen leaders see with clearer eyes than ours the great issues at stake. It is in very truth a *New Revelation*, the opening of gates closed by bigotry, ignorance, fear, and the selfish desire of those who seek to have power over the great mass of people.

Its aim is the liberation of souls from the thralldom of creed, to teach them that creeds are merely statements of opinion and have no binding force unless they express truth.

The Inspiring Message

It seeks to free men from the domination of organization, and the restricting influence of dogma. Its messages are morally inspiring, though they are theologically lax. It has never supported the idea of man as a fallen being, "born in sin and shapen in iniquity," of a final heaven or hell.

Its message is broadly human and divinely inspiring. It has rolled the stone from the sepulchre of doubt and negation, and revealed that death is a thoroughfare, through which pass souls to and from the world of spirits.

But inspiring as is the message of Spiritualism, it could do nothing without those who were prepared to brave the contumely and ignorance of the world. We remember the pioneers who through the press of hostile opposition kept

faith with the unseen and gave out the truth they had discovered, unflinchingly and unafraid of all that the opposition of either creedalism, or scientific scepticism could make to the progress of our-truth.

The pioneers of our movement had the glorious consciousness of angelic companionship. The world might reject their message, call them fools or mad, but they knew that what they stood for was God's truth. The great truth for which they stood was, and is, demonstrated survival of man over death; a rational conception of spirit life and a pathway of progress upward and onward for ever.

Religious Leaders Believe

To the bereaved they came with the wheat of comfort, the veritable bread of heaven, and proved to them that their loved still lived. They made the resurrection of Jesus a living fact, lifting it from the realm of belief to that of scientific certitude.

If the Church had had vision, it would have seen here the very corner-stone needed to buttress its declining faith; but shackled by tradition, by ritual, ceremony, creed and dogma, by its belief that the Bible was a final revelation from God, it was blind, and is still, as witness the suppression of the report of the committee it appointed to inquire into Spiritualism.

Do the leaders really believe that truth can be shelved in such a way? Is that a part of the Christian tradition with which the Religious Committees tell us Spiritualism is not in line?

Not only the Church but even Science was blind. Scientists were as dogmatic in saying what was or was not possible. Had they

VISITORS HEAR RAPPINGS DAILY



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Since 1916, the year the FOX COTTAGE was moved by B. F. Bartlett from Hydesville, N. Y., to Lily Dale, N. Y., spirit rappings have been heard. In the picture (above) FLO COTTRELL (standing) is demonstrating the phenomena of Spiritualism to three women who have asked to hear the spirit raps.

The screen door to the left looks out upon FOREST TEMPLE PARK. In the extreme left (not visible) is a door to the bed-room where the peddler, CHARLES ROSNA was murdered by members of the family who lived in the cottage before the Fox Family moved there in 1847.

Each day during July and August, MISS COTTRELL demonstrates and explains to an eager and ever-searching public, the same rapping phenomena that was witnessed through the Fox Sisters in 1848. Her demonstrations have puzzled skeptics for the past 29 years. She has met every test . . . and yet some New York magicians, who have never witnessed this phenomena say that the raps are produced by some one dropping apples on the floor of an up-stairs room. They say they can also duplicate the rappings but to date none of the conjurers have confronted Miss Cottrell with their silly challenge.

not dissected man and found no evidence that he has a soul? In their scanning of the wide heavens they had found no spiritual world, therefore there is none.

Religion of the Hearth

In the machine of man's body they failed to find the engineer, so there is no engineer. Spiritualism is humbug, the revival of superstition: so said many scientists.

But amongst churchmen and scientists were those who dared authority and investigated for themselves the claims of Spiritualism. They found them true, and they said so, only to win the scorn or pity of their colleagues.

But that is passing. Spiritualism has gone on from strength to strength and in thousands of homes there is the home circle where Spiritualism is literally the Religion of the Hearth. It has brought back the household gods and proven them to be the arisen

members of the family. And to them come a constant flow of messages giving hope, cheer, and inspiring courage.

Spiritualists Dogmatic

Spiritualism is humble; it makes no claims it cannot substantiate. Spiritualists are sometimes mistaken, they are human and seek in many ways for knowledge.

At times they are as dogmatic as the priests they denounce, but in the main the stream of teaching flows in well-defined channels, and we can wait patiently the outcome of the work the spirit people have begun.

Depends Upon Mediumship

We must remember those gifted people whose sensitiveness fits them to be the Mediums for those in the higher life. They are the Medium Prophets, the forth-speakers of the spirit world. Upon them depends the continuance of

our movement as a living force in the world.

We need more and better Mediums: men and women imbued with the lofty desire to serve their fellows and who are prepared, as were those in the past, to brave the scorn of the world for this precious truth. I believe the need will be met.

The door between the two states of existence is open, and will remain open. Remember, no mediumship, no Spiritualism; no Spiritualism, no evidence of man's survival of death.

Creative Spiritualism

In three years we shall celebrate the first centenary of the movement. Plans are being formed for it. I hope there will be a combination of forces, a coming together of many shades of opinion and of many organizations, united in one aim, the formulating of plans by which in the future his glorious truth can be presented to the world.

And now let us dwell upon the work that the pioneers have done and breathe a prayer of thankfulness to them for their valiant work. To the Mediums who gave themselves so nobly and unselfishly for the giving of this truth to the world, what can we say?

They are not beyond our gratitude, and they are as earnest for the dissemination of the truth as ever they were. They still live. That is the glorious fact for which they gave their lives. A living creative Spiritualism is the world's greatest need at this hour. May we be privileged to continue to give it to the world. "Light"

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