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Iowa University Professor Investigates Phenomena

Seance-Room Manifestations Described To Eager Group of Kiwanians.

By

R. G. Pressing

Since the beginning of modern psychical research, some sixty or seventy years ago, all types of investigators entered into the study of spirit phenomena. Learned men and women and some not so learned: serious investigators of physical mediumship and intellectual "die-hards" . . . all were members of the numerous *Psychic Research Societies* that sprung up all over the world.

Today the work of these societies, or groups calling themselves researchers, has to a marked degree crystallized . . . owing to the fact that the better physical mediums in the country refuse to be tested by those who lack sufficient knowledge to know what they are witnessing or because there has been an inclination on the part of those entrusted with passing judgment—to either procrastinate or disagree among themselves.

The real service to be rendered by these societies is to ascertain the degree of mediumship possessed by reputable physical mediums and NOT to try to prove communication to be a FACT. This has already been proven as much as it is possible to prove anything.

Proper Attitude

All any intelligent person has to do is to examine the thousands of records, proceedings, etc., on file at The American Society for Psychical Research or the British College of Psychic Science.

This, added to the data found in thousands of books written by persons of impeccable honesty, makes it reasonable for the researcher to start on the premise that *personal conscious survival is at least a possibility.*

With this start, and with this attitude any recruit or neophyte of average intelligence can cope with the subject of psychic research. However, persons must not become self-conscious and carried away with the idea that they are blazing a new trail and must find flaws.

It is all very simple or can be made difficult. What is needed, aside from a mild critical attitude, is tolerance, discrimination and kindness toward the well-being and physical endurance of the medium.

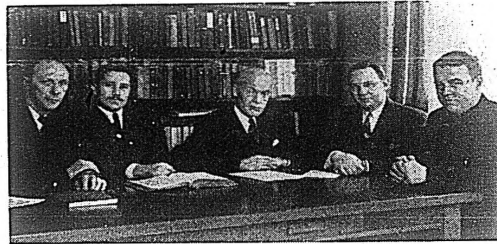
Appointment Made

Last summer, after a numerous exchange of letters, I made definite plans to meet *Marcus Bach, Ph.D.* at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp. Mr. Bach is a member of the staff of *The University of Iowa, Iowa City*, and specializes in the subject of RELIGION. His letters to

Atomic Energy Marks the

DAWN OF A NEW AGE

SCHOOL OF RELIGION STAFF AT STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



Psychic Observer

During the past few years, a School of Religion has been functioning at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City. The executive staff (see above) includes men representing all faiths. *Marcus Bach, Ph.D.*, extreme left, is superintendent of the Special Projects Department of the staff and has, during the past year, devoted much time to the study and investigation of psychic phenomena.

During August of last year, *R. G. Pressing* met *Dr. Bach* at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, and together they witnessed demonstrations of physical phenomena through the mediumship of *Lula Taber*, *Fanchion Denis Harwood*, *Clifford L. Bias* and *Charles Swann*.

me expressed the desire to be granted an opportunity to attend some seances at Chesterfield, Indiana, and in accordance with my promise, several physical demonstrations of phenomena were arranged.

Honesty of Purpose

As a rule, mediums featured at any camp, are continually being asked to sit for certain types of psychic researchers and in most instances all mediums welcome such assignments, provided they are entered into with honesty of purpose and a desire to really learn something of the "modus operandi" of mediumship.

However, generally just the opposite happens because some persons present themselves as researchers who have never even read a book on the subject and wouldn't understand or appreciate a genuine demonstration if they saw one.

Mr. Bach was not in any of these categories. He was kind, appreciative of my efforts to have him well received and had the good judgment to mentally catalog the phenomena he could not understand and to not condemn something he knew very little about.

A Rare Researcher

For two days, Mr. Bach and I attended seances at Chesterfield; witnessed clairvoyance at public meetings and rehearsed for hours the demonstrations we witnessed.

All through the winter months, Mr. Bach has been studying psychic science and even lecturing to groups on the subject. He has ordered for the University library, hundreds of books on *Spiritualism* and *Psychic Science* and supervised "Open-forum" discussions at the classes sponsored by their School of Religion.

Conviction bolstered by knowledge and experience has made it possible for Mr. Bach to discuss this most intriguing and baffling subject before all sorts of groups. Only recently, I received a communication from *John K. Scott*, Attorney-at-law, 308 Robinson Bldg., Rock Island, Illinois. In

Mr. Scott's letter, a clipping was enclosed. Pencil in the margin were these words: "so seldom that a man in Mr. Bach's position has the courage to speak out."

The clipping, taken from *The Rock Island Argus*, dated March 25th, 1946, is headed "KIWANIS HEARS OF ADVENTURES IN GHOST REALM"—"Investigator of lesser known religions tells of the phenomena of Spiritualism."

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Man must some day, and soon, realize the significance of being governed by unseen power. His true nature is being quickly accelerated toward SPIRITUALITY in a sense never before known.

CAUSE IS OF GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN EFFECT

Present-day triumphs of nature will have a tremendous effect on the soul of all nations as well as upon man's soul.

By

Amari

This startling message, from a spirit calling himself AMARI, was received through the direct voice mediumship of *THOMAS LACY*, 344 Cumberland Ave., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.—Ed.

Many tremendous things have come to pass in so short a time and having passed, have left behind them a deep sense of thought and a circumstance of importance as the results of them.

I speak particularly about the disturbing of one of Nature's greatest and most important elements by which we live and have our being, and which is relative to all things which we might know and comprehend in this world.

It has brought to Man, a real and deep comprehensiveness of the

Life. So micro-cosmic indeed, that we can with human mind, hardly dwell upon it. Yet with such hidden potentialities, that were care not exercised in its manipulation, could so easily destroy and disintegrate the whole world.



AMARI

But all things only come to man because of dire necessity.

It is not so much through the inventiveness of Man himself that such powerful things come to him so much as it is the need of their coming.

Man's Understanding

We can now realize what a tremendous climax to the arms of this World this happening was and it came at an appropriate time when Man could well learn the lesson it portends in the experience of his Karma. These things, tragic in Life as we might know them, prestage a spiritual good. We can but learn its lesson too.

These things have always been. They are only new in the light of Man's understanding. We can just as readily see that all things which will come in time, are just as much in the reality of their nature now as they will be ultimately in time. Always it seems that Man's needs are met in such an appropriate way, only when he is prepared to use them for the ultimate benefit of mankind.

We wonder sometimes, when we have come to some simple understanding, why we could not have known this before, but before we would not have been ready, nor would Man have had the intelligence to utilize it to the greatest good. And so it is that we have stepped from one era, violently into another one, in which it might be said, "YOU HAVE ONLY HEARD A WHISPER OF."

Characteristic of Life

Those who do understand the great and vital potentialities that have been released, would be able to formulate some idea as to its ultimate uses. That they are so vast, and that they will influence every nature and characteristic of Life as we might know it, fails human comprehension. This force will literally change the face, the nature and the form of the whole earth.

In contemplating the dire effects which have resulted from the dis-

SPIRITUALISM AND SCIENCE

Some Specific Reasons Why Scientific Educationalists Are Beginning To Favor Survival and Spirit Teachings

By

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CIVILIZATION'S END MUST BE AVOIDED

I write these words upon my return from a lecture given upon "Religion in the Post-War World" at Oxford University to a great hall packed to the doors and with some three hundred seated on the floor through lack of proper accommodation. The discussion went on until midnight, much of it upon psychical research and survival.

That is symptomatic of what is happening in Europe today, and especially in Great Britain, where it is estimated some four millions out of a population of 48 millions are interested in Spiritualism and survival, directly or indirectly. But it is also symptomatic of what is happening in scientific and literary circles.

For Spiritualism is now growing up from the baby stage of phenomena alone into the stage philosophical and spiritual. In my recent books I quote some dozen scientists, men of world reputation, who today state that

survival of death by memory and identity is proved and with it, by implication, the immortality of man and his partner, woman.



DESMOND

Psychic Chairs have already been established here and there in the universities of North and South America. One day we shall see such Chairs in Oxford and Cambridge.

The view upon survival of modern Scientists here in Europe may now be roughly divided into three groups: (1) The dyed in the wool materialists who scoff at the whole thing and, most unscientifically, refuse to investigate; (2) the

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My Journey Through the Art Planes of the Astral World

THE POWERS OF DARKNESS CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST THE LIGHT OF ETERNAL BOUNTY

Whether we know it or not, we are governed by advanced souls in the Spirit World.

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This is a sequel to "The Valley of the Sacred Little Children," one of my psychic experiences which was recently published in the PSYCHIC OBSERVER. (October 25th, 1945).

That narrative dealt with the educational work in progress in one of the countless centers of the astral world. There the spiritual, artistic, philanthropic and Universal Brotherhood Principles to be inculcated are given an opportunity to express the Divine Precepts through enlightened teachers, into the minds and souls of little children.

Those who have passed over to the spirit side of life prematurely, and those who are still living on the earth plane, are under the instructions of advanced souls who live on this earth and in the spirit world. The Art World, unlike the Sphere of the Children is actively engaged in the more mature task of perfecting every kind of artistic ability conceivable to mankind.

Why Red Indians??

During one of my astral visits to the Art Plane, I was most impressed with the work progressive American Indians are doing in their colleges, which are dedicated almost exclusively to the higher education of the formerly underprivileged people. The Teachers and Nature Guides of this plane concentrate their wholehearted attention upon the rehabilitation of the Indian race, but they have exalted their purpose to such an extent that their power extends far beyond the confine of their various centers.

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VIRGINIA PEARSON

on the earth in close proximity to elementary conditions; possessing instinctive understanding which closely parallels the Godlike intuitive intelligence of birds and beasts, have developed magnetic power which is of utmost importance to mediums, who depend largely upon the magnetic connecting link between this world and the astral plane.

I have seen massive reproductions of adobe huts, surrounding the art colleges, and little Indian children weaving artistic specimens of inexpressible beauty.

Thin Veil Between

They, like the children in the advanced spiritual schools of the Sacred Valley, project these original exquisite images of color and beauty into the cosmic ethers where they are transmitted to the earth plane.

Persons upon our material earth frequently receive these images in dreams, also in waking consciousness, when they are in tune with these Infinite Realities.

These art planes are affiliated with the Divine and Earth life and represent both phases of aspiration and concentrated constructive visualization.

Our artistic desires and comprehension of the beauty of Nature contributes vitally to the reproduction of natural beauty in all planes of mortal consciousness. There is no division line between the other world and this earth except our own materially limited consciousness.

What Infinite Beauty could be made manifest in our visible world if we would tune in upon the realms of Light and join the Divine Hierarchy in its Creative Sphere! The development of our own ability would be assured, and our chances for useful service enhanced.

Nature's Fury

The Indians, even on the Astral Plane, adhere closely to nature which is the material portrait and composite living picture of the Creator in His various aspects.

They are especially interested in the products of the earth, the gems, quartz, beautiful white marble, rocks, seashells and forestry products, being among the many chief interests that occupy their time and thought.

They revel in color, and paint their images of Sacred Beauty in spectacular hues, expressing an inner power and majesty unsurpassed by many great painters who

belong to the White race. The exquisite messages found in grained wood fascinate them.

They are a people who read God's Love in every leaf, shrub, and flower, in the sands along the ocean's shores, in temples far up on mountain tops; for they see glory in the receding of the waters, and the new mountains which are born. There, in the undercurrents of nature's fury, they translate civilization's enduring history. Whether the stone they chisel in their art academies be white, pink, green, brown, black, or any known color they decipher God's message in the product which shall shortly be transformed into the image which occupies their own minds and souls.

Etheric Beauty

Many of these priceless objects d'Art occupy a prominent place in one of the museums I visited. This art museum is enormous. It occupies several blocks of beautiful grounds. Flowers, shrubbery, and gigantic trees, surround this particular art center, lending it an added enchantment and a fairy like ethereal beauty like none I have seen on earth.

Upon one occasion, after having mounted the broad marble steps, and entered the vast corridors of the colossal building, I became confused and awe-stricken. I recovered my equilibrium, however, when I saw a dear, familiar figure, close beside me. It was my old colored mammy, who attended me all through my earliest childhood, down south in Kentucky.

Mental Sphere of Existence

This struck me as most unusual at the time, for I had expected to find my artistic teachers in the art world. It had never occurred to me to look for this kind, good soul among such cold formidable surroundings. I have always associated her with a warm domestic atmosphere.

During these astral journeys, one can always depend upon the unexpected happening. She accompanied me throughout this visit. There was a chilly tomb like atmosphere about the place. It reminded me of an artistic mausoleum. I was truly thankful for the presence of the old black woman, for I became conscious of the

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A RESEARCHER AT WORK



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The picture above, taken in 1930 shows Harry Price (right), English psychic researcher "strung up" with Rudi Schneider (left), famous physical medium. In those days, people were "test conscious" and Price took the lead with this "method of linking up hands and feet of sitters by means of electrical control." The metallic "socks" are shown tightly tied on with tape. The left hand of each sitter is electrically connected with a metal plate screwed to each chair.

At that time, they not only did not trust the medium but the sitters were put in the same category. This picture was taken (plate V, Pp52) from the book "RUDI SCHNEIDER"—A Scientific examination of his mediumship with 12 illustrations—written by Harry Price (Used copies, Dale News, Inc., \$3.75).

Present day psychic researchers, both genuine and pseudo, should be willing to undergo this simple test. At least the medium would be guaranteed an equal status with the sitter, thus preventing interference from any sitter as well as the medium, in the event phenomena occurred.

fact that I was in the center of mortally created objects of thought stripped of all human warmth, and totally lacking in Divine Inspiration.

However, no vulgarity was indicated, so I concluded that this was a strictly mental sphere of material mortal creation, modern, and devoid of even sensuous warmth. This sphere was coldly creative, with a definite trend toward contemptuous heartlessness.

Valley of Sacred Children

I found nothing in the vast section of this gigantic building that even remotely resembled the happy, glowingly alive atmosphere of the Indian Village, or the Valley of the Sacred Little Children.

Upon another occasion, I traveled through another magnificent building, containing many rooms of spectacular size. I was accompanied by my brother Harvey who is now in the spirit world, and several other friends. My brother was alive at the time and we frequently took astral trips together. He was a confirmed Spiritualist, and we solved many problems through our united understanding of psychic laws.

I resolved to remember the peculiar pattern of the black and white mosaic floor in a certain large room, and the arrangement of the doors which opened into and out of this room. A special design of diamond shaped flowers, a rectangular pattern, unusual and therefore memorable, captured my attention.

When I Awoke . . .

This spot, where I stood, was on the left hand side of the room, up the extreme side toward the center, and a door opened directly beside the tiled, flowerlike design. Everywhere about me were specimens of Grecian, Egyptian, and Oriental art. I marveled at the size of the doors, some of which opened outward into the massive hall. It wearied me to contemplate traveling through this structure. However, I resolved to

take my training by degrees and return frequently at brief intervals to survey the inscriptions, plaques, sarcophagi and hemetically sealed treasures.

When I awoke next morning, the scene in the Art Museum was firmly implanted upon my mind, I remembered vividly that my brother Harvey had stood near the mosaic flowered floor design and that he had laughingly poised himself in the left hand doorway and leaned against a door which opened outward.

At breakfast, I asked him casually, "Well, Harvey, what did you think of that place we were in last night?"

He looked at me quizzically "That sure was some big place, wasn't it, Sis? I was especially intrigued with that tile floor — mosaic wasn't it?"

"Pretty design," he continued smilingly, "I go there often."

"Where were you standing last night when you were admiring that pattern?" I asked.

A Marine Investigates

He responded immediately: "On the left hand side of the room, in the doorway which opened into the hall."

My brother and I made similar tests for several years. He was young, slender, boyish, and a corporal in the United States Marine Corps, but in these occult matters, he was deeply interested. He took our investigations seriously, although he never lost his sense of humor when the occasion arose. Having served honorably in the first World War, he came home from the battle fronts only to be killed in an automobile accident.

At a later date, when I relate further psychic experiences, I shall mention the warning I received of his death, and the events which transpired before and after his transition.

How It Happened

I recently visited this same museum in the art plane of the Astral World and discussed the weird experiences with Sheldon Lewis, my former husband, one of the stage and screen's most famous character actors, who also is interested in certain phases of psychic development. When we compared written notes, our data was almost identical.

This is exactly how it happened; One night astrally, I travelled with Mr. Lewis and Harvey, my brother to the same places we had psychically visited years ago. This time, however, I found myself suddenly in a mansion which resembled a

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Is to spread the message of personal conscious survival and spirit communication but this cannot be based on faith alone unless that faith is built on fact . . . and these facts are open to investigation through the phenomena of mediumship.

Arguments against survival prove nothing. Facts, properly cataloged and sifted, speak for themselves.

By ARTHUR BHADURI

I am frequently asked what, in my opinion, is the aim of *Spiritualism*. I always reply that its chief purpose must be to give us a greater conception of life, a fuller, richer purpose—here and now. That is the importance of the evidence of survival: we must become aware of our own selves as *Spirit, Immortal*; and so realize what life really is.

Man is an image of the *Divine*. His life therefore should reflect this *Truth*. In his understanding, man then lives an abundant life, a life that is powerful, healthy, exhilarating. He is the master of his conditions, the fashioner of his world of life.

The man who knows his own inheritance of *Divine Life* is braced up, streamlined, conscious of the *Power* within: the *Power* which creates, re-creates, transmutes all experience into dynamic, pulsating purpose.

"All Things Are Added"

In short, he is useful, practical, alive, he is aware of his glorious possibilities here and now.

Spiritual Wisdom is of no use whatever unless it is turned to the practical world of action. Day-dreaming, escapism into a world beyond, living in company with *Spirit Guides and Helpers*, in themselves these things will ultimately avail us nothing.

Only as we realize that the *Spirit* is an active pulsating *Principle*, waiting to be brought into creative manifestation in and through US, will we demonstrate the *Eternal Promise* "The TRUTH shall make ye FREE," and "ALL things are added."

I have spent a very considerable part of my life in contact with religious principles and personalities. I was born of a *Brahmin* father whose ancestors have for nearly 2,000 years been devotees of the *Hindoo, Yoga and Brahministic* beliefs and practices.

I was brought up and initiated in these *Truths*, have met and studied with *Buddhists, Yogis, Theosophists, Christians and Moslems*. I am a deep student of *Ancient Egyptian Mysticism*, and have been for many years a clairvoyant and clairaudient.

Live a Useful Life!

Why do I mention these facts? In self-advertisement and recommendation? To impress my readers? Most definitely not. For I can assure you that self-recommendation is no criterion of the true follower of the *Path*. The *Spirit* is known by Its *Presence*, not by loud words.

I have one reason only for speaking of myself in the above manner. And it is this—note it well, it is so very important: I have yet to meet a *TRUE* adept of *Spiritual Wisdom*, a *TRUE* initiate soul, either here on earth or in the so-called *SPIRIT WORLD*, who has not the most noticeable faculty, i.e., that of being intensely effi-

and radiantly alive, and *God* has a job of work for every one of His servants to do. And this *Truth, the Eternal Truth* is as real today, as practicable and needful in this *20th Century* as it has ever been throughout the ages. It is the true inheritance of all mankind.

Gospels Not Hypothetical

Now you may ask: "Where then, does the proof of survival, the evidence that there is no death, come into this discussion?" The answer surely is that there must be a key to unlock every door. And the key which unlocks the door of *Immortal Truth* is the evidence that man does not die that he survives the casting off of a physical body.

If we do NOT live on after "death," if all life ends with the grave for us, then all of the Gospel teachings of all the ages must be, to say the least, hypothetical.

We have only somebody else's word for the statements and the promises made to us that man is *Spirit*, that he survives all things, is a far greater being than a physical body. And of the promises given that man shall inherit truly his *Spiritual Kingdom*, being *Spirit* himself, there is surely no real evidence unless we can first PROVE BEYOND ALL QUESTIONING that he is so constituted.

Believe What You See?

There are many who are prepared to accept on faith alone. This is very commendable. No one would deny that such are devoted in their beliefs. But I have in mind the type of person of whom there are millions in this world, who are not so gifted as to be able to accept on faith alone—the one who would ask, and I quite agree with him, for a demonstration that there IS a something in which he can believe.

He is not necessarily a doubting Thomas. He is invariably the type of man who would say "Let me see for myself. I can believe what I see."

Herein is the most important issue: that faith can best be built on fact. For arguments prove nothing, facts speak for themselves.

When survival is proved beyond all doubt, as it is being done every day by the psychic—when it is demonstrated conclusively that we do survive and we do retain our memory, consciousness and full personality, we are at once faced with the challenge "Man, Know thyself."

On the Path

No longer can we see our lives as contained in the proverbial "three score and ten years," never again can we accept life in a limited, finite sense. Something has happened to us, we are moved down to our very foundation—we have awakened.

I know, because I have seen this happen in thousands of cases. One

A Review of Lord Dowding's Book

"LYCHGATE"

By MILDRED McNAUGHTON



Psychic Observer
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SIR HUGH DOWDING

In many quarters these days one finds the belief that some tremendous revelation is about to break upon the world, and that it will dissolve the black despair that haunts most thinking people. When one reads such a book as *Lychgate*, (*) and considers the standing and achievements of its author, such a splendid hope becomes almost a certainty.

Here is a man who successfully shouldered as grim a responsibility as could be laid upon a human. In command of the pitifully inadequate *British Air Force* during the historic *Battle of Britain*, an error in judgment, a slackening of vigilance on his part, might have brought disaster upon Britain and upon the world.

In this book there is the simplicity of Truth. Not for one instant does one doubt that *Lord Dowding* has seen these materialized forms, heard these voices.

begins a new life, the first steps are put forward on to the *Path*. THERE is the value of evidence. And surely today this world needs some tangible foundation for belief.

Man's Questioning Mind

I believe that, for this reason alone, *Spiritualism* is able to give so much real assurance, comfort and guidance to the modern world. And it is for this reason that I have devoted my life to the demonstration of such beliefs. I see the crying need for knowledge and truth today.

In the hearts of men there is a cry, an urgent cry. The modern war-weary world needs healing, assurance and light. Everyone looks to a future with mixed feelings of apprehension and hope, fear and wonder. No one feels easy, all are affected.

Everywhere one sees the signs of a world-neurosis, a tired, baffled humanity. Yet on the horizon, and very near to us all is the glorious possibility of tomorrow — a world freed from terror, bias and prejudice; yes, a world of light, hope, peace and plenty for all.

The healthiest sign of all is the questioning mind of men today. No longer are they satisfied with worn-out creed and dogma. Men feel that they have a RIGHT TO KNOW. And they SHALL know.

Spiritual Service

In all of my experience which has led me to give hundreds of addresses, demonstrations and proofs of survival in great public halls and small seance rooms, I find the same noticeable enthusiasm in our Movement. The Truth changes the whole outlook. One changes from a theorist to a certain believer. There it is. And how could it be otherwise?

But at the danger of repetition, let me again emphasize the purpose of it all. This proof is of no use if it is allowed to remain there. To accept and believe is one thing. To be aroused to action, to take up the challenge is quite another. Of what use is a treasure if we hide it and deny the right of others to see and enjoy it? Of what use is the *Spirit World* if we lock it up in our seance room?

It is a message of life here and now, of a re-birth which is held out to us; the demand to us that we live our knowledge, that we take up the gloriously full active, vital life of *Spiritual Service*. For as we give, so shall we receive of this abundance, and our lives shall be blessed and full.

The world is waiting today. There is a vast field of work to be done. Let us not wait therefore till we have "passed over" before we apply ourselves with true earnestness for today is the day. You are as much *Immortal Spirit* to-day as you ever have been or can possibly be.

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On their recent trip to London, the editors of *Psychic Observer* had a private sitting with Mr. Bhaduri in The Savoy Hotel. He is associated with The Marylebone Spiritualist Association, 42 Russell Square in the city of London.

cient, practical, and serviceable. For religion is not religion if it gives us not a greater capacity for living a useful life.

All too often a picture has been formulated of a religious devotee as being above, away from, the world of human beings, above all the trials, suffering and pleasures of the everyday world—thanking God that he is not as other men, being too good to soil his feet with the clay of the world.

Attain True Development

Such is not a religious man. He is an escapist. I do not say in ALL cases, but speaking generally, it is certainly so. Not by turning our back upon the world of men, not by reaching up to the heavens in prayer and supplication, and neglecting thereby our duties and responsibilities, shall we attain one iota of true development. There must be a combination, a fusion of the mystical silence with the practical living.

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Be the Secret of Any
One Nation

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turbance of the atom, one begins to comprehend its vast and tremendous potentialities. These things which have come to pass are only the things I have been speaking to you about when I prophesied this climatic conclusion to hostilities and spoke at length upon the subject of Nature's great potentialities as yet undreamed of by the human mind. I shall come back to this point later.

Gods of This Earth

In the Atom we merely find the reflection of our own nature. We are, more than is anything else in Life, like the ATOM. It is so similar to our own expression of Life. OUR PHYSICAL SELVES are the electrons of our physical beings. Our SPIRITUAL SELVES ARE THE NEUTRONIC FORCES OF OUR BEING.

We do not get to the nucleus of ourselves until we contact the NEUTRONIC FORCES OF SPIRITUALITY, or we too would be moved to explode into a new power of being, and become literally, GODS OF THIS EARTH.

But we are too satisfied with ourselves and things as they are to apply this great principle to ourselves in our human circumstance of life.

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human examples of this same will, POWER and DIRECTION, which is the CAUSE of OUR BEING. The CAUSE behind the phenomena of the LIFE PRINCIPLE found in all Nature.

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If a Man takes notice of the power behind this phenomena, rather than the phenomena of things immediately visible and sensible to his physical body, he will come to a compulsive realization of GOD, to a higher, more beautiful and more spiritually satisfying degree than he could otherwise come to know or appreciate.

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When we begin to understand the subtle magnitude of that CREATIVE MIND which makes possible all phenomena, we also come to recognize in it, the same properties of creativeness as our own.

Effects Strike Terror

We in our True selves, are potentially a greater power than that which we have come to know and experience in regard to the ATOM through its disturbance. Could we but understand, that ALL Nature is phenomena, we could appreciate our own greater susceptibility to the forces surrounding us.

You have heard and read much regarding the dire effects of this new atomic power upon the human body. Of how long after its energies have been released, disintegration was still insidiously going on within the body, in a manner beyond medical knowledge or control.

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all the earth, Men are wondering what future effects can be expected as a result of its use.

Despite this fact, there are some Men today who are entertaining many evil and dire thoughts in respect to its use for further destructive purposes.

Powers of Darkness

The Truth is however, that this new development comes to Man as the result of a SPIRITUAL DECREE, in the manner as of old with respect to the COUNCIL OF THE TOMBS, and received by you for no other reason than it was thought that you of all people, had the best potentialities for good.

Its coming to light, was a Spiritual thing, having behind it, all the forces of Spirit. For this reason it came... A LIGHT TO SPIRITUALITY AGAINST THE POWERS OF DARKNESS. It is Spirit's gift to humanity and it portends a new ERA.

Its effects will certainly PHENOMENAL, and at present we seem only to be able to dwell upon the drastic nature of its potentialities as a threatening danger to Mankind, will have an undreamed of spiritual effect upon the minds of Men.

What the World Needs

The effect will be nothing less than phenomenal, for this new revelation has given into the hands of Mankind the POWER of CREATION. THE SECRET OF ALL CREATION. The creation which we of this earth exemplify—each in his own way.

Now we can begin to understand something of the relationship behind the ATOM... THE CAUSE: For here we see the TIMELESS THINGS AFFECTING THE THINGS OF TIME... And now, you may have the comforting assurance that this power would not have been made manifest to the World, unless a great Spiritual benefit would result. This is True of ALL THE POWERFUL THINGS WHICH HAVE COME TO MAN THROUGHOUT THE AGES.

This revelation touches upon the metaphysical nature of man to a greater extent than he can at present realize, and its effects will be manifested over the years of his living and will influence a new spiritual regard in the lives of all mankind. The World had great need of this enlightenment, but the miraculous nature of this revelation can only be understood in its use and practicalities in time.

Fulfillment Is the Effect

Cause is more important than effect however, since it controls EFFECT. Cause is contributable to desire, need and purpose, FULFILLMENT IS THE EFFECT and FULFILLMENT THEREFORE BECOMES THE HANDMAID OF DESIRE. CAUSE IS THE NATURE OF THINGS IN SPIRIT.

In a former lesson, I discussed with you the structure and the cohesive nature of the ATOM and how disintegration was brought about. I have on many occasions mentioned how the great pyramid

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Amaris's Lecture

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This Canadian Medium

Thomas Lacey, 344 Cumberland Ave., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, is said to be one of the foremost trance and direct-voice mediums in the world today. He is the instrument through which many great philosophers of ancient times and leading present-day entities manifest... bringing to the seance room, words of wisdom and profound truth.



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Messages, information and instruction, relayed through his mediumship are, in most cases, intelligent, educational, helpful and replete with new knowledge pertaining to conditions in the world of spirit as well as much valuable information concerning the affairs of this earth.

Mr. Lacey has sat with groups of college and university professors, doctors, lawyers, business and professional men and women. Scientists, orthodox ministers and students—all have been given an opportunity to receive teachings and instruction through his mediumship. In almost every case, results have been such as to elicit praise and commendation.

The sole aim of his collaborators from the spirit side of life is to bring the sitters into communication with worthwhile spirit entities—thus affording each student first hand opportunity to investigate the claims of Psychic Science and the truth of spirit communion. His efforts during the past decade have met with phenomenal success.

PRESSING And BACH

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Quite a heading and quite an article. Here it is:

"My sister, Paula, who died 16 years ago about whom I had forgotten during the seance, materialized before me and we conversed," said Dr. Marcus Bach, director of the school of religion at the University of Iowa, in speaking today at a lunch of the

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"She answered my questions satisfactorily. Then I asked her if she remembered the catechism we studied together. When, she said she did, I asked for the first question and answer, which she gave and then said, 'Here where we are there is a bigger meaning to serving and glorifying God'. Before she left, the lips of her mask-like, ectoplasmic face brushed my forehead in a kiss."

Dr. Bach, who has spent many years in research among unusual religions, described himself as a skeptic who never before had seen anything in spiritualistic seances which could not be explained. He went to Chesterfield, Ind., last summer, however, and there met people who he said are among the leading Spiritualists of the United States and England.

Tells of Incidents

Others in the room, which he examined beforehand, met and conversed with dead members of their families, he stated. Describing a previous experience at Chesterfield, Dr. Bach told how two trumpets floated around a room and how the voice of a girl named SYLVIA spoke from one and SIR WILLIAM JAMES from another.

"William James wrote books on the psychology of religion and the voice said to be his answered my questions satisfactorily," the speaker said. "I held one of the floating trumpets in my hands and could find no strings."

Dr. Bach said he believes in life after death but that Spiritualists want us to believe that it is possible to communicate with those who live after death. Whether he believes that to be possible after his experiences, he would not say, but he concluded:

"I told my mother, who had always warned me to stay away from Spiritualists, about how I had seen Paula, and my mother answered: 'Well, who knows? In this day of radio and the atomic bomb anything seems possible!'"

Ben D. Farrar introduced the speaker and Harvey D. Matteson expressed the club's thanks for the talk.

Now to analyze the article. Mr. Bach first heard from his "dead" sister, Paula, through the mediumship of Clifford Bias. It was at a private clairvoyant and billet seance. I sat in the next room.

Later that day Paula materialized through the mediumship of Fanchion Harwood as did some of Bach's other relatives.

The following day, Charles Swann and Clifford Bias held a special direct-voice seance for Mr. Bach and myself. At this seance, held in a pitch-dark room, Paula and Dr. William James spoke.

Although Mr. Bach did not know it at the time, at this seance he witnessed one of the rarest phases of phenomena I have ever seen. It was what could be described as a partial materialization.

Physical Impossibility

The form, a life-sized bust and head, was self-illuminated. It appeared, on an angle, and this is important, directly in front but above us so that we had to look up, so to speak, to get a good view. The form persisted about a minute and then disappeared.

It would have been a physical impossibility (if you have that type of mind) for the medium to stand up in that position unless a chair was used to stand upon. And even so, it would necessitate standing and balancing on one foot and chinning oneself on the ceiling. But, you see, there was nothing attached to the ceiling to use to do the "chinning-up".

I expect to arrange additional seances for Mr. Bach this summer and know that we stand a good chance of witnessing some marvelous demonstrations.

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SPIRITUALISM And SCIENCE

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"agnostic" or "not proven" school, the members of which are willing to continue their investigations; and (3) Those who believe survival is proved, including such names as the late Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Foundation and one of the world's first biologists; Sir Oliver Lodge (ex-President of the British Association, perhaps the world's leading scientific body); Dr. William Brown, perhaps the leading psycho-analyst in England and Director of Psychology at Oxford University; and a score of others.

Crisis in Science

Faith is not enough. Yet without faith, no progress can be made in anything. The trouble with many of the Christian churches is that they are all "faith" in name and skeptic in fact as regards survival of the grave, a survival to which they pay flatter lip-service.

That is at least, absolutely true of such churches in Great Britain—perhaps not in America. Yet am I bound to say that in the 250,000 miles I traveled in the six lecture tours on my novels and sociologic-religious books on the American continent, I found much more affirmation than actual belief amongst my churchy friends.

Not only Science but the Churches are at last beginning to believe that faith and mechanical affirmation are not enough but that demonstration of survival through a sane mediumship must be provided by the Churches in the Churches.

My own communication to "Picture Post"—the "Saturday Evening Post" of Britain and read by many millions each week—asking that the now emptying churches and cathedrals should be used for sacred concerts and serious theater presentations, with the implication that such subjects as survival of death might also be taught and demonstrated, brought in a big correspondence.

Man Not Deterred

We shall yet see Westminster Abbey and the Roman Catholic Byzantine cathedral at the other end of Victoria Street, London, used for educationally spiritual purposes. Why should not America follow suit or, perhaps, even lead the way?

One other thing is now being believed and stated by all sorts and conditions of men and women, including those scientifically trained—and millions are undergoing such training today. This is, that only demonstration that man survives death, that he is an immortal spirit, and that only the love-teaching of the world's First Spiritualist—Jesus of Nazareth, can save that world from another world-war.

Already the signs leading to such a war are ominous. Nor will Man, the Murderer, fear to use

the Atomic Bomb in such a holocaust. Man has never yet been deterred by the fearfulness of the weapons which he has conjured out of the vasty deep of his imagining, from using such weapons. He will not be deterred in these post-war days.

End of Our Civilization?

That is one reason why the scientific educationalist is beginning to favor such survival and spiritual teaching. The day will come when not only in Westminster House of Commons but in the Houses of Congress the spiritual educationalist will proclaim such a scheme of education for the prevention of a war of Atomic Bombs which, if it come, will in the view of every scientist I personally know, mean the end of our civilization and for ever.

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and the monoliths were created through using this same principle. I have also stressed so many times before, your own relation to these forces. Now you find the confirmation of these Truths which I've striven to acquaint you with.

Revelation No Secret

One need no longer fear its possibilities. If we put anything in motion, we should be prepared to stop it at a point of dangerous momentum. You may have assurance that your scientists have not only been enlightened to the principle which sets it in motion but also that of its arrest. IT CAN BE LOCALIZED. Science is able to erect the necessary barriers for neutralizing its effects.

The principle of the ATOM is even now, common knowledge. Its production by other countries has been delayed solely on account of shortage or lack of the material necessary to its completion. THIS REVELATION CAN NEVER BECOME THE SECRET OF ANY ONE NATION.

In what we mistakenly believe to be the smashing of the ATOM, we have released UNITS OF ENERGY IN THE FORM OF HEAT, for which we have no human standard of measure. When we contemplate the searing heat of only a few hundred degrees, we can begin to formulate some little idea of this power newly opened to us.

No Further Wars?

Men today realize that something must be done towards removing Mankind's fear, and all who fear must agree that this power is indeed a dire and terrible thing. Man must now begin to compromise in respect to everything that has a social and empirical bearing and effect upon

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Who's Who in the I. G. A. S.

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Fred Jordan, 154 Seaboard Ave., Portsmouth, Va., President of The International General Assembly of Spiritualists and Lieutenant-Commander in the United States Navy, was born in Iowa 52 years ago. At the age of 16, he joined the U. S. Navy and during successive years served on the U.S.S. Kansas, U.S.S. Tennessee U.S.S. Idaho, the U.S.S. Mississippi and the U.S.S. Quincy.

For the past ten years he has been on shore duty at the Norfolk-Portsmouth Navy Yard as Ordnance Officer where he is still actively engaged. Although he has long since passed the age for retirement the Government refuses to release him due to his vast departmental knowledge.

Fred Jordan first became interested in Spiritualism in 1920. In the city of Philadelphia he attended a seance with the medium, Anna K. Rose. The messages received at this seance were so very evidential that he was thoroughly and completely convinced of the great truth of survival and spirit communication.

This particular seance also proved the turning point of his life and from then on he began to propagate his new found truth... not only on his ships while at sea but at the ports visited.

Preparatory to the beginning of his missionary work, he served an apprenticeship of four years in a spiritual unfoldment class conducted by Mayme Pirtle, Long Beach, California. He graduated from this class in 1928 and was ordained and preached throughout the entire State of California.

Mr. Jordan is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Masonic Shrine Order. On all his cruises he continued his lecturing and healing, effecting some miraculous cures that proved so outstanding he became the center of attention among the men of the fleet.

Upon his return to the States, he was elected President of the Light of Truth Spiritualist Church, Long Beach, California, under the California Spiritualists Association of which the Honorable Judge Fred Stivers was State President. He served this Pastorate for three years, with a membership of over 500. His gift of healing became so widely established that people resorted to him from all over the country.

During his tour of duty in Washington State, he drove more than 20,000 miles as a Missionary-Evangelist, lecturing and healing as he traveled. He organized a church in Portsmouth and one in Norfolk. These were the first spiritualist churches ever to be organized in either of these two Virginia cities. He has, since that time, served both churches in the capacity of minister besides conducting two classes for spiritual unfoldment each week and all this in addition to his healing work.

In 1942, when he was ordered to sea on the U.S.S. Quincy, he assigned his churches to Rev. William Blount Darden, who served as president until his return from the cruise.

Again during the war when he was refused sea duty he was returned to the Norfolk Navy Yard, inasmuch as he was recognized as "more valuable" to the personnel of the Bureau of Ordnance. At this station he was retained for the duration of the war in the capacity of instructor and gunner as well as being credited with the equipping of hundreds of ships with 60,000 guns of all calibers.

As supervisor at this job, he worked seven days a week but he did not neglect his two churches which he served as minister aside from fulfilling his duties as President of International General Assembly of Spiritualists.

Rev. Jordan was chairman of the recent (June 12th to 16th) seventh annual convention of the I.G.A.S. held at the Brookline Memorial Spiritualist Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

Last April he was appointed for a term of four years, as a member of the Supreme Council of the Federation of Spiritualist Churches and Associations, Inc. This appointment was made at the International General Assembly of Spiritualists meeting.

Mr. Jordan hopes to retire from the Navy before the end of 1946 so that he can devote all of his time to the cause of Spiritualism.

Rev. William Blount Darden, Editor of the Portsmouth, Virginia "Star," advisor to the Vocational Training Group on Public Education of the Public Schools of Portsmouth, chairman of publicity of the Portsmouth Chapter American Red Cross, president of the Light of Truth Church of Divine Healing, Spiritualist, of Portsmouth, Chairman of the International General Assembly of Spiritualists of America, was born March 7th, 1891, a native Virginian. Began newspaper career early in life associated with the old Norfolk Landmark then the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, the Hopewell (Va.) News, The Progress-Index of Petersburg, and the Daily Press-Times-Herald of Newport News (morning and afternoon dailies) where he was Advertising Manager of both papers, coming to Portsmouth to take over the advertising department of The Portsmouth Star in 1921, becoming Editor of this newspaper in 1944.

Has been president of The Light of Truth of Divine Healing, Spiritualist, Portsmouth, Va., since 1936; ordained to the Spiritualist ministry May 11, 1943. Served as Secretary of International General Assembly of Spiritualists, 1942-1946. Author, lecturer and well known speaker on national and international affairs. Active in War Bond work 1941-1945. Treasurer of Department of Publicity for the common benefits of Mankind since the past six years.

And already one sees a beginning of compromise in many matters both political and social. World wide understanding now becomes of utmost importance in the face of this ATOMIC REVELATION, and the better and happier relationship will spring up between Nations, which shall foster a unity never before known in the history of Mankind.

There can be no further wars. War is too dangerous now. War is no longer profitable. No longer can security be found in Armies, Navies and implements of War.

The next few years will be a happy stimulus for all men. Though for those of you who feel at times, dismay for the future, remember that Peace is not won at the cessation of hostilities, or at the conference tables, but only in the aftermath of war.

Everything Must Change

We are coming to an age of tremendous and glorious power in approximately ten years hence. It shall be a spiritual age also, this will be the spiritual effects behind the new scientific revelation which the world has so dramatically received. These efforts, materially and spiritually both, will completely revolutionize the whole world.

What we know today about heat, light and power, will be on the scrapheap of discarded memories ten years hence. This new force will be put to use for every conceivable thing. Power, medicine, locomotion, etc., etc., almost everything in life as we know and live it today, will be affected by some subsidiary of this force.



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MAN HAS VAULTED INTO THE ABSTRACT TODAY, and his scientific knowledge has been increased, accelerated to triple his knowledge of a decade ago.

The advent of Radio has brought in its wake, transmittability of animated television; control of objects at remote distances, without any apparent connection. MAN USES INTELLIGENTLY, FORCES WHICH ARE BEYOND HIS UNDERSTANDING,

He does not for example, know what ELECTRICITY is. He only knows the LAWS or rather the PRINCIPLE of the LAWS, governing the vast forces, yet, could he but become aware of the fact, he would understand that his very being is governed by these same unseen POWERS expressing themselves through the common, everyday occurrences of his life.

The Word of God

But, MAN MUST SOME DAY REALIZE THIS TRUTH which at present, few men can receive. However, it is good to know that in spite of man's ignorance of his True spiritual nature, the world is swiftly being accelerated towards SPIRITUALITY, in a sense never before known.

It is written. THE WORD OF GOD SHALL NOT RETURN EMPTY... ALL THINGS MUST BE FULFILLED WHICH HAVE BEEN SPOKEN.

Science in the future, shall achieve many more triumphs. The time will come, and soon, when objects of every kind shall be transmitted to any part of the world in much the same method that telegrams are transmitted today.

All sorts of objects will be reduced to their elements at sending stations and united at receiving terminals by using the same principle as that of the ATOM Bomb. It is the cohesive nature of these particles which make it possible for electrons to move with a velocity of speed which the human mind cannot gauge.

The spiritual results of these things shall be seen in the psychological and far reaching effects which they will have on Man's Soul as well as upon the Soul of all Nations and the many great benefits of which I speak shall automatically follow. TRULY, THIS IS THE JERUSALEM I ENVISIONED MANY YEARS AGO.

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In particular, Sir Walter Scott details at length how at times, in the composition of his novels and poems, a spirit force actually took control of his hand and wrote entire sections of his story, sometimes changing the plot radically, even to the point of killing off, in an early or middle chapter, a character whom he had in his own mind intended to bring to a tragic end in the final denouncement. If our memory of early reading serve us aright, he states that practically the whole of the poem, *The Lay of the Last Minstrel* was composed under this sort of control.

Davis' Harmonial Series

Coleridge awoke one morning with hundreds of lines of a long poem vividly pictured on the screen of his mind. He quickly arose and had written down some seventy-five lines when he was interrupted by the visit of a boresome neighbor, whose untimely intrusion caused the world the loss of the rest of the fairy-like composition, *Kubla Khan*. I believe also that he claimed that the most of his lovely poem, *Christabel*, was composed under similar spirit dictation.

More than one person has composed high-grade poetry under inspiration, but an exceptional case was that of Thomas L. Harris, an outstanding figure in the Spiritualist movement in the last century. Hundreds of lines of first-quality poetry often poured forth from his lips entirely extempore.

The *Harmonial Series* of the youthful and uneducated Andrew Jackson Davis is literature, phi-

losophy and wisdom of no mean rating.

Madame Blavatsky's two great works, one of which at least, *The Secret Doctrine*, is perhaps the greatest output of clarifying knowledge given to the world in modern times, were copied practically in their entirety from visual materializations projected from the minds of her overshadowing mentors in the etheric substance of the air in front of her eyes.

Clergymen Being Attracted

Col. Olcott testifies to sitting opposite Blavatsky at the big writing table, night after night, watching her copy from the invisible scroll flashed before her vision in the air. She quoted hundreds of passages from books which she had never seen, some of them almost unknown to the librarians at the *London Athenaeum*, even giving the pages on which the citations would be found.

Ministers of the Gospel would be reticent about personal visitations, to them, of spiritual entities, but the writer is in position to recount that he was one of two close friends of perhaps the most highly regarded clergyman New York City ever had to whom the minister related one Easter eve the story of how when he was a lad of thirteen he was visited by an august figure of a remarkable personage, which materialized before him and addressing him, foretold for him a career of exceptionally high service in the cause of modern liberation from religious superstition.

Criticism Feared

The thousands who were blessed with a knowledge of the work, the heart and soul of this princely character, Robert W. Norwood, would not hesitate to say that his life had amply fulfilled the prediction of the materialized spirit.

In a still different field of human activity *Spiritualistic communications* have come in at critical moments to determine the course of human affairs. This is the realm of statesmanship. Much that undoubtedly has occurred in statecraft, but remained hidden because of "diplomatic secrecy" and the undesirable reaction of a scoffing public to *spiritistic phenom-*

ena, has been the direct result of guiding messages from on high.

Many prominent statesmen have been led to fateful decisions and humanitarian policies through their contact with mediums and psychics. Presidents of the United States, cabinet members, Senators, Judges and high officials have been vitally influenced by messages.

Judge Edmonds Convinced

The data substantiating President Lincoln's interest in and connection with *Spiritualism* have been published more than once in this journal. He is said to have freed the slaves at the behest of the spirit of Daniel Webster.

Another President, William McKinley, was largely guided by the communications that he received through a Mrs. Gutekunst, who for a time was given a residence in the home of McKinley's campaign manager, Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio, in order to be available for frequent consultation. One later President, it has recently become known, attended seances in company with other high government officials.

Readers may be surprised to learn that in the opinion of one of the country's most eminent jurists preceding the Civil War period, Judge Edmonds of Vermont, it was the Spiritualist vote in the election of 1860 that swung the victory for Abraham Lincoln.

Washington's Vision

Well known perhaps to most is the legend of the appearance of an unknown delegate in the *Colonial Convention* that in 1776 adopted the *Declaration of Independence*, who, when the resolution of the assembly seemed to weaken, took the floor and made a ringing speech that brought the courage of the Convention to the point of passing the Declaration, and thereafter immediately disappeared.

Often, too, has been published the remarkable vision seen by General Washington at *Valley Forge*, in which he was shown the three great internal conflicts which the republic would have to fight through.

Religion thus owes a vast subsidiary corroboration of its inherent spiritual character to such substantive evidence in the secular world. But far more directly on its own premises it owes its high status and its character of a divine interest and concern to Spiritualistic factors. We have noticed its derivation from the great ancient Bibles. The religions arose and were accreted about the sacred Scriptures. *Holy Writ* has been the perennial corner-stone of religion. Especially is this true of *Christianity*.

What "Prophet" Means

Now, who gave the world its Bibles? Who were the "holy men of old" who received God's dictation of the sacred books? They are the "prophets, priests and kings" of ancient religious history, including the patriarchs of the *Old Testament*. They were the Sages of antiquity. They were men risen from common humanity to the developed stature of *Christhood*, who were able to catch God's truth and transcribe it for future humanity. They dramatized the history of the human soul in allegory, myth and ceremonial form.

In the books they wrote they introduced a central figure, a character denominated the "Preacher," the "Prophet," the "Speaker." Through his lips they indirectly uttered the words of divine wisdom and knowledge for mankind. It is the greatest importance to know who this character was and what he represented. He stands in all the sacred books of the religions as the mouthpiece of divine instruction to the human race. It is

A Review of the Book THINGS I CAN'T EXPLAIN

(Dale News, Inc., \$2.00)

Written by

MARGARET GORDON MOORE

The last few years have been notable for researches and publications dealing with various aspects of *Spiritualism* and spiritualistic experiences. The general reader, however, does not have the time to explore the numerous branches which this study is developing.

There is always need for a brief and non-technical study of all the topics which interest the public in this direction written in an easily understandable manner... "Things I Can't Explain" meets this need. It contains a record of personal psychic experiences which came to Margaret Gordon Moore, who is well known in England and abroad for her successful organizations for charity, and who has given the greater part of her life to this work.

Everyone who doubts the possibility of present-day miracles should read this book; it is a convincing testimony to the Every-day influence exerted from the *Unseen World*, and commands interest from beginning to end.



Mrs. MOORE

were thus couched in a deeply cryptic cipher language, for the clear interpretation of which a whole set of cipher "keys" was needed.

Christ's Career

Initiates in the *Mystery Brotherhoods* were furnished with and trained in the use of that secret key code. In this ancient language of symbols, as it is now being re-integrated in most astonishing fashion, the word "mount" did NOT connote a hill or eminence of land on the earth at all!

Readers may be taken almost off their feet to be told that it meant "the earth" itself! The evidence in support of this discovery is too voluminous to be presented in this article. But a strong presumptive bit of support for it is the fact that in old books there is often encountered the phrase "the mount of earth." (As well also as "the mount of the moon.")

It is, at any rate, significant that in the dramatic career of the Christ character in the *Gospels*, his temptation, his sermon (where he is the typical "Speaker," giving truth to mankind), his transfiguration and finally his crucifixion all occurred "on the mount."

Kingdom of Heaven

In the *Old Testament*, Moses (i.e., man's) communion with God was always on *Mount Sinai*. "The holy mountain" and "the hill of the Lord" were the places where man met to hold communion with God.

As the ancient Scripture writers were continually speaking of the *Christly* soul of man as descending from God's upper garden into the world to bring the kingdom of heaven down to earth, so that God's divine will might "be done on earth as it is in heaven," what can be the significance of this word "mount" other than just the earth itself?

The application of this connotation to the word brings to light a profounder and more luminous meaning to the body of *Bible* teaching than has ever been seen in it for centuries.

Therefore, the character in the old Bibles called the *Prophet*, the *Preacher*, the *Speaker*, is the dramatization of God's angel in the *Book of Revelation*, who says that he opens the *Book of Life* for all mankind to read the words of golden truth.

Inspired Writers

A fine statement from the *Overlord* of the world in the Hindu book is as follows: "As often as religion and piety decay in the world I send my Messenger to revive them."

The writers of the ancient Bibles were such Messengers and they either wrote the volumes directly or inspired their composition from the higher planes of consciousness. They came here to stand on "the mount of earth" to proclaim to its humanity God's everlasting truth

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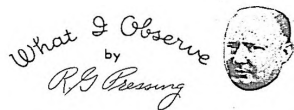
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This is the time of the year when the thoughts of all Spiritualists, interested in the truth of spiritual communication and the study of psychic phenomena, turn to the summer camps. In reality, they are not camps but centers or assemblies where regular meetings are held, some beginning as early as June and others as late as July. Few continue services after Labor Day with the exception of America's only winter camp, Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Association, with meetings in Florida each year during January, February and March.

In United States, these camps are unique institutions. Many have been in existence over sixty years: starting in some instances with simple grove meetings or small home circles in some isolated spot. Today, they have grown into mammoth summer propaganda meetings—comparable in a small way with similar gatherings of this type held in London's Royal Albert Hall, Aeolian Hall or Queen's Hall.

The great number of summer camps in this country, and there are at least thirty, differ one from the other in many ways but their general set-up is about the same. All have a governing body, the board of directors; a religious charter, granted by a duly authorized Spiritualist Association; a site, well away from the hustle and bustle of any great city; and a printed program of activities, listing speakers and mediums, special days, time of services, featured sermons, classes for spiritual unfoldment and philosophical discussions.

All camps in the country, during their scheduled season, usually have three services on Sunday; afternoon or evening week-day services and sometimes both; a few have 4:30 and 6:30 meetings in addition to a regular 9:30 A. M. service.

At some of the camps, the speakers and mediums are chosen, at least in part, from local talent or nearby cities where churches are prepared to send, with the regular minister, a delegation of staff workers. Other camps specialize in more elaborate schedules, listing mediums from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Some camps specialize in mental mediumship only because the leaders believe the philosophical teachings of Spiritualism should be stressed—especially to the newcomer; others see the need of both mental and physical mediums in addition to lectures and classes; still others are aware of the need for all phases of mediumship, realizing that it is through the demonstrations of physical mediumship that hundreds of persons have received their conviction.

All are doing their best to present the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism to an eager but critical public.

Many camps are either understaffed or under-financed. This is due to the fact that all non-profit religious organizations depend upon uncertain revenue—free-will offerings and donations with an occasional charge for evening seances and services. However, all have been able to carry on their work, improving each year until today they have well-groomed grounds and presentable buildings in which activities are being held.

A motorist can drive to any of the camps and usually find reasonable hotel accommodations and cafeteria service. Upon arrival, a roster of mediums is provided from which a selection can be made in the event a private seance or clair-

voyant reading is desired. Public lectures, classes and seances are also available for those who follow this type of schedule.

The beauty and restfulness of every camp can be taken as a certainty. A visit to any of them will insure complete mental and physical relaxation.

With the exception of the Cassadaga, Florida, camp, all are only in session during—the summer months. Usually the first to open is Camp Silver Belle, around the middle of June and continuing through Labor Day. About the first of July, meetings begin at Snowflake Camp, Parkland Heights, Ashley, Sherwood, Lily Dale, Chesterfield and Freeville.

Early in July, sessions begin at Brady Lake, Lake Pleasant, Wonewooc, Lake Sunapee, Mt. Pleasant Park, Chain Lakes and Escondido.

It is impossible at this time to specify every camp and outline complete programs of each but by writing care of the camp secretary in charge, full information can be obtained. Here is a fairly complete list which should be helpful to *Psychic Observer* readers:

Camp SILVER BELLE, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; season, July and August; near Reading and Lancaster.

LILY DALE Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y.; season, August; near Dunkirk and Jamestown, N. Y.

CHESTERFIELD Spiritualist Association, Chesterfield, Indiana; season, July and August; near Anderson and Muncie.

Central New York Spiritualist Association, FREEVILLE, N. Y.; season, July and August; near Cortland and Ithaca.

BRADY LAKE Spiritualist Camp, Lake Brady, Ohio; season, July and August; near Ravenna and Akron.

Progressive Psychic and Divine Healing Center, IDY, PORTLAND, Oregon; season, July and August; eleven miles from Portland.

Western Wisconsin Camp Association, WONEWOOC, Wisconsin; season, July and August; in Baraboo Valley on the C.&N.W. Railway.

Spiritualist Camp MAYFLOWER, Kansas; season, July and August; on Creek Road, ten miles from Kansas City; season, July and August.

Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association, Wooley Park, ASHLEY, Ohio; season, July and August; north of Columbus on Route 42.

Northern Indiana Spiritualist Camp Association, KOLTZ LAKE, Indiana; season last week of June and first of July; State road 6 and 23, south of Lake; State road 30 and 23, north of lake.

SHERWOOD Spiritualist Camp, Sherwood, Ohio; season, July and August; near central Ohio.

NEW ERA Spiritualist Camp, Clackamas County, Oregon; near Canby; season, July and August.

Oklahoma Spiritualist Camp Association; Radium Springs, one mile south of SALINA, Oklahoma; season, July.

HARMONY GROVE Spiritualist Camp, Route No. 2, Box 729a, Escondido, California; season, July and August; ten miles north of San Diego.

NEW ENGLAND SPIRITUALIST CAMP MEETING Association, Lake Pleasant, Massachusetts; season last week of July and through August; fifty miles north of Springfield, near Greenfield.

WASHINGTON STATE Spiritualist Association, Edgewood, Washington; season, June, July and August; near Tacoma and Seattle.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ALLIANCE, Lake Pleasant, Massachusetts; sessions during July; near Greenfield, Massachusetts.

Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association, Mt. Pleasant Park Camp, CLINTON, Iowa; season latter part of July and through August; North of Davenport, on Illinois state line.

National Federation of Spiritual Alliance, CHURCH, Oklahoma; season, month of June; on highway 77 or 33.

First Illinois Spiritualist Association, ROCKFORD, Illinois; season, month of July.

LAKE SUNAPEE Spiritualist Association; Blodgett's Landing, New Hampshire; season, August; near Newport and Manchester.

PARKLAND HEIGHTS Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association, Parkland, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; Sunday meetings during June, July and August.

Madison Spiritualist Camp Association, LAKEWOOD, Maine, on route 201; season first week of August.

First Society of State Spiritualist Camp, Kansas; on Ottawa County Highway 813; season, month of August.

TEMPLE HEIGHTS Spiritualist Association, Northport, Maine; near Camden and Belfast; season, month of August.

SPRINGDALE PARK Spiritualist Association, Muskoka, Ontario, Canada; season, July and August.

Every effort has been made to insure the completeness of this list of camps. Should any camp be omitted or should any of the above camps be closed this season, please advise the editor of this journal immediately so corrections or additions can be made. Your cooperation will be appreciated.—ED.

MY JOURNEY

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luxurious hotel of prodigious proportions. The verdant lawns, extensive fields of vegetation, indicated that a horticultural genius had occupied much love and time upon the glorious landscape.

However, there was a worldly, material atmosphere about the building and this impression increased as I entered the huge, heavily paneled rooms. Each room represented the art products of a special nation.

Art Wonders of Every Age

The Renaissance chamber contained relics of priceless value, many treasures never having had a chance to meet the eyes of the art connoisseurs upon the earth plane, for their human creators, through lack of opportunity or because their wonderful genius was not appreciated, passed on, retaining only a sacred memory of the spiritual talents, whereby they had fashioned their masterpieces.

Gothic architecture was represented, and the fanciful religious beauty of Raphael's colorful imagery, the magnificently hewn, challenging, rugged majesty of Michael Angelo's creations. There were exquisite art wonders of every age and clime, the known and the unknown great of the centuries, and these were shown in resplendent array against the fantastic background of untold millions of ever changing subdued colors and lights, each capturing the beholder with delight and amazement, and yet never detracting from the tangible scenes in the foreground of the sensational display.

Artistic Display

That which would have meant confusion upon the earth plane, brought peace and inner happiness to the witnesses of this phenomena. One room contained ancient and modern masterpieces in glass, bronze, and fantastically ornamental bric a brac, delicate china, fragile as a soap bubble, urns, fashioned from copper and engraved by master craftsmen, silver and copper masterpieces by Cellini.

Vases of gold, encrusted with precious stones, and modern samples of art, made of platinum, scenes of modern life depicted upon them—these treasures and countless others filled this immense room. The corridors of the building were massive and beautiful, huge columns rising to tremendous heights, festooned with carved vines and flowers. Murals upon the walls depicted many Grecian, Egyptian and Roman scenes. They were arranged in sections, so that the differences in architecture retained their individual national characteristics, and by matching the murals they enhanced the beauty of the artistic display.

Powers of Light

It is my personal opinion, that this particular corridor was meant to convey the thought of *Universal Art*, and its unity with all life. The co-mingling of various types of art and architecture in this building and the miscellaneous arrangement of certain rooms and hallways, forced the reality upon me that each person on earth, as well as each nation, is capable of creating something within his own soul which can eventually contribute to the beauties of the art plane in the astral world. Our dreams, which we weave like glistening webs about our souls, will become

radiant spiritual garments for our happier hours.

When we remember the salient fact, that we are continuously creating robes of *Light and Dark Shadow Substance*, we shall evoke the blessed artistic thoughts of the souls who inhabit our earth and astral worlds—unite with them, for in Unity there is strength, and the powers of Darkness cannot prevail against the *Light of Eternal Beauty*.

Enlightening Experiences

When I saw Mr. Lewis next day after this trip, and we compared our written accounts of the aforementioned journey, we were more than gratified to learn that our experiences had proven most constructive and enlightening beyond our expectations.

Several persons, friends of ours, heard us discussing the art treasures in one of the rooms we had seen the previous night, and they stared at us in utter amazement for they knew we had visited no such place upon our earth plane. The following data which we compared is almost identical:

One of the plaques in the Oriental Room of the Astral museum was hidden in a dark corner and a mask hung in close proximity to it. Mr. Lewis was interested in the mask, while I was attracted by the plaque. Therefore, we were able to give an accurate, detailed account of the object which occupied our individual interest, but had seen only a hazy indistinct outline of the works of art in the immediate vicinity.

The Perfect Realm of Light

We seemed to centralize exclusively upon our own preference in these two specimens of Ancient Art. Many inscriptions were in *Pali*, the sacred language of the *Buddhists*.

God grant that the white mantle of perfect art shall soon spread itself across the dark face of our beloved earth, and by the magical power of *Holy Love*, bring *Peace* triumphantly into material manifestation. Our journeys into sacred precincts shall then become easier, more frequent, and our inspirational dreams shall assume the garments of Reality.

Then we shall realize that night and day, constitute one perfect *Realm of Light*. Reality is in the inception, preception and reception of the individual soul. The creative power supplies the light sustaining energy. Thus Art is born and thrives in the spirit of man.

Whenever we are privileged to travel in the Astral World, whether it be through the shadowed planes, the nature sphere, or the realms of supernal peace and majesty, we shall go forth knowing that the Eternal Light of God's Divine Love will illumine our pathway, bring solace to humanity in its darkened hour, and Eternal Power to all those who unite to create happiness, art and beauty in His Name.

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Religion's Debt to SPIRITUALISM

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for its guidance through its cycle of evolution.

Pause must be made here to examine this bibliographic dictation or inspiration. The Scriptural phrase, "God spake unto Moses . . . Adam . . . Noah . . . Abraham" and other patriarchs has miscarried from its true meaning into something quite too literal and objective. Nothing has caused such wreckage of spiritual sense in the Bible as the literal interpretation of the language. Common sense should tell us that God does not in person bend down and speak into any mortal's ear.

God's Laws—UNIVERSAL

People still incline to think that "in Bible times"—less than two thousand years ago!—miraculous and supernatural things were the common vogue. It is still believed that things could happen then in violation of the ordinary laws of nature that can not occur nowadays. But this is folly.

God's laws are universal and eternally sacred and inviolable. The dictation of the holy books came by a process of transmission that is as natural now as then. God has never ceased speaking to men of holy life and lofty piety in any age. He speaks to us all through inner dictation, through flashes of insight, through the still small voice of reason, conscience, intelligence, perception.

The Voice of GOD

But now and again his higher deputies, his exalted *Messengers*, do dictate specific bodies of truth through the receptive sensitivity of a fit medium. *Thus were the Scriptures of the world given to the race.*

As an instance of the allegorical or symbolical language used in the Scriptures we have in the *Old Testament* the voice of *God* as speaking to *Moses* from the burning thorn-bush. Taken as either sheer poetry or actual history, this precious bit of symbolism has never been truly rendered into sane meaning.

In the third and concluding article in this series (July 10th, 1946) Mr. Kuhn will prove that the teachings of THE GREAT SCRIPTURES are Spiritualistic messages; that THE BURNING BUSH is a Spiritualistic allegory and that GOD only speaks to man through man by means of spirit communication taught and explained by the Spiritualists.

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POLERGEIST PHENOMENA

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Face up your psychic problems intelligently by collaborating with a good medium.

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This report of a rather thrilling evening should be of interest. It took place at a small house in the fashionable *Ruiland Gate* district, London, and there were present myself and my cousin, Mrs. Venner, the owner of the house, her husband, another man friend, Mr. White, Mr. Young (the medium), Mr. Bromet and Mrs. Garland Anderson.

The house (into which Mrs. Venner had only just moved) is a charming small building in a mews, and the group was gathered together originally for the purpose of holding a private direct-voice sitting to talk to several friends on the *Other Side*—especially hoping to contact Mrs. Venner's mother, who passed over a year ago and who frequently talks to her daughter.

Something Strange

We sat at one end of the living-room—a charming room large enough for one end to serve as a dining-room while the other is used as the lounge room. This was the end used for the sitting, and one of the ladies, Mrs. Anderson, was sitting on the right of the medium with her back almost against a bookcase.

I myself sat at one end of the Knole settee, facing the medium, with Mrs. Venner at the other and Mr. White between us both; Mr. Venner sat in a chair on my right, and finally Mr. Bromet on the medium's left.

Directly Mr. Strong was entranced, Mrs. Anderson, who is a seasoned sitter and takes some scaring, declared that there was "something strange" forming behind her, she could hear breathing and moving about, and she called to the guide, *Red Eagle*, either to bring the entity into the middle of the Circle or to remove it altogether, she disliked it!

Proper Technique

Then one end of the Knole settee (the one beyond Mrs. Venner) fell down with a clatter—this must have been deliberately unhooked, as the ends were both held up, after the fashion on such settees, by heavy velvet hooks hooked

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over five-inch-tall wooden stump "heads"!

Then heavy shuffling sounds were heard moving about the room, and the back of the settee was violently pushed or bumped into two or three times, and then again Mrs. Anderson called on the Guide to take the entity, whatever it was, away. It had come behind her again and was breathing down her neck!

Red Eagle said (with a detached interest that was rather trying to us, as we were getting distinctly scared) "Dear me, this is remarkably interesting! My child (to Mrs. Venner) do you know you have a poltergeist in the house?"

Needless to say Mrs. Venner assured him that she did not know, and that, moreover, she certainly did not want one—would he kindly take it away! Upon which the Guide told us it was quite useless trying to get any spirit voices through till the poltergeist was removed. He said that our sitting has aroused the entity and brought it out, so to speak, which was the first stage towards clearing it away. He would, he said, now bring his medium out of trance, after which we had better have some food, and later we could sit again.

Careful Observation

Mr. Strong duly came out of trance—and when the lights went up we saw that the middle of the circle was piled high with books! They had been brought out of the bookcase behind Mrs. Anderson by the creature, whatever it was—no wonder she felt creepy!—and deposited in the circle without a sound being made and without anybody being touched, though we were sitting so close together that nobody could possibly have passed unnoted between any two of us. Neither could the books have been thrown or dropped into the circle over Mrs. Anderson's head without making a loud thud as they

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hit the floor—yet there they were!

We duly sat round the table and began dinner, and at once the table began to tilt and rock so violently that we had to snatch up and remove from it such spillable things as soup, stewed fruit and so on!

Spirit Admonished

It was, incidentally, a very heavy round Napoleonic table which took three people all their time to lift, as we tried afterwards. Yet it danced and shook so that eating was most trying, and continued to behave spasmodically like this all through dinner until Mrs. Venner, exasperated, shouted to it "Keep still, can't you, till we've finished eating!"... upon which it stopped until the exact moment when he had finished, and then began again rocking and tilting until we all quitted the table!

We then sat again. And this time, on the medium's coming out of trance, four large and heavy vases of flowers were found standing in a row on the floor, having been silently removed from their places on various tables, the side-board, desk and so on.

Not a drop of water had been spilled nor a flower disturbed—though one of the vases was a heavy pottery jar as large as the average waste-paper basket, filled with spreading branches that would tax the strength of a man to lift when filled with water.

Cleared Through a Medium

Mrs. Venner's handbag had been removed from her lap and taken to a table at the far end of the room, an inkstand and a pair of paper weights had been moved and several other things.

We rested again, on *Red Eagle's* instructions, and then sat again, and continued to do this five times in all, until *Red Eagle* said the entity had left the room and gone right up to the bedroom overhead. He said "We will hold the next sitting there. I think one more trance will clear it entirely."

So after another rest (Mr. Strong, by this time having been in and out of trance five times, looking rather in need of one) and then all went up to the bedroom overhead which had been, as usual, neatly prepared by the maid for its occupant—and we found it completely upside down.

The bedclothes were strewn all over the room, books and photo-frames were piled in the wildest confusion in the middle of the bed, chairs overturned... everything looking as though a tornado had hit it.

Earth Elementals

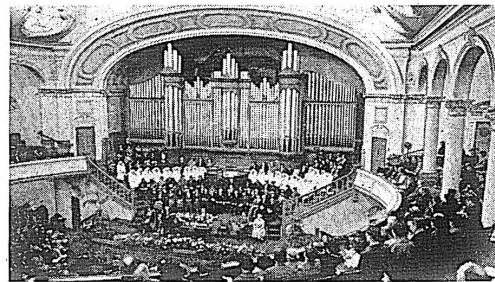
We straightened it out as well as we could and once again Mr. Strong was entranced, and in a few minutes *Red Eagle* said "that is all right, it is cleared now, you will have no more trouble," and our amazing evening was over.

The house is now perfectly free from any sort of unpleasant haunting, though before Mrs. Venner said she always sensed something about it, and she never slept well in it; but since this release of whatever was causing the haunting she has slept perfectly and the atmosphere of the house is clear.

Precisely what was causing it all it was impossible to say. But I understand from *Red Eagle* that there had been a murder committed there a very long time ago, in some old stables that existed there before the house was built.

Later, I learned that any place where horses have been kept is apt to be haunted by earth-elementals—in other words, poltergeists. And so it was in this case. The complication of the murder vibration gave the haunting strength... but rest assured the clearing of the house was thorough!

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