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## WHY WE ARE EARTH VISITORS

### PURPOSE OF SPIRIT COMMUNICATION

#### ARE YOU AFRAID TO DIE?

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If we could realize that we are visitors on this Planet for a shorter or longer period, to learn necessary lessons, to become more fit for the Divine Presence of the Great Spirit which rules the Spheres, and whom we call God, surely our little Earth life would be spent differently.

"What's the use of anything these days?" a busy woman said to me recently. "I've worked and slaved all my life and it looks as if I shall work and slave until the end of it, and for what? I don't care much what happens, and I don't know if there is anything after, but it's not worth while, and I'll soon be dead and finished with."

#### Earth Life — A School

This woman certainly had many tasks and many depended on her efforts, her strength and intelligence. She should have been happy to find herself needed in so many ways in her own particular environment. She would have been, had she realized these tasks, and the dependence of others on her strength and intelligence, were teaching her the particular lessons her character needed in this short Earth life.

We are all at school during this visit to Earth; and some of us learn our lessons, however hard they may be, and struggle bravely and make great Spiritual progress. Some refuse to try, like the woman just mentioned.

Others firmly believe they have all the hard luck and, during their life's journey are embittered by a sense of injustice and inequality, envying those who appear happier: just as the careless unwilling child at any school resents the hard won prizes of more industrious scholars, even the more brilliant ones.

#### We Are Spiritual Beings

"Why haven't I a brilliant mind?", they ask, "then its easy to take prizes." But the fact remains we are sent here to work out our own special tasks, which, if accepted and faithfully attempted will benefit us in the way most necessary for each individual soul.

Visitors to Earth we come, and must live in a body made for the protection of the Spirit Self which lives in each man-made body of flesh prepared to house the finer spiritual fabric in a world of very mixed and heavy vibrations. To feed this body of flesh, and care for it, is a duty. The mistake is to think of it as you, or me. It is nothing but human material.

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At Her Study

She is a noted writer; author of numerous books on psychic subjects: her latest, "Things I Can't Explain."

We are Spiritual beings here and now. The body can and does at times take control, but always to the degradation of the Spirit—for the body is the servant and must not rule. It needs discipline, patience, firmness, intelligence to make the best use of the body.

It is not you, yet it is yours; without it you cannot remain on Earth vibrations for more than a few minutes, as do spirits from time to time when they pay a lightning visit to Earth for some special purpose.

You cannot live on Earth without a body protecting you from the strong vibrations of this particular world. It is of Earth and you cast it off when your lessons are completed, well or ill performed, and your visit draws to a close. It is left like an untenanted house, or well worn garment. It perishes. You Live.

#### "Foolish Gossip"

I was very surprised one day, at a luncheon party given by a titled woman of great piety and deeply religious actions to a number of clergymen and their wives. I happened to be a guest in the house, at the time.

It was an old house and historical, a famous "ghost" was said to walk frequently. One of the ladies timidly asked our hostess if this were true and had she ever seen it. "Nonsense" snapped the lady. "I am surprised a sensible woman like you should dream for a moment there were such things as ghosts. Such foolish gossip is deplorable."

There was a general tactful babble of silly imagination, "hallucination, and the "superstitions of uneducated persons."

Not one of these men dared to say he believed in any Spiritual manifestation, things their life work was founded on.

Acting on a sudden impulse of loyalty to my own experiences, I

asked quietly if I might be allowed to relate a very wonderful happening, when a friend had returned to Earth and given me an urgent message of which I had absolutely no knowledge, and which was quite a mystery to me, but when delivered saved a painful and serious happening in the lives of three people.

#### Day of Judgment

Everyone listened politely, but with scarcely a concealed tolerance, not flattering, fearing the displeasure of their distinguished Hostess, who said to me with clear coldness, in the dead silence which followed the relation of my story.

"Well, all I can say is, even if all you have been telling us is true, it is a horrible, terrible thing to drag people out of their nice warm comfortable graves before the last Day of Judgment."

I could scarcely believe my own hearing, and wanted to laugh, but there was not a vestige of a smile on even one of those solemn faces. Seemingly they all agreed.

So this educated, deeply religious lady thought she would sleep in her nice warm comfortable grave until the very far distant Last Day of Judgment, when she would rise up out of that delightful resting place in her present body of "Flesh."

#### Death—Last Enemy

That at least I thought, was a tremendous miracle to believe; even if she happened to be embalmed, and to what purpose, if Earth were having its Last Day of Judgment?

What became of her real self, her spirit, meanwhile did not occur to her. Actually it didn't exist in her mind, because she had a big very healthy body and thought in terms of solid flesh. She also knew in her own mind there were no such things as spirits or ghosts because she had not seen them. So they did not exist.

This poor lady was terribly afraid to die, when death came.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, we are told in the Book of Revelations, and those who have spoken to the so called dead on one of their short visits to Earth know there is no death. For them death is destroyed. A great discovery but it makes one aware of the responsibility of Earth life, our visit to this little world, and of the progress we make as nothing else could, also it teaches us that you are responsible for you and I am responsible for me.

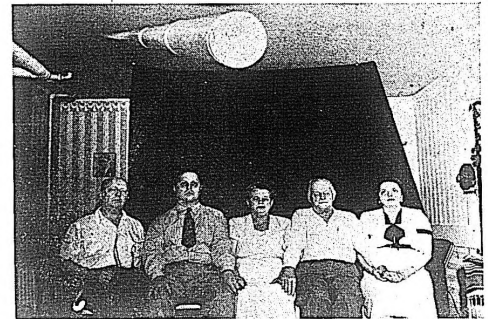
#### Death—A Deliverance

No one else can do our particular work, great or small, pleasant or unpleasant during our visit here.

Our schooling is meant for the development of our characters and Spiritual progress according to God's immutable Law, and He gave us free will.

Let us get on cheerfully with our tasks and prove the continuance of Life after our visit here is ended, so that death is a deliverance, and not an enemy, to all the world.

## LEVITATION PHOTOGRAPHED



Psychic Observer

#### THE PICTURE TELLS THE STORY

Silver Belle Mediums Demonstrate Telekinesis

This picture was taken at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, July 9th, 1946. Left to Right: R. G. Pressing, R. E. Burns (1), Ethel Post-Parrish (2), H. G. Burroughs (3) and Juliette Ewing Pressing.

The purpose was to prove and demonstrate, under strict test conditions, the supernatural power of levitation (telekinesis). Aside from the five pictured above, there were nine persons seated on the opposite side of this scance room—as witnesses. They also vouch for the authenticity of this photograph. Their names are on file at the office of Psychic Observer.

The conditions were absolute darkness (i. e.) to generate the necessary power . . . and then at a signal by the mediums, given when they sensed the trumpet levitated (above black curtain to the rear) a flash was used by the photographer who "snapped" the camera with the results pictured above.

The editors of Psychic Observer can also vouch for this picture and, inasmuch as they possess no known psychic ability of this nature, it is a foregone conclusion that the power for this demonstration was supplied by a combined force generated through the mediumship of: (1) Rev. Raymond E. Burns, trance and direct-voice, pastor of Memorial Spiritualist Church, 305 West 37th St., Norfolk, Virginia; (2) Rev. Ethel Post-Parrish, direct-voice and materialization, secretary of Camp Silver Belle; (3) Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs, trance and direct-voice, minister for the Church of Two Worlds, 1010 17th St., Washington, D. C.

## SIR VINCENT CAILLARD SPEAKS FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD

### MATERIALIZED SPIRIT USES TYPEWRITER

Lady Caillard wrote a book dedicated to her "dead" husband, Sir Vincent, describing his life beyond...and then the volume complete, she passed away.

Psychic Observer reprints, complete in this issue, the booklet, "SIR VINCENT CAILLARD SPEAKS FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD." In the preface of this booklet, Lady Caillard says: "In writing my experiences in Spiritualism, I lay claim to no originality of thought or to any new ideas. It is an earnest endeavor to carry out the wishes of my husband and to make known his urgent message."

### Lady Caillard's Graphic Account SPIRITUALISM

I feel I must first say a few words on this subject, if only to a small part of the thinking world, to show how unfair it is that such a serious subject should be treated in so one-sided a manner.

Although the world has become more enlightened during the last few years so that Spiritualism has now a much larger and more serious following — according to statistics there are about 3,000,000 Spiritualists in Great Britain alone — the subject is still very much misrepresented and misunderstood by its enemies, and only partially

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# ARE YOU GEORGE III?

By  
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case of declaring the truth irrespective of whether it would offend or please. No humbug! No pretence! No hypocrisy! No frillings!  
"Shall we pray?"  
"By all means but it won't avail unless you DO that which is worthwhile."  
"What of sermons?"  
"It is more important to DO the word than merely to hear the word."  
"Shall we build a Heaven of Texts?"  
"Build the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth among yourselves — by living as a Family."  
He was a splendid Medium for he not only understood Spiritual Law, but allowed, unhindered, Spiritual Forces to flow through him, and as a result, to his consciousness, Past, Present, and Future, fused into one ever revealing Panorama. The seeming barrier between earthworld dweller and spirit-world dweller dissolved.



**HAROLD SHARP**

George III was a very shortsighted King (I wish I could truthfully say that he was the only shortsighted King).

Prejudice made it impossible for him to see facts that were as clear as the noonday sun.

The world is full of George the thirds, and — more's the pity — some of them are to be found even within our own great world wide movement, hampering it by their doubts and fears, their blindness, and their bigotry. Preaching to a world of confusion "expediency" rather than "back to the Spiritual Laws of Life or Perish."

Yet never was there a greater need for courageous way-showers. What do I mean! A Medium is one who is acutely — I may even say abnormally — sensitive to a range of radiations scarcely registerable at all to the less sensitive. — to those who are "of the earth, earthy" . . . according to an ancient poet.

### Laws Must Be Obeyed

This enables him not merely to bridge the illusion miscalled Death, not merely to prove that the "Dead" live, but to become aware of essential laws of life — spiritual laws — which are the true Laws of Being . . . laws which MUST BE OBEYED ere man can even begin to climb the Heights. Laws so unlike the traditional usage of the races that they can only be called Revolutionary.

For their acceptance would as they said of Paul "Turn the world upside down." Yes, they would truly turn the hatred-soaked — pride-soaked — greed-pocked world into a harmonious community. For whether we like the idea or not, we are all akin — Jew, Gentile, Black, White, European, Asiatic and the rest.

Too many — far, far, far too many of our Mediums, quite loyally by reason of their sensitiveness "Restores the son to his mother again" but only in a vague way preach the doctrine of "The Immortal Sons of God." The latter was a phrase often on the lips of George III. But his prejudice would not allow him to admit of its illimitable implications.

### Are We As Daft?

Mothers, if your sons are immortal, so are all mothers sons — of every creed, race and color. We must actively work according to Spiritual Law that even while on earth they are granted the Right to live as Immortals! Only the George the Thirds say nay.

In the scriptures, mediums were classed under two headings — Good Prophets and False Prophets. (i. e.) the Prophets who with courage soared high above prejudice — even the prejudice of Kings, to trumpet forth TRUTH often at the risk of life, and that miserable crew of seers who, while seeing the truth just as clearly, stifled their voice lest it offend authority or lest they run the risk of loosing fourpence halfpenny.

Carpenter Jesus was one of the True Prophets. With Him it was a

not in the least bit "up stage" — no true prophet is that —

When praised He merely said "You could do the same yourselves and even more than this."

And the question I would like to ask in this, my first article to the Psychic Observer of America, is this, "Are we doing likewise?" Are we seeking to understand Spiritual Laws? Are we demanding that the Laws of Nations be framed in accordance with them? Are we breaking down our own prejudice and helping to break down the prejudice of our neighbor — the barriers of superstition between Black and White between Jew and Gentile, between Nation and Nation?

### Unexceptional Brotherhood

Are we too shortsighted? If so, then let us not blame but rather embrace the noodle King and his folly for we belong to his brood.

Before the words "Modern Spiritualism" were coined there was born in America a great Spiritual Wayshower named Whittier. Even before we commenced to grope towards a philosophy, he crystalized one for us in the unforgettable lines that ought to be woven into the life pattern of all Spiritualists.

"O Brother Man fold to thy heart thy brother,  
For where love dwells, the Peace of God is there."

Let us courageously take that as the motto upon our shield and the text for our rostrum as we set forth to bring Joy to the world by the loving Gospel of the Immortal Kinship of Mankind, the Unexceptional Brotherhood of Man.

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the office of the S.P.R. it was open to tampering and substitution. It being also likely, in the view of the "Hope-apologists," that the abstractor send back the missing plate out of pure mischief.

Immediately after the revelation, Hope offered new sittings and declared his willingness to submit himself to stringent tests. The offer was refused.

Harry Price, however, signed a statement to the effect that the test of Feb. 24th, 1922, "does not rule out the possibility that Hope has other than normal means."

Indeed, no less authority than Sir William Crookes bears out the true mediumship of William Hope in an authorized interview published in the Christian Commonwealth on Dec. 4th, 1914.

On his own marked plates, under his own conditions, Crookes obtained a likeness of his wife different from any he possessed. On the other hand Sir Oliver Lodge was emphatic in stating concerning a test of his own with a sealed packet sent to Hope: "I have not the slightest doubt that the envelope containing the plates had been opened."

Again, Sir William Barrett claimed to have received with Hope "indubitable evidence of supernormal photography."

After the Harry Price "exposure," Allerton F. Cushman, of Washington, also bore witness to having obtained psychic extras on his own plates, similarly marked by the Imperial Dry Plate Company, and also on plates purchased previous to the sitting by Hereward Carrington.

### Surmise and Suspicion — Not Enough

The great number of signed testimonies, with a detailed account of precautions taken, speaks in an impressive manner for the genuine powers of Hope.

The charges of fraud, advanced by Fred Barlow and Major W. Rampling Rose, are largely built on surmise and suspicion and not in facts. Barlow, in 1923, associated himself with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in the publication of The Case for Spirit Photography, a book written in answer to the Hope exposure. At that time he could not "get away from the fact that many of these photographic effects are produced by discarnate intelligences."

Two years previously, in Budget No. 58 of the Society for the Study of Supernormal Pictures, dated January 20, 1921, Doyle said: "I have got results with Mr. Hope in my own home under conditions where fraud was absolutely impossible. I have loaded my dark slides in Birmingham and taken them to Crewe with my own camera and apparatus, had carried out the whole of the operation myself (even to the taking of the photograph) and have secured supernormal results."

In answer, Mr. Barlow replied: "A further ten years of careful, continuous experimenting has enabled me to say quite definitely that I was mistaken."

Hope never commercialized his gift. He charged about one dollar for a dozen prints. This was calculated on the basis of his hourly earnings as a carpenter. He was very devout, almost fanatic and relied blindly on the advice of his spirit guides.

"During all his career as a medium," writes David Gow in Light, March 17, 1933, "he had become so accustomed to accusation and abuse that he had grown case-hardened. His attitude seemed to be that, knowing himself to be honest, it did not matter how many people thought otherwise."

"Encyclopedia of Psychic Science."

# The Case of WILLIAM HOPE

## Internationally Famous SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHER

William Hope. (1863-1933), the best-known modern spirit photographer, a carpenter of Crewe, whose psychic power, was discovered accidentally about 1905.

He and a comrade photographed each other. The plate which Hope exposed, showed an extra figure—a transparent woman—behind whom the brick wall was visible. It was a sister of Hope's comrade, dead for many years.



**William Hope**

With the help of Mr. Buxton, the organizer at the Spiritualist hall at Crewe, a circle of six friends was formed to sit for spirit photography. For fear of being accused of being in league with the devil, the circle destroyed all the original negatives until Archdeacon Colley (\*) came on the scene. He tested Hope's powers, endorsed them and gave him his stand camera which Hope refused to give up, long after it had become old-fashioned—its box battered and its leg broken.

The first hubbub about Hope and his psychic photographs arose in 1908 in connection with Archdeacon Colley's first sitting. He recognized his Mother in the psychic extra. Hope thought it was more like a picture he had copied two years earlier. Mrs. Spencer of Nantwich, indeed, recognized her grandmother in it, after Hope took it to her.

Hope informed Archdeacon Colley of his mistake. He said it was madness to think that a man did not know his own Mother and advertised in the Leamington paper asking all who remembered his Mother to meet him at the Rectory.

Eighteen persons selected the photograph from several others and testified in writing, that the picture was a portrait of the late Mrs. Colley who had never been photographed.

### Price's Silly Charges of Fraud

The second case of public controversy arose in 1922, and was, on the surface, damning for Hope. In a report published in the Proceedings of the Society for Psychological Research, he was accused of imposture by the conjurer Harry Price. The accusations were made public in a ten cent pamphlet.

The basis of the revelation was that Price, in a sitting at the British College of Psychic Science, is supposed to have caught Hope in the act of substituting the dark slide, holding the exposed plates, by another; further, that he (Hope) handed him two negatives (one of which contained a psychic extra) that did not bear the secret mark which the Imperial Dry Plate Company specially impressed on the packet of films by ex-ray which were different in color and thickness from the original plates.

Subsequent investigation proved the counter-accusations raised by Spiritualists. Investigation also proved that an organized conspiracy against Hope deserved examination. The wrapper of the packet was found, and it bore marks of tampering.

Moreover, one of the original marked plates was returned anonymously and undeveloped to the S.P.R. a week after the experiment and three weeks before the revelation. On being developed it showed an image.

As the packet of marked plates was lying about for four weeks in

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(\*)Read the book, "Sermons on Spiritualism" \$2.00; written by the venerable Archdeacon Colley; for sale by Dale News, Inc., Lily Dale, N. Y.

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# The Mystery of SPIRIT MIND AND BRAIN

In any discussion of mind and matter, remember that spirit is the original, absolute reality, while matter is only the clothing or vehicle. The vehicle of temporary duration — The Spirit Eternal.

Mind is the engineer;  
Brain is the engine;  
All creation is the engine;  
Spirit is always the engineer.

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In a recent issue of the *Scientific Forum*, a noted writer says that the greatest mystery in the world today is the inter-relationship between mind and matter (brain). He asks how can a material thing and a non-material thing be in any way connected and then states that this has been the puzzle of the ages.

It is no doubt, true that this subject has been a puzzle to some philosophers in ages past but it is not true of all philosophers and it is not true of our modern scientists.

Dr. Robert Millikan states in his *Science and the new Civilization* that there is no dividing line where Spirit stops and matter begins. Spirit and mind are synonymous for the purposes of this discussion although technically mind is the first emanation of Spirit.

Dr. Millikan and other modern scientists demonstrate that Spirit and matter are one and identical, being two poles of the same identity. Spirit being the invisible and intangible while matter is the visible and tangible. — pole.

**Dr. Twining Says:**

Today, chemical engineers tell us that the earth is composed of about 92 chemicals. Water is composed of two gasses, Hydrogen and Oxygen. Air is composed of four molecules of Nitrogen and one of Oxygen.

Now all of these chemicals and gasses resolve themselves back into one original, primordial cosmic substance which Dr. Harry La Vern Twining calls "pulsions" which are the pulsating waves of the free energy of space.

These pulsions emerge from the Universal Spirit or First Cause and are the first materializations of Spirit as matter.

This is the real "Maya" or "mother substance" out of which

all creation is formed. In a far fetched and symbolic sort of way it is what one church calls "the mother of God" because Jesus symbolized man—all men, and the bodies of all men are formed of Maya, the universal mother. Christ is the symbol of spiritual man.

Every rock, vegetable, animal and man is constituted of some combination of these pulsions, and they are in a constant state of vibration or change. Electrons are formed of the pulsions. The word also means illusion because it is constantly changing form.

**Triangle Symbolizes Spirit**

Our body is completely renewed every seven months, that is, the old cells are thrown off and new cells are formed to take their place. The life of a cell is ten days. Activity is life. Stagnation is death, or more correctly, disintegration.

Universal Spirit is One, with two poles, three principles, four qualities, five senses, six planes and seven entities. The two poles are Spirit and matter. Spirit is symbolized by three principles; Intelligence, Energy and Substance.

Matter is composed of four qualities; Mineral in which is life, Vegetable, in which is life, and the beginning of feeling, Animal, in which is life, feeling and the beginning of thought. The Human, in which is life, feeling, thought and the beginning of the spiritual nature.

Spirit is symbolized by the triangle and matter by the square. The marriage and uniting of Spirit and matter is creation. The foregoing reveals a deep fundamental truth; "In the beginning" before creation appeared there was nothing but Universal Spirit. Today there is nothing but invisible Spirit and visible Spirit which we call matter.

**J. S. Haldane Said:**

The first activity of Spirit was the creating by emergence of cosmic substance or "Maya," Mary, the universal substance which is invisible to our human eyes. Maya is brought into manifestation or materialization by the creative activity of the "word" which is vibration. "And God spoke the word and creation appeared." Vibration is creation.

A materialist is one who believes the existence of the universe is explained by matter alone. No First Cause, just spontaneous generation.

The great astronomer, J. S. Haldane, said, "Materialism, once a plausible theory is now a fatalistic creed, but materialism is nothing better than a superstition on the same level as a belief in witches and devils. The materialistic theory is bankrupt."

Modern scientists accept the inner-relation of Spirit and matter, and mind and brain. Fundamentally they are one.

Dr. Millikan says, "Electrons are the building blocks of the universe." In other words all matter such as earth, suns, stars and brains are fabricated out of electrons, and electrons he traces back as emerging from the Spirit. This point is well illustrated by

the Amoeba, a microscopic nucleated mass of protoplasm, just a single cell of transport jelly, yet it has the intelligence to pursue its food and wrap itself around it and assimilate the energy out of it. It has the power of locomotion, it senses an enemy and wiggles away from it to safety.

The Amoeba developed its brain by emergent evolution, as it developed eyes, legs, heart etc. This is an example of Intelligence evolving and emerging into form. "The word becoming flesh." Spirit becoming matter. All is One. There is no separation.

**Brain Is Matter**

The brain, nerves, bones and flesh of man are aggregations of tiny cells. The average human body is an amalgamation of about 200 billion cells. Each cell has an intelligence of its own and the brain has a mass intelligence. The liver cells are liver conscious and they have their duty to perform as also do the cells of the heart, lungs etc.

This all goes to prove that the brain, which is matter, is built up of cells and that these cells are possessed of intelligence, power, the sense of fear and caution, the ability to reproduce themselves, a sense of self preservation the power of assimilation and elimination, and many other qualities. Therefore, the brain and mind are inter-related and have a harmonious relationship.

Brain is matter. Matter is formed of electrons, electrons are composed of pulsions and pulsions are built up of the waves of the free energy of space which in turn is Spirit substance that originally emerged from Universal Spirit or First Cause. Therefore, matter is Spirit in form.

**Dr. Gall's Discoveries**

Furthermore, the brain is the organ of the mind. The mind is the organ of the soul. The soul is the organ of the Spirit, and the Spirit is the Universal, Indivisible, Eternal "I am." The "am" in "I Am" just denotes continuity.

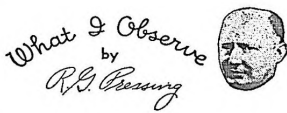
Dr. Gall, a German physician, discovered that the brain is the organ of the mind, in the year 1800. Dr. Spurzheim, Dr. Comb, and Dr. Fowler made additional discoveries totalling forty-three different organs and forty-three corresponding faculties of the mind. The science of the mind and brain has been practiced for one hundred forty-six years.

Thinking is the activity of the mind and is creative. Harmonious thoughts create harmonious conditions, and destructive thoughts create disastrous conditions. Plato said the "idea" is the "thing itself" in reality. Ideas are created by thinking.

**Thoughts Are Things**

For instance, hate thoughts create sharp, cutting, ideas which crystallize in the blood, are deposited in the joints and we call the result rheumatism, etc. Many diseases have been cured by changing hate thoughts to thoughts of love.

At Duke University, an experi-



S.E.C. Convention  
Lansing, Michigan

The 6th annual convention of The Spiritualist Episcopal Church will be held September 20, 21 and 22 at Hotel Olds, Lansing, Michigan, according to Rev. Robert C. Chaney, president of the official Board of Directors.

The annual conference and business meeting of the directors is scheduled all day the twentieth. Beginning at 6, the same day the 20th, there will be a banquet in the main ball room of Hotel Olds. The featured speaker at this banquet will be Ed Bodin, "Psychic Reporter", New York City. His subject will be "A Reporter's Report on Spiritualism".

Mr. Bodin's completion of a successful lecture engagement at Lily Dale Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y., July 26th last, qualified him as being the logical speaker for such a gathering. Aside from being a most forceful lecturer, his appearance at Lily Dale attracting one of the largest week-day audi-

ences to attend a service in recent years, Mr. Bodin is well versed on the teachings of Spiritualism and the intricacies of psychic research. He is the author of two books: "Scare Me!" and "Give Me Liberty" . . . the latter, his latest, promises to be a best-seller.

On the 21st of September, the second day of the convention, a general conference will be held during the day; in the evening, there will be another unusual public demonstration of physical phenomena—similar to the public seance held in Columbus, Ohio, at their last year's annual convention.

Most of the known phases of mediumship will not only be explained on the 21st but will be DEMONSTRATED PUBLICLY (i.e.) materialization, slate-writing, spirit photography, automatic writing, trumpet-in-the-light, direct-voice, billet reading, clair-audience and clairvoyance. The mediums taking part will be: Nellie Curry, St. Petersburg, Florida; Lula Taber, St. Louis, Missouri; Bertha Marx, Springfield, Ohio; Clifford L. Bias, Huntington, West Virginia; John Bunker, Eaton Rapids, Michigan; James Laughton, Detroit, Michigan; Maurice Russell, St. Joseph, Missouri and Robert G. Chaney, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

**Philosophical Speculation?**

In any discussion of mind and matter, the one thing to understand is, that Spirit is the original, absolute reality, and matter is only the clothing, or vehicle. The vehicle is of temporary duration while the Spirit is eternal.

Mind is the engineer. Brain is the engine. All creation is the engine while Spirit is the engineer.

Out of a peach seed comes a sprout and later a peach tree with peaches in which are other peach seeds to infinity. There is no time in the growth of a seed when the peach tree is inserted—it always was there in embryo—it was placed there by the creator. There are enough peach trees in one peach seed to cover the earth to a depth of a thousand miles. When you understand a peach seed you will understand all of creation.

All matter including peach trees and brains is Spirit in manifestation or Spirit in form.

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understood by most of its friends. Indeed, in many cases its friends do more harm than its enemies by exaggerated descriptions of their experiences and ignorance of the true conditions which exist.

Those who are genuinely anxious to gain knowledge are seriously handicapped by their inability to procure instructive literature on the subject. Only at various psychic societies and meetings is it possible to obtain their books and newspapers.

## Are They Afraid?

It is unfair to prevent books and papers from being sold on bookstalls and to deny subscribers to libraries the right to procure books on this subject; yet such is the case. It almost looks as if the opponents of *Spiritualism* are afraid of the truth being made known.

The result is that the reading public draw its opinions from intermittent notices in the Press, which usually contain some suggestion of fraud, or reports of lectures denouncing *Spiritualism* as a false and iniquitous cult. This of course, gives an entirely erroneous impression, and readers have no opportunity of discussing the subject and getting to know the truth.

## Spiritualism as a Religion

How many of us have thought of *Spiritualism* as a Religion? Or if not as a separate religion, as a most important part of the Christian religion? It is based on the teachings of the *Great Master* and *His Apostles*, and the world jeers and sneers at it as it did at Christ 2,000 years ago, and might do again if He returned today.

The first claim of *Spiritualism* is its proof of survival after death, and the important effect this knowledge must have on the progress of the world today. Arising from this is the comfort this knowledge brings to those left to fight their battles alone, and to those who hitherto have feared death.

That we possess two bodies, a natural body and a spiritual body, is no new theory; it has been taught for thousands of years, and in speaking of communication with the spirit world we must bear in mind that such communication depends on our possessing in this world a spiritual body, or what may be called a soul.

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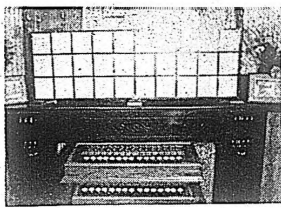
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the spiritual body. Our spirit friends when they descend to our sphere do not see our material bodies but only our spiritual bodies. The spiritual body being made of such sensitive substance is influenced by our thoughts and actions, and as we live, so our spirit bodies become either bright and beautiful or dark and ugly.

Our true thoughts and real character cannot be hidden from those in the spirit world. Here on Earth we are able to disguise our thoughts and motives from each other because our material bodies are made of a coarser material which is less sensitive to thought. When we leave our mortal bodies we are therefore seen not as we wish to be seen but as we really are.

St. Paul wrote: *Now we see through a glass darkly but then shall I know even as I am known.* I. Corinthians v. 12.

## Healing Powers

The public is told still less of this important side of *Spiritualism* or of the claim made by spiritualists to treat the sick and suffering. Few ever hear of the thousands of spirit treatments. Nor is the public told of the consolation its teachings have brought and will continue to bring to those in grief and despair, or of the souls to whom its teachings have brought a higher and nobler faith in Christ.

Instead of denouncing the followers of *Spiritualism*, the churches of all denominations should be grateful to them as the teachers of the true Christian faith based, as it is, on Love which is the foundation of the teachings of Christ.

## Mediums

*Spiritualism* is neither the degraded nor the foolish thing that its opponents would have us believe. It is quite true that some of the so-called mediums have been unscrupulous, and *no one is more anxious to expose* these parasites than the Spiritualists themselves.

But what profession, or religion for that matter, is free from imperfection? It requires no great skill to extract money from the over-credulous. It is fatally easy to prey upon the minds of the lonely and suffering who seek comfort through the communion with their loved ones in the spirit world. No punishment is severe enough for the medium who makes money by these methods, and the Spiritualists are the first to desire their exposure.

But why should all be condemned for the dishonesty of the few? I have known a number of mediums and have put them through the severest tests. Without exception, I have proved them to be genuine and honest. All of them are poor, and most of them are in bad health. They are very poorly paid for their work, which is a severe strain on their health; and I know many who get nothing but their fares when they travel long distances to speak in public and give trance lectures and demonstrations of clairvoyance. *It is quite wrong to suppose that mediumship is a paying business.*

No doubt, before long, Science

will discover some mechanical means of communicating with the spirit world, but until this comes about there ought to be some institution for providing mediums who have been tested—some institution in which mediums receive a living wage and are kept in good health.

At present, mediums are martyrs in every sense of the word. They give up everything in life, ruin their health, and even go hungry. All these sufferings they endure to bring help and comfort others. They are almost as much persecuted as were the so-called witches in the Middle Ages. I owe a great deal of comfort and happiness to some of these brave men and women, and there must be thousands of others who have had similar experience.

## How I Became a Spiritualist

Let me explain how I came to be interested in *Spiritualism*.

For thirty years there has been between my husband and myself a bond of friendship, love and understanding which nothing can ever alter, and when the parting came it seemed almost unbearable.

A few months after my husband passed over, I was persuaded by a friend to go to a Spiritualist service. *Spiritualism* at that time meant little to me. I knew nothing about it, nor had I ever discussed the subject with anyone. So I went to this service ignorant and unbelieving.

It was a short but impressive service consisting of some prayers, hymns, a short address, and special prayers for the sick and suffering. Then it was announced that there would be clairvoyance by a medium present on the platform, and those not wishing to attend were asked to leave.



Arthur FORD

I was curious and stayed. The first person the medium addressed was myself. She told me she saw a man standing beside me who said he was my husband and wished to send me a message of love; he wished to say that he was always by my side helping me as he had always helped me during his earth life. She then gave me a very accurate description of my husband and some intimate particulars that no one but he could possibly have known.

After that I became interested in *Spiritualism*. I went to hear an American preacher, Arthur Ford, who had left Orthodoxy to teach *Spiritualism*. Mr. Ford was able to see and hear messages given by spirits, and in a crowded

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hall I had the most wonderfully convincing evidence that the messages he gave me could only have come from my husband. As I was quite a stranger to him there was no means by which even ordinary evidence could have been obtained.

I was so impressed by these messages that I arranged to have a sitting with Mr. Ford. I made no appointment and did not even give my name.

At the first sitting, my father, my mother and one of my brothers all gave me intimate messages; then my husband came and begged me to keep on trying to communicate with him. He asked me to try automatic writing, promising that he would help me.

After this I had a number of sittings with different mediums, and on each occasion I received the most convincing messages; always my husband begged me to write and promised that he would help. I was now quite convinced of the fact of survival and the possibility of communicating with those who had passed over to the spirit plane.

I would like to give a perfectly true and unexaggerated account of my experiences. I had had so many convincing messages from my husband, and with these messages the constant request that I should write about survival after death.

One day I heard of a wonderful mechanical contrivance called the *Reflectograph* which had been made under directions from a man who had passed over some years before. The instrument here illustrated (see picture, top column two, this page) and working, similar to a typewriter, has a very sensitive keyboard which when lightly touched registers the corresponding letter on a board on the wall. It took many months of careful preparation to make from orders given through a trance medium.

I was invited to see this instrument, which they told me was manipulated by the hand of a young girl in the spirit world who had received her instructions from the inventor, himself a spirit. I went with my sister-in-law whose husband, my brother, had passed over soon after my own husband. The owners of the *Reflectograph* knew nothing of me or of my circumstances. I mention this because the reader who is not a spiritualist usually suspects collusion.

I found myself in a small room, one corner of which was screened off by a curtain. Behind this curtain was a chair. There was nothing else behind that curtain, and when the medium entered the room, I and my sister-in-law saw her strapped by both hands and feet and tied by a rope which passed round her waist so that she could not possibly move.

The keyboard lay outside the

curtain, so close to me that I could have touched it. We were very thorough in our inspection of everything, and the room was quite light. The lights were shaded red, but everything in the room was clearly visible.

After the medium had been tied, we sang hymns and said a few prayers, and presently we heard the spirit voice of *Ethel*, the young girl whose hand manipulated the instrument. She greeted us; a hand appeared through the curtain, then two hands.

*Ethel* asked if we would like to see her, and when we said we would, the face and form of a beautiful young girl appeared. She took a flower from a table outside the curtain and offered it to me; at the same time she asked if I would like to feel the material of her dress. I did so; it felt very much the same as georgette, and was pure white in color.

## Mediums Examined

She then said that a gentleman who claimed to be my husband would like to send me a message, and the following letters appeared on the *Reflectograph* screen while *Ethel* manipulated the keyboard: "V. XX P. XX." V, of course, stood for my husband's name Vincent; P was for my sister-in-law's. It was not the initial of my brother, whose name was Gerald, but of her first husband, whose name was Percy. The X's were kisses.

## "P. and I Tossed for Innings"

The message continued: "You have brought so much love with you, it is easy to come. V.X. This is such a very unique method; I like it immensely. P. and I tossed for first innings; I won. You must go carefully with your health, dear. You do far too much. I am eager to help you. Will you keep paper and pencil by your bed, and I will write. Did you feel startled when I woke you suddenly on Sunday? Get some rosemary, the flour I mean, it will be of great help soon. Our love grows stronger every day. V. XXX."

Then my sister-in-law had a message from her husband and after *Ethel* had said good-bye to us, the sitting came to an end. I examined the medium and saw that she was still bound and secured just as we had left her, and still in a deep trance.

I heard that on the next evening there was to be a circle to

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Last night, *Midsummer Day*, we held our first big public meeting in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, in the *Frikirkjunn* (the Free Church), a splendid old wood and iron building on the Lake Side.

This church was filled by an enthusiastic audience, who in token of appreciation, rose at the end of the lecture at the request of the Rev. Auduns, President of the *Icelandic Society for Psychological Research*.

People of note in *Spiritualism, Psychical Research and Theosophy* were present, as well as several leading citizens and business men.

Among the audience were a number of Lutheran clergymen, who foregathered in Reykjavik for their annual *Church Congress*. They had voted to attend my meeting although there was a special service of their own at the Cathedral.

There is a strong leaning toward Spiritualism among these members of the *State Church*, and already five or six of them have visited me to express their good wishes for the success of the undertaking.

My interpreter, *Rev. Jakob Jonsson*, is a leading minister in this city, and made a splendid job of his translation. The fact is: these clergymen know quite a little about spiritualism, practically as well as theoretically.

### "Spiritualism In The Bible"

It comes very refreshingly to anyone who has experienced the morbid opposition of the clergy of *Britain*. The *Rev. Auduns* preached two weeks ago in the Cathedral, his subject virtually being, *Spiritualism in the Bible*. His sermon was even broadcasted.

My sponsors are a splendid group of men and women representative of the older as well as new school of *Spiritualism*, if such a term can properly be used. They attended the meeting *en masse* and as many of them are promi-

ent citizens, they effectively advocated the cause.

In a city like *Reykjavik*, everybody knows all outstanding personalities, so that there is no attempt at hiding their light behind a bushel.

My job is to hold the "balance of power," as it were. There is a desire here to blend in a useful and cooperative manner, all branches of thought interested in *Spirit Return and Supernormal Phenomena*.

### Rational Interpretations

I have inserted capital letters because it more effectively suggests the spirit and intention that prevails. My first lecture therefore took the form of presenting a case for the phenomena, without advocating any special hypothesis, although I made clear the point of view of Spiritualists.

Our interpretation is, of course, far more rational and comprehensive than any other. The mere quotation of a few experiences of spirit-return reduces such theories and the subconsciousness (being alone the cause) to an absurdity.

In the end, therefore, the audience had our position placed squarely before them so that a comparison could be made with the opposition.

### Audience of Notables

The Chair was occupied by *Snoebjorn Jonsson*, who keeps the English Bookshop. He is, along with *Rev. Kristinn Danielsson*, the most informed Spiritualist in Iceland. *Mr. Jonsson* sat on the platform ready to assist the interpreter if possible.

*Mr. S. Armann*, one of the leading business men in Iceland, and one of the principal sponsors of my mission, sat with *Pall Thormar*, late *British Vice-consul*.

*Mrs. Halldora Sigurjonson*, doubtless the most effective force in the country, from a mediumistic point of view, and about whom I shall have something more to say later, was also ready to assist the interpreter.

With her sat *Mrs. Olof Bjornsdottir*, whose mother was one of the founders of Spiritualism in Iceland.

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*Mr. Nikulos Fridriksson*, a leading municipal official, was also there with his wife.

*Mr. Sveinn Sigurdsson*, an outstanding character in all matters psychic, was a serious and attentive observer.

The daily press have been very helpful, both in publishing articles written by Spiritualists, or by sending friendly reporters who have done their best to arouse public opinion.

In the face of all this . . . failure is impossible. I have plenty to do.

Up till now I have had seven private seances for test purposes, including a rather large circle of *psychometry*, one lantern lecture before members of the Committee in addition to the big meeting described above.

### Icelanders Scientific

Someone published that I was a psychic healer and that brought in a number of telephone applications for treatment, some coming from the hospital. Later on applications for treatment came in from outlying districts.

Icelanders are very scientifically minded, and this trait shows itself at my circles. Dictaphones have been instituted for the purpose of keeping records of all that is said, because some of the statements are evidential and others, which may not be at the moment, may, and have turned out correct afterwards.

Lapses of memory are very

common among excited sitters at seances. They are thus given a chance of recalling some incident. This method has proved satisfactory to say the least.

There are to be public meetings for addresses and clairvoyance, similar to an ordinary Spiritualist Sunday service.

### Natives Are Hospitable

It cannot be said, in view of all this, that the lot of the *Spiritualist Missionary* is easy. But there is a tremendous amount of pleasure in it all, especially in Iceland, where I have met some of the most understanding and sympathetic people in the world.

The reason for this has been Iceland's isolation, —its scattered population,—its lack of railways, necessitating, until the advent of the motor car, traveling by ponies, for which *Iceland* is famous.

Even today these charming little animals must be used for country districts through which no decent roadway runs. This often entails journeying over lava beds and across numerous streams which honeycomb this remarkable country.

Hospitality has been essential under such conditions, and farmers were only too pleased to welcome strangers because of the news of the doings of the outside world they could bring. May this spirit of friendliness never die.

### Few Physical Mediums

This afternoon I am invited to meet a party of *Icelandic* mediums, and I hope to have something interesting to say about them and their work. Mediumship here resembles that of *Britain*, and automatic writing is popular. I have met a number of cultured people (most Icelanders are well-educated) who, by this means, keep contact with the spirit world in their own homes.

There are few physical mediums which may be owing to the humidity of *Reykjavik*, indeed, *Iceland* generally. Humidity is always a drawback because it causes the electrical forces associated with physical mediumship to be dissipated, water being a good conductor.

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# SURVIVAL AND IMMORTALITY

Everyone survives death. It is a mistake to allow our minds to be warped by scientific, philosophic and theological prejudices . . . when we approach the subject of Spiritualism. It is a rational movement.

## The Basis For Survival Is Scientific But Few Know the Mechanism

W. H. Evans  
Author of  
"How To Be A Medium"

It is an opinion commonly held that proof of man's survival of bodily death is also proof of immortality. This is not so. There is no means of proving immortality though we may find many reasons for believing that man is immortal.

Survival of death, however, has been proven many times; there is a vast array of evidence which has accumulated in many books over the years that have gone.

Although more weight is given to evidence of scientific men like Alfred Russell Wallace, O.M. Profs. Robert Hare and James Mapes, Sir William Crookes, Sir Oliver Lodge, and many others who have claims to our attention, we cannot ignore the testimony of the many thousands who have investigated the claims of Spiritualism.

### Trivial Messages?

These form a vast army on the positive side and we have no right to ignore them, for though they may not have a scientific training they are as shrewd and common sense in these matters as are many scientists.

After all when it comes to assessing evidence, who is likely to be the most reliable, a scientist or a lawyer?

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to see the value of many things which a scientist might pass over.

In considering evidence one has to realize the evidential value of the trivial utterances; they are often more convincing than are realms of philosophy can be. After all, when it is realized that death makes no change in us as human beings, we are not transformed either into angels or devils, the value of the trivial information sometimes conveyed is readily seen.

### What Carries Conviction?

Let anyone at the end of a telephone line be asked to offer proof of their identity to a critical inquirer, and they will find that it is more likely to be the recital of some trivial matter mutually experienced than a lot of argument about who they are. It is such things that carry conviction.

But because of this, we must not fall into the error of supposing that all the communications from the next world are trivial, they are not. One has only to recall such books as *Spirit Teachings*, by Stainton Moses; the many books by Geraldine Cumins, and the *Vale Owen* scripts to mention only a few, to realize something of the quality of some of the messages that come from over there.

### Rational Progress

We must remember that everyone survives death, the foolish as well as the wise, the mercenary as well as the generous, the evil as well as the good, and the messages from the spirit world reflect every kind of mentality; it is this human character that one finds so convincing in the many messages that come to us from the beyond.

It is a mistake to allow our minds to be warped by scientific, philosophic, or theological prejudices when we approach the subject of *Spiritualism*. It is, in its best aspects, the most rational of the modern movements, many of which it has mothered. For its basis is scientific, it enunciates a doctrine of rational progress in the beyond, and its highest teachings stimulate the loftiest emotions.

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What, then, one may ask, is the mechanism of survival?

Long ago, when writing to the Corinthians, St. Paul said, 'There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.' Note the present tense, 'there IS a spiritual body.'

### Spirit, Soul and Body

This spiritual body is, by us, called the soul. It comes into being at the same time as does our physical body. It should be borne in mind that our physical body has no life of its own. It is but the means by which the spirit comes into touch with its material environment.

Every atom of matter is enshrouded by the spirit, and matter is a means by which the energies of the *Cosmic Spirit* operates. Energy and form are always associated. The fertilization of the germ cell by the sperm cell at conception releases the creative energies potential in them so that the process of body building can begin.

Thus there comes into being a new individual who is a trinity of Spirit, Soul and Body. Spirit is the Creator; Soul the Mediator of its energies, and Body the Formative factor which enables the energies of the Spirit to be focalized so that its latent individuality can be developed and made manifest.

### Only Material Consciousness

Now just as a physical body implies a physical world in which it can live and grow, so does a spiritual body imply a spirit world in which it can live and develop its powers.

Thus, although we may not be conscious of it, we live in the spirit world now, for that world interpenetrates the material world. While in the material world our consciousness is directed to material things. The body has needs: clothes, food, shelter are primary needs which must be met, and every child born into the world has a right to the supply of what is necessary to meet these needs.

Over these are other needs; needs of the emotions and the intellect all of which clamor for some satisfaction. Through our senses we become aware of our material surroundings. There may be many things of which we are unaware, but as existence and perception of existence are not the same we must discriminate and not deny existence to that of which we may be unaware.

### "As Above, So Below"

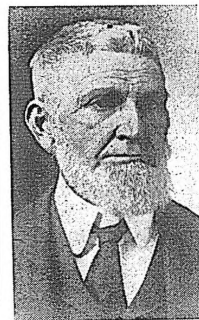
The spiritual body is a case in point: *How many people are aware that they are spirits now?* We cannot say, but we do know that there are some who argue that life, consciousness, and organism are always associated, and who think that when the organism dies life and consciousness also die.

Now this statement about the association of life, consciousness, and organism is true, and I believe always will be upon all planes of Being. Spirit needs organism in order to act. *For what reason does the universe exist if not for the Creator to act therein?* Remember that the saying 'as above so below' has its reverse side; the one is complementary to the other.

We see, then, that the growth development and unfoldment of the physical and spiritual body go on together. Not only so, but the inner body is built up of the sublimated and refined essences of the physical body. There is going on within the physical body secret and unknown processes beyond the eyes of science.

There is a constant circulation of forces, an ever moving development of substances expressive of the manifold movements of the *Primal Spirit* of all. Thus the spir-

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It body comes into being with the physical, is sustained by and through it until it is released by death to live in its own world.

When we pass to the next stage of being, we shall find ourselves in a real world, wherein subjectivity implies objectivity as it does here. And in its early stages the differences between earth life and spirit life will not be vastly different. For the processes that go on in the physical body go on in every realm and kingdom of nature. Spirit does not incarnate, it emerges into activity.

### What Immortality Means

It may be argued that this line of reasoning cuts across the idea of immortality, and I frankly admit that it does as that idea is usually enunciated. Immortality means without beginning or end, and it is a metaphysical axiom that *what begins ends*.

That statement is based upon our experiences of this life: we see that everything has its term: birth and death are processes of eternal becoming. Worlds and systems are born, develop, change and die. That is the law of physical being.

But we have seen that man survives death, so though he begins and ends here as a physical being, he does not end as a spiritual being. The axiom breaks down and is seen to be no axiom in the real sense.

But it will be urged; if our individuality begins will it not end? To which one may ask, Why should it? From whence is our individuality derived? . . . from our parents?

We'll go back to the ultimate source and you come to God, the

source of all being and whose individuality is stamped upon every part of the universe. God is immortal and if we derive our individuality from him then we are also immortal. It matters not that at some point in time it becomes the greater and deeper principle of manifest; this is only relative to individuality which is eternal.

### A Joyous Existence

Do not the repetitive processes in Nature suggest that they spring from that which is deeper: the repetitive processes of *Divine Creative Thought*?

Very well, is not every individual a repetition upon a finite scale of *Infinite Being* who lives and moves and has His being in his creation, as that lives and moves and has its being in Him?

The circle spirals out into ever circling orders of being. We live because God lives; we change in order to become more vividly aware of Him; we enter a finer realm at death so that we may learn of his creative processes from the inside.

And in his wisdom he has prepared for us realms of being wherein we may experience deeper, richer, and more abundant life. No return to the seed-bed of earth, but an ever expanding joyous existence of perpetual creative endeavor.

In its deepest and finest moments of realization our spirits cry, *I am one with God: one with Him in all his works and powers!*

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All persons are in some degree sensitive. Open your mind and heart to the stupendous fact that you can be guided in your practical life. There are wonderful revelations in store for YOU.

You need not penetrate too deeply into life's mysteries. Be satisfied with divine guidance.

By DORTCH CAMPBELL

Life is most interesting. It is not only interesting but most amazing, and, sometimes, it is startling. What strange quests tempt us to push forward! To me it is most amusing how the conventional, with smug complacency, refuse to go forward to new frontiers beyond the Seen!

In each of us there are strange powers not dreamed of, but man's smug complacency and satisfaction with existing ways of life will not permit him to venture beyond his borders. Yet there is a world around us teeming with powers and wonders.

I am not ashamed to believe in that Unseen World: nor do I doubt. I know we have invisible guardians who stand watching at the "gates of heaven" to give us that aid which we so often require.

## Jung and Brill

Something of these possibilities—a man's own experiments—are to be found in Maurice Allen's book, "Our Invisible Friends," in which he gives his own method of contact with an entity called "Nancy," who perhaps is his guardian angel.

Allen wrote verse, usually rhythmically, and much of it of a disconnected, nonsense type. He wrote rapidly, with no long pauses, making no attempt to censor his thoughts, and deliberately tried to note down whatever came to his mind, no matter how ridiculous or egotistical it might seem.

"Anyone who has studied the word association tests outlined by Jung and Brill will understand I was fully conscious at all times," he observes.

Something mysterious came with the coming of Nancy.

Allen writes in his book: "I found to my surprise that my wife believed the writing represented outside communications. She claimed that I wrote with greater ease and rapidity than was ordinarily the case, and with none of the pausing and revising and laborious concentration to which I am accustomed."

## Rhine's Experiments

Allen continues in his book: "I reminded her that in this experiment I was deliberately voicing whatever came into my head, trying to imagine myself addressed from an outside source, and avoiding censorship and undue hesitation."

"Well," commented his wife, he relates—"Well, maybe that was . . ."

"My wife remains convinced that this selective writing comes from an outside source," Allen asserted. "It was difficult for me to bring myself to agree with her. But I have finally come around to her point of view . . . Mine is a wholly conscious type of writing of that class whose notable examples have been termed 'inspired' or 'ecstatic.' Professor Rhine, whose meticulous experiments in parapsychology have aroused

widespread interest would perhaps term such writing 'extra-conscious'."

Be the truth of the origin of inspiration as it may be, I know that we are on the threshold of a new era in which any man or woman in distress can ask of *The Knower*, whether it be divinity or guardian spirit, and learn the way to go to avoid a difficulty or solve a problem. Surely we have *Invisible Friends* who will come to us and help us if we call.

## The "Greatest Power"

Thirty years ago after long, intense prayer-desire to know the purpose and manner of life that would bring happiness in body, mind and affairs I received answer to that prayer in a way the conventional would call odd.

That answer came from my *Guardian Angel*. "What is the greatest power for good?" I asked. "And by what manner can we make the body stronger and life sweeter and finer?" These and other questions I asked.

The *Guardian Angel* answered: "You have been told that love is the greatest thing in the world."

I answered my *Guardian Angels* "Yes, we are all coming to learn this, but what is the greatest creative faculty?" Something like this, as I now recall, I asked.

"Love," came the reply of the guardian deity.—"Love, but you also create with the imagination. Imagination is a mighty power God gives men and women to be used with love."

## What Emerson Said:

The Voice that spoke to me was not around me, but inside me, coming clairaudiently. The answers did not come in precisely these words, but this is the thought back of the answers.

Something exists in this *Unseen World* by which we are surrounded. Proof for me is so voluminous that I no longer doubt it. The conservative tell us that such things come to us from the subconscious mind or the super-conscious, super-normal or *Subliminal Self*. But it is just as practical—and certainly more scientific—to look upon the originator of such communications as angelic messengers or one's guardian spirit.

"I believe in the still, small voice," said Emerson, "and that voice is the Christ in me." He

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evidently believed the voices of guidance come from the *Subliminal Self*. But Emerson also said: "Every soul is not only the inlet but may be the outlet of all there is in God."

Sensitive persons have the faculty of contact with angelic messengers. I who am sensitive also have in some degree that contact though I am of a very practical nature. I consequently decide that any person may, if he or she desires, contact his or her *Guardian Spirit*. There is something on the other side of the *Deep Mind* or within it so willing to help us—something human and personal. Personalize and make human then your asking.

## Faculty of Contact

Your Faith is the channel down which the answer comes from *The Knower*.

Cultivate the acquaintance of your *Guardian Angel*. Believe that you are guarded and guided. You will get results that will astonish you.

You need not penetrate too deeply into life's mysteries.

Be satisfied simply with divine guidance.

You possess the *Faculty of Contact* with that which is Higher. All persons are in some degree sensitive. Open your mind and heart to the stupendous fact that you can be guided in your practical life. There are wonderful revelations for better living that are yours for the asking.

Your *Guardian Spirit* may not speak to you—in words either mental or audible, but perhaps as an impression.

Ask to know and it shall be given you!

# SPIRITUALISM

## THE COMFORTER

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In the last six years, death has come swift to many throughout the war-torn world; to many these lives seem to have been lost, leaving only sadness and heartbroken loved ones on earth.

Many, so very many of the young, clear eyed, splendid sons of this generation, have not returned. Their physical bodies are lying in foreign fields, yet, we, who are Spiritualists, can not, do not, mourn them in the same way as do many who fail to understand, for to us their continued existence is a glorious reality.

We do not hope or pray for this to be true, we know it. We know they are not able to return to us, but we also know they can and do live very close—sharing with us our joys, yes! . . . and our sorrows.

## Only One Message

Many of these young men have returned and communicated with me since their passing. Some have been in great distress over the intense grief of their people. Many others pleaded with me to get in touch with their families, so they could be able to give full details of their passing and continued existence. *This has been done.*

Their messages are so much the same: "Tell them I am not dead"; "Tell them I am home with them"; "Please ask them not to grieve for me, it hurts terribly."

The replies I received from some of my letters must have been very disheartening to the boys "over yonder" for many of these replies were quite abusive.

I am not disturbed by their answers because I realize how very difficult it must be for people of strong orthodox views to accept

THIS IS "POPPY"



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The picture (above) was painted by Marcel Poncin, noted English psychic artist. It is "POPPY", spirit collaborator of Lillian Bailey, whose article appears on this page.

It was "Poppy" who manifested through Mrs. Bailey's trance mediumship in London recently and brought to the editors of *Psychic Observer* conclusive evidence for survival . . . proving conclusively, in this instance, that the mind of the medium can be ruled out during trance communications.

the fact of communication as we know it.

However, I am quite certain that the vast army of young men, on the spirit side, will eventually break down the outer crust. I am also positive that, in time, finer standards of communication will arise from their combined efforts.

## Man's Spiritual Heritage

And when this does happen nothing can stop the great flood of spiritual energies released by their longing to have their dear ones on earth realize the great truth—that life is a glorious adventure and death a mere incident in it.

I am reminded, as I write, of an experience that happened in our home circle years ago. This incident shows how religion can set barriers which prevent us from seeing the true facts of life—actually religion has little to do with natural law. And then, too, how we worship God does not matter but what does matter is what we are doing to help others in his name.

Man's heritage is a spiritual one. Be he Catholic, Protestant, Agnostic or cannibal, he will survive death—*Eternal life is his and to have it more abundantly he should add to his faith, KNOWLEDGE.*

## They See a Light

Now to get back to the experience to which I have referred. Seven of us sat in "an upper room" for direct-voice. We had been sitting for about a quarter of an hour when we heard a quiet, beautifully modulated voice saying: "I forbid you to go on, you cannot, you must not try to speak with the dead."

We asked who was speaking. He gave his name and told us he was a priest and that he lived in Ireland.

We then said: "How have you come here? Do you not know that physically you are dead?"



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He replied, "No! I am not dead, I came in by the door."

We talked a while as we knew he was a little bewildered as to how he had entered the house. We told him this was England and a long way from his Irish home.

Then a guide, who was in charge of the circle, talked to him and helped him on his way.

Some time later, a few months, in fact, our Irish friend returned. He seemed full of joy and told us he had, for a considerable period of time, been quite aware that he had passed through the change called death. When he saw the light from our circle he was attracted to it but because of his firm belief he felt compelled to try to stop us.

## Cast Aside—FEAR

However, before he left he said that from then onward he would like for us to think of him as our friend and closed his talk by saying:

"From the vantage point which is now mine, I can see with an awful clarity. I can discern with an understanding that makes my soul cry out to return and present the reality. I thought I had it. I tried to write it and preach it. I can do no less than return to earth and put it right, for . . . how else can I live?"

"The wine of life as I now know it has gone to my head. Its beauty and warmth has intoxicated me and I would give to drink, those whom I love, a measure of this potent draught that they, too, may make merry with me, and help me to infuse into those dead and decayed fossilized religionists something that is real and true.

"Knowledge of this life and spirit communication is something that will bring Christ into lives and renew the faith of those who have forgotten what God really means. Let us cast from us the superstition and fear that has so long enshrouded physical death."

After this inspiring message, our Irish friend concluded his visit with an equally inspiring poem. We have not heard from him since but we did write to a certain town in Ireland and found that he certainly had been well known there. Furthermore, we were told that HE DIED OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO.

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# LADY CAILLARD'S TESTIMONY

## (A STARTLING STORY OF SPIRIT RETURN

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which a friend of mine was being taken—a man who had never seen anything of the kind before. I asked if I could come too, but was told that there was no chance as all the places had been taken months before. I was very insistent and begged that if anyone fell through I might be allowed to fill the gap, but I was given no hope.

However, next day I received an urgent message to attend the meeting, and I went. There were ten people at the meeting, and I was surprised to find that I had been given a seat in the middle of the front row.

### Ethel—The Spirit Guide

I had no idea what was going to happen, but I waited patiently, and when the medium had been firmly fixed and examined by everyone, the lights were lowered, and after some prayers and hymns the curtains moved and presently the figure of Ethel appeared as before. She came out from the curtains and gave each of us a flower.

She disappeared, and soon to

our surprise a small colored child showed herself, came outside the curtains and played on a toy piano. She took a paper cap and put it on her head; she laughed and talked with all of us. After staying with us for some little time she said she must go.

### No Exaggeration

None of us knew who, if anyone, was coming after that; but suddenly I heard my husband calling me by a name which only he used, and which no one but he knew. I was amazed. He said "I am coming to show myself to you if I can". And then he appeared.

At first he held out his hand and shook mine with a firm grasp. It was wonderful. He took my hand in his two hands and pressed it to his lips. Two hot tears fell on my hand. I was astounded. As for him, he was so affected by the meeting that he used too much power from the medium and the sitting came to an end. But before he left he asked me to arrange to see him on the anniversary of his passing. He also gave me an ivy leaf and said it meant constancy.

I have given this account of what happened without any exaggeration. I must explain why I was sent for to attend that sitting. A message came through to

the medium that I was to be present that evening, and, not fail. No doubt it was all arranged from the spirit world. I was told by people present at the sitting who all saw my husband just as I did, that I was very fortunate to have had such a manifestation. Many had tried for a long time, but had had no results.

I need not say how pleased I was, or how wonderful I thought it was, to be able not only to see my husband just as he was in the flesh, but also to feel the grasp of his hand and the touch of his lips. This was no hallucination seen only by me. It was seen by ten or more persons present. Here was undoubted evidence of survival after death, and of the power that is given to our dear ones not only to us as they were when with us to speak but to show themselves on earth.

### Caillard's Message

As my husband had asked me to arrange to meet him on the anniversary of his passing I booked a private sitting so that we could meet alone. The second time he appeared to me was even more wonderful than the first. He told me he had prayed hard that he should be allowed to come to me and that he should be allowed to take me in his arms and show himself to me to give me comfort.

This meeting seems almost too sacred to write about, but he has asked me to make it known to the world so that others may be convinced of the great truth of survival.

He said: "You must tell this great truth; you must tell them

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that there is no death, and that nothing matters but LOVE."

That was his message, which I give now in the earnest hope that others may believe and have proof, as I have had, of survival.

### Be Sure of Conditions

I have had another meeting with my spirit husband since then—a wonderful meeting when I saw him just as he was in life, when he told me things which no one but he could have known, and when I was able to touch him, stroke his hair and feel the touch of his lips on mine.

I am quite sure that manifestations such as these are only possible when great love still exists between those on earth and those who have passed over. Only under such circumstances should manifestations be attempted.

Love is the only thing that matters. Love is the greatest of all bonds, and its acts are an armor

which protects us from the influence of other spirits who, as we are told, so often try to interfere in manifestation of spiritual power.

It may interest those who believe that it is wrong to disturb those in the spirit world, and that it hurts them to have to return here to show themselves to us, to hear that I asked my husband if this was the case. His answer was, that he had prayed to God to be allowed to come back to me, and that it was only on account of our great mutual love that his prayer had been granted.

"We are very much blessed," he added, "to be allowed this wonderful privilege."

That is the answer to the whole question of whether we should try to communicate with those who have passed to the other side. If great love exists, try by all means, but not otherwise.

### Spirit's Only Message

You must have that protection which only love can give—protection from evil which exists over there as it does here. You must have the safety which only the armor of love and prayer to God can give.

Without this I do not advise anyone to try and get such manifestations as I have been privileged to have.

This, then, is Sir Vincent's great message to the earth world from the spirit world:

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