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## THE ETERNAL QUEST

Each person must receive his own proof of survival. The truth must be brought home to him in his own personal way. It is the trivial incident that carries conviction.

### The First Requisite Is An "Open Mind"

Basic proof of immortality is the foundation of all religions.

No Concerted Drive Can Destroy It.

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Do we live after physical death? Is there continuity, not only of life itself but of consciousness and moral responsibility? If such be the case, have we any means of demonstrating it?

To those who accept the teachings of Spiritualism, the answer is simple. In every country and at all stages of civilization, there have been individuals who differed from their neighbors, in that they could see and hear beyond the normal range. And there have been other "Queer specimens" who foretold future events with startling accuracy.

When Greece was in her glory, these abnormal persons were set apart for training, their latent powers were unfolded systematically, they were consecrated for service in the temples of the high gods. Moreover, the woman with such a gift was married to a man with similar powers, with the hope that greater "sensitives" would be born of such a union.

#### Foundations of Religions

It remained for the so-called Christian church to burn witches to death, and exert its influence to put modern mediums in jail. Here and there an eminent man of science has come to the rescue of an unfortunate minority, to whom neither freedom of speech nor freedom of religion is guaranteed by law.

In most of our large cities, the practice of mediumship becomes a crime only when the beneficiaries of its use are asked to pay a fee. This is unreasonable. However, there is nothing reasonable about fanaticism.

Practically, the effort to stamp out mediumship is a concerted attempt to destroy the basic proof of immortality, which is the foundation of all religions. This is so preposterous that few thinking men and women realize what they are saying when they confess a faith that is based entirely on mediumship.

#### Personal Revelations

Most of them would be shocked at the contents of J. Arthur Finlay's book, "Rock of Truth" (Dale News, Inc., \$2.00) which ascribes to Jesus the gifts of clairaudience, clairvoyance and the ability to produce startling and convincing physical phenomena.

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Psychic Observer, of two articles dealing with apports, letters from all over the United States have come to me asking for more light. Over and over the question is stated, "Why is the world so slow to accept such dramatic evi-

Usually the writer has had personal revelations, which render acceptance easy. It is not hard to believe what we already know—or at least what we earnestly wish to believe.

#### What Is Proof?

In the main, these friendly letters are accompanied by seance room tests or weird premonitions, such as might indicate that "coming events do cast their shadows before them."

In my psychic filing case I have material enough for another volume as a sequel to "Where Do We Go From Here?" Unfortunately, I am unable to use it. I am so constituted that I can write convincingly only of the things I have myself experienced.

To one of the most frequently repeated demands, made by believers and skeptics alike, I have long desired to make reply. "What constitutes proof of survival?"

As usual, I must begin by quoting Dr. Hervey Hyslop. Having fought a hard battle with modern psychologists, who account for all psychic phenomena as either telepathy or fraud, he set himself the task of accumulating evidence that could not have originated in any human mind, either that of the medium or that of the investigator.

#### Hamlin Garland

In doubtful cases he went far beyond the immediate circle. He said: "A discarnate spirit, speaking through an authentic and absolutely honest medium, makes a statement of facts that are not known to any living person. If some means is discovered whereby these facts can be established, the psychologists are left without a leg to stand on. Life after death is established."

During his forty years of investigation, Hamlin Garland made use of the Hyslop test:

"If the substance of what a spirit states, under test conditions, can be proved to exist in the mind of any living person—whether present or thousands of miles away—it cannot be accepted as final proof."

Such a condition would imply the existence of "Selective telepathy," which the psychologists themselves do not recognize. The hard-boiled professor of Logic insists that one mind cannot communicate with another, excepting by means of the physical senses of hearing, sight or touch.

#### Sifting the Evidence

Two persons may happen to think of a thing at the same time, because of a mutual reminder, such as the strains of a song they had heard under peculiar circumstances; the deep roar of a steamboat whistle; a perfume some forgotten friend used to overdo, in the long-ago. One of the persons thus impressed might casually mention the name of the friend associated with the song, the whistle or the fragrance.

The other would almost inevitably exclaim: "Why, you read my mind! I was just thinking about So-and-So."

To the Spiritualist, who has been taught that minds which are in tune can communicate directly, whenever communication is necessary, this cumbersome explanation seems foolish. The ether all around us is full of living beings. They talk to each other without the use of vocal organs, and under proper conditions they are able to carry messages from one friend to another on the earth plane.

In the presence of a medium this interchange of ideas and thoughts takes on an altogether different form. It has been my blessed privilege to induct several hundred seekers after truth or consolation into the mysteries of the seance room.

#### Love Does Not Die

The majority of these have sought my intervention because of the book, "Where Do We Go From Here," and within the past four years because of my articles in Psychic Observer. A letter or a telephone conversation usually is the first step.

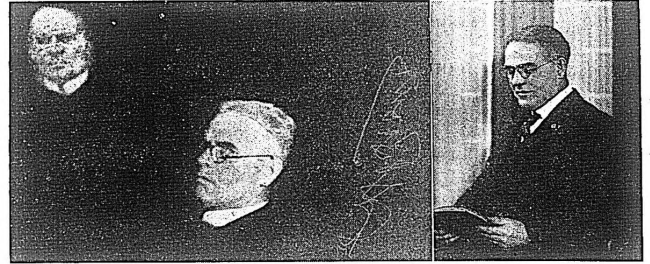
Almost without exception the inquirer has lost a loved one. Death is so final, and yet the bereaved one knows that love does not die. It would be comforting to hear the voice again, to feel the touch of a warm hand, to have the assurance that those who die have not forgotten. This yearning always arouses my sympathy.

I have spent many hours preparing sitters for their first experience. Hence I know what obstacles the novice is likely to impose.

One highly intelligent woman,

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## HE PROMISED TO RETURN...AND DID. HERE'S THE PROOF!



### MORE SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY AT CAMP SILVER BELLE

Less than a year ago, Joseph W. Cushing of Lily Dale, N. Y. and Miami, Florida, passed away. He had always promised his wife, Rev. Sarah W. Cushing, that he would return and, in such a way, that there would be no doubt as to his own personal conscious survival.

Several months ago, during a visit to Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pa., editors of Psychic Observer attended a semi-private spirit photography demonstration conducted by J. Edward. There were about twenty persons present.

Eight of this number sat in a circle with Edward, each holding by their finger tips, a grip on an undeveloped camera plate. The plate was initialed by L. S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa. The signature can be checked by placing the picture (above) before a mirror.

After the prayer and some singing, the lights were extinguished . . . leaving the seance room in total darkness but all the while each member of the group retained their grasp on the plate.

In less than three minutes, Edward asked for "lights" and, with a committee, retired to the developing room; all returning shortly with the negative which Edward held up to the light. It was not till the proofs were received that the picture was positively identified.

It is imperative to remember that Mrs. Cushing was not present at the time this picture was taken but all knew her well and were aware her husband had passed away but had no thought of it, at the time.

When shown the picture at Lily Dale, several days later, she declared it to be the most positive evidence of survival she had ever known. Although a splendid trance medium herself, she appreciates the value of the phenomena. It always seems difficult for mediums "to get anything" for themselves.



Sarah Cushing

Rev. Sarah W. Cushing, noted lecturer, clairvoyant and trance medium; Trustee of The General Assembly of Spiritualists and wife of the late Joseph W. Cushing.

The picture of Rev. Cushing, upper left, taken by Richard Guiley, Warren, Pa., was snapped last summer, outside Cushing's "Sunshine Retreat" residence, No. 14 Cottage Row, Lily Dale, N. Y.

Just recently, Rev. Cushing purchased the remodeled "Fred Hall" residence, No. 4 Cottage Row on Melrose Park, facing the home of Psychic Observer.

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# NAPOLEON—Was He Psychic?

What Supernormal Powers Were Possessed By This Man Who Became an Emperor Only To Pass Away a Lonely Prisoner?

While Doing Good, He Was "An Instrument in the Hands of Higher Powers."

By T. K. DOODY

When you pick up a biography of Napoleon Bonaparte, you'll probably be told that over forty thousand books have been written about him—and no one knows how many more remain to be written. They appear at the rate of at least two a year.

We know more about him than any other personage in history. We know the menus of his meals, even the angle of his grenadier's hat. We know what he did, what he said, what he thought. He has been laid on the dissection table and analyzed to the last detail.

Yes, listen to what his most distinguished biographers say. Lord Roseberry calls him a "problem." To Emil Ludwig, he is an "enigma." Bloy says "we are confronted by one of the most formidable mysteries in history." And Masson, who wrote eighteen books about him, confesses that, after thirty years' study, "I have even less comprehension of this extraordinary being."

## Providence Uses Such Men

Looked at from the orthodox viewpoint, it seems that Napoleon is unexplainable. Let us take a look at him from the occult viewpoint.

In one of his books, Paul Brunton, in a passing reference to Napoleon, makes this suggestive comment: "Bonaparte was a psychological mystery . . . an unconscious Yogi, an instrument in the hands of higher powers."

Professor Holland Rose takes the same line — "Providence uses such men while they serve its mysterious designs for the uplifting of the race."

These remarks will probably surprise those readers who have hitherto regarded Napoleon as a sort of glorified gangster, and the forerunner of the repulsive Fuhrer.

The term "Yogi" is not inapt, when applied to "Napoleon." Not that he sat all day in "Pranayama," with his legs crossed, or that his nights were spent in meditation upon the Absolute. Far from it. But consider the following striking points of resemblance.

## Amazing Energy

The *Haisha Yogis* are noted throughout the Orient for their remarkable feats of endurance. I doubt if one of these feats could have been duplicated by Napoleon.

His body was not strong; but it was, as one of his ministers remarked, "the slave of his mind." It had to obey his will, whatever the cost. He flogged it unmercifully.

As *Firs Consul*, he used to preside over meetings which sometimes lasted for fifteen hours at a stretch. He would be as fresh at the end of the sitting as at the beginning.

He dictated continuously for twelve hours without the slightest inconvenience. His ministers and generals groaned and collapsed under the terrific strains he placed upon them. And, however hard they worked, he worked three times as hard. The Russian, *Doestievsky*, said: "He was made of bronze, not flesh."

This amazing energy lasted

"I had an inner sense of what awaited me"



NAPOLÉON BONAPARTE (1769-1821)

without a single break for thirty years.

The Yogis devote hard practice to the development of Attention and Concentration. Napoleon did not have to. He possessed those enviable gifts from childhood.

"Nothing can divert the Emperor's attention," says one of his contemporaries, "Anything outside the task he is bent upon simply ceases to exist."

"The force and continuity of his mind is marvelous," says another.

Napoleon could grasp the essentials of a problem before his subordinates were aware that a problem existed. This is the secret of his great military victories—or rather part of the secret, as we shall see later on.

## Personal Magnetism

The great leaders of history—Buddha, Caesar, Christ—have one characteristic in common: the ability to mould men's minds to their will, to drag a bewildered humanity at their very heels.

Napoleon possessed this power in a degree exceeded by no man since the days of the Nazarene.

"My material power was great," Napoleon once said, "but my power over men's minds was greater still. It amounted to magic."

He was not exaggerating. A strange, thrilling magnetism which was felt not only by his associates, but also by his enemies, emanated from him.

Readers who know something of French history will realize that Napoleon's satellites were not men easy to dominate. Talleyrand, master of intrigue, and the clever-

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est foreign minister alive at that time, called him "a devil."

Murat, a swashbuckling gallant who is regarded as one of the great cavalry leaders of all time, became quite sheepish in his presence.

The list could be extended indefinitely. Ney, Massena, Augereau, Marmont, all confessed, directly or indirectly, that they either feared or loved Napoleon.

His effect on women was equally striking. At a reception in Dresden in 1812, when he marched between the lines of bowing ladies, it was noticed that, as he passed, each one became agitated and blushed furiously.

When his soldiers knew he was present on the battlefield, their fanaticism rose to fever pitch and they became "like men possessed."

## Intuitive Foreknowledge

Napoleon once said, "There are twin souls inside me." One of these souls was that of the soldier, the administrator, the emperor, and is perfectly comprehensible. The other is a strange sort of soul that not even the psycho-analyst can venture to explain.

On the one side, we have the man of action, hard, practical, even ruthless if necessary. On the other, we find "an everlasting sleep-walker," a superstitious dreamer, a man who confessed that he didn't know what he was doing or where he was going.

"What point was I driving at? I did not know. I never was my own master."

A strange confession from a man of Napoleon's caliber. He compared himself to a fragment of rock hurled into space, obeying the will of someone else or something else. Sometimes he called this force "Destiny," other times he called it "my star."

"What is written in the heavens is written," he remarked to Josephine. "We cannot escape our fate."

All his life he was dominated by the thought of this special star. "One must always be guided by one's star," he said. And another time, "He wanted to harm me, but my star would not let him."

## Invincible Confidence

This belief gave Napoleon an invincible confidence in himself, which communicated to others and especially to his soldiers.

He was intensely superstitious, though some of his admirers deny this. He hated open doors and broken mirrors. Three candles alight at the same time made him uneasy.

Napoleon never let omens of ill-fortune influence his decisions in any way. What did influence him—far more than he ever cared to

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admit — were those mysterious premonitions which visited him from time to time.

When he was a schoolboy he began an essay entitled "St. Helena." He wrote only three words, "a small island," and then his hand stopped as though paralyzed. He could not be induced to finish the essay.

He never explained that abrupt ending. His schoolfellow, Bourcigne, who later became his secretary supplies us with the probable explanation.

"Bonaparte," he said, "seemed to have a magnetic prevision of his coming future." It was not simply ordinary foresight, but a "clairvoyant intuition."

## A Sixth Sense

Napoleon himself confirms this: "I always had an inner sense of what awaited me."

This "inner sense" served him during his most critical battles. Eye-witnesses have described how he would command silence from those about him, and then sit staring into space, like a man in a trance. Suddenly, he would spring up and issue orders. A few hours later, in almost every case, the enemy were either routed or annihilated.

These trance-like states were not infrequent in Napoleon's career. He could apparently enter them when he liked. Before his most famous victory, *Austerlitz*, his sleep resembled that of a dead man.

Sometimes this withdrawal of consciousness was sudden and involuntary. This took place at the reception on the occasion of his marriage to Marie Louise of Austria.

He was walking forward to receive the congratulations of his courtiers when he came to a sudden stop; with his eyes fixed on the door. He remained still as a statue for fully ten minutes, completely oblivious of his surroundings.

## A Supersensitive Mind

At last one of the bewildered company ventured to address him. Napoleon jerked, glanced round in a dazed manner, and then withdrew.

This and similar incidents in his life remind us of the *Samadhi*, or mystical trance, into which Oriental ascetics sometimes slip without any preliminary warning.

At such times Napoleon's mind seemed to become supersensitive. One of his intimates, Segur, records what appears to be an instance of telepathy.

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# WHEN CHILDREN ARE MEDIUMS

For over a quarter of a century, records show that children, who are psychic, have learned, through bitter experience to deny their gifts. Only those with strongest natural power can survive.

When children are psychic, their elders are often too dense to recognize the truth.

By

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Many natural mediums tell that as children they suffered not only misunderstanding but often actual corporal punishment for lying. Whippings from elders too dense to recognize the truth when it came from the lips of their own child. Such experiences burn an indelible impression on the sensitive young mind.

No doubt many a child medium has learned through bitter experience to deny his gifts until they faded from his consciousness. Only ones with the strongest natural power could survive, and some of them grew to fear and despise this thing which made them different.

Recently I met such a woman. As a child, wonderful physical phenomena occurred wherever she was: so her folks browbeat her, had her prayed over by the minister, tried to drive out the evil spirits with holy relics and finally banished her from home when she was twelve.

## A Child Senses

Her "bad luck" followed her for years. She has never been to a Spiritualist church. She promised to go with me, but never has. It is plain that she feels she has finally got pretty well away from it, and it is so associated with trouble in her mind that she can not bring herself to do anything that might encourage its return. A wonderful gift stifled by persecution.

Most spiritualists agree that nearly all children, in their greater purity and simplicity, enjoy a spirit communion that is largely lost as they grow older. When their fancies are discouraged as tall stories, and when they are trained in Sunday school, public school and home to discredit the psychic it is little wonder that none but the strongest natural mediums keep their gift past early childhood.

Maybe most would have lost it anyway. Maybe that is to be expected since the chief interest of most healthy youth is in the physical and the material. But we can not ignore the fact that it does exist for awhile.

No doubt many a child's imaginative play is nothing more. Mine was not—as far as I remember, and I know if I had seen spirit after I was four years old I would remember it. I depended a lot on my imagination, but I never pretended it was anything else so I got in no trouble over it.

But when a little child cries and insists he did see Indians or was playing with a little girl. I firmly believe that he is likely to be telling the truth. Although I have never seen spirit forms myself I know it is possible, and the parent who feels he must prevent his child being a liar by making an issue of such things is doing the child one of the greatest injustices one human can inflict on another if the child did see spirit.

If it did not see spirit, the best course is still to ignore the whole thing so the child loses the desire to fabricate when it receives so little attention.

So the only way is to treat the child's stories with casualness so he is neither overly encouraged nor discouraged. The sensitive child may be loath to talk about his spirit friends. I have seen that happen to my own four-year-old, but not before I gained some valuable information.

## Spiritualism Only Answer

Selma began imaginative games such as having tea parties when she was two. We gave it no thought beyond fond amusement. She used names of children she knew. When she was three and one-half I dis-

covered that Spiritualism is the answer to my years of seeking the truth.

About the same time, Selma's play began to center about an unseen child whom she called *Mary Alice*. There was no difference in her play, but I wondered why she had suddenly invented a name entirely new to her.

When I asked her she merely said, "She told me that's her name."

A few weeks later a neighbor whose three-year-old daughter often played with Selma asked me, "Who on earth is *Mary Alice*?"

## Spirits Real to Them

I told her that while I had no idea where she had heard the name Selma was using it for an imaginary playmate. She said her little girl spoke of *Mary Alice* as if she were a real child living at Selma's house.

Later I often heard her and Selma speak of *Mary Alice*, and have heard her call and ask Selma if *Mary Alice* was at our house that day. That is the only child who has shared *Mary Alice* with Selma. It seems that she goes away when the others come. I became accustomed to the play, and still did not attribute it to spirit.

The day when I first felt it was something more than imagination I heard Selma enter her room and say in surprise, "Well, hello, little girl! What's your name? I said, what's your name? . . . Well, if you won't tell me your name how can we play? I guess I'll call you Donna." (the name of a friend).

## Children Hear Them

The child did not stay long, but somehow the conversation made me believe Selma did see the spirit form of a little girl. I remembered how she had come to me a few days before and asked how it was that *Mary Alice* never goes to the toilet, and how real was her concern. So when she came out of her room I asked my first question.

"Where does *Mary Alice* live?" I asked casually.

Imagine my feeling when Selma turned to me very seriously and said slowly and clearly without a trace of babyishness, "Do you know, mama—she lives where I lived before I came to live with you."

I was so taken back I could only say rather weakly, "Why do you say that, honey?" to which she replied with the same earnestness, "That's what she says."

Needless to say, I listened more carefully to her play with *Mary Alice* after that. I noticed that she generally began with, "Oh, here is *Mary Alice*," or "*Mary Alice* is back."

## My Greatest Discovery

One morning we were going to the beach, and as we went to the car Selma began to worry because *Mary Alice* was not with us to go along. As I started the car she cried, "Here she comes. Look out mama, the car will run over her!" and just as she was about to cry she said, "Why here she is in the car, now." She seemed bewildered at the way in which *Mary Alice* had evidently passed through the front of the car.

"Where has she been?" I asked my second question as casually as the first some weeks before. "Oh, she says she had some work to do," Selma said gaily, happy to have *Mary Alice* with her again.

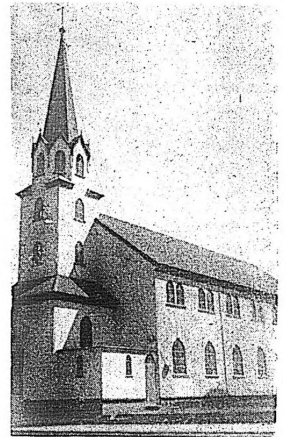
I made my first mistake and my greatest discovery one day last winter when I asked what *Mary Alice* looks like. In the look of incredulity which Selma turned

# ICELAND NEEDS MEDIUMS

## My Two-Hour Talk With The Primate

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by the  
Bishop of Iceland

By HORACE LEAF, F.R.G.S.



The picture above, "the Friðrikjanní" or Free Church, Reykjavik, Iceland . . . where Horace Leaf held his first Spiritualist message service.

The State Church of Iceland is an impressive example of Christian broad-mindedness. I have returned from a two hours interesting talk with Bishop Sigurdsson, the Primate, and the subject was *Spiritualism and Psychical Research*. He believes that propagating these two aspects of psychic science is a serious and spiritual task which cannot fail to benefit mankind.

He regretted that he had no personal supernatural faculties and powers, as they must, he feels, be of tremendous help to all who desire to spread spiritual knowledge. He has had some experience with mediumship through others, and has evidently been impressed by them as he actually encourages people to investigate.

Never once did he attempt, throughout the interview, to interpose theological opinions, but was anxious to learn to what extent mediumship could strengthen one's conviction of man's spiritual nature: and desired to know what spirit-communicators said about the Beyond and mankind's relationship to God.

## Lutherans Interest

This attitude naturally increases public opinion in the Mission I am carrying on under the sponsorship of Spiritualists and psychical researchers, for both have united in forwarding the work.

My interpreter for the public lectures was Rev. Jakob Jonsson, one of the best known ministers in Iceland. He is thoroughly acquainted with our movement with strong attachment to the science of it, a line which I have been required to pay close attention.

I attended divine service in the Cathedral and listened to the Rev. Audun preach over the air from the pulpit on psychic phenomena in the Bible. A large congregation listened with rapt attention.

Two other Lutheran clergymen, who unflinchingly forward our cause when opportunity arises, are the Reverend Jon Thorarensen, and the Reverend Frideriksson. I lectured in the latter minister's church some years ago in Wynyard, Canada, and shall be meeting him in Reykjavik shortly.

## Never in a Hurry

I have already conducted a series of meetings and seances preparatory to bigger efforts which lie just ahead. Icelanders are never in an unnecessary hurry, and the greatest care is being taken to prepare the public for what is to come. Later on, I shall have a chance to travel to other cities and see much of this remarkable and thrilling country.

There are many mediums here.

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none of whom are professional. That is perhaps the outstanding weakness, as most of them are too busy to devote themselves sufficiently to the subject to become fully developed.

Icelanders seem to be more spiritually inclined than most European races, partly because of their isolation, and the fact that there has been much less to distract them from religion than in larger and busier cities, such as London, Paris and New York City.

There is a lot of learning here, and many people have studied the extensive folk-lore that has been built up on the island during the last eleven hundred years. I shall have occasion to mention some of these strange and illuminating traditions later on.

There is only one physical medium on the island as far as I can gather—*Laura Agustsdottir*. I have yet to sit with her and shall then report what happens.

## Iceland's Great Medium

Spiritualists are very influential in various departments of life, particularly political, and it is interesting to know that even the Foreign Minister of Iceland is sympathetic and did all he could to facilitate my visit.

The two great personalities in Spiritualism and psychical research have been the Rev. Haraldur Neilsson and Einar H. Kvaran. Haraldur Neilsson, who was Professor of Theology at *Rekjavik University*, and the spiritual father of most of the elder clergy, including the Primate, was well-known to myself and other British Spiritualists. His investigations into the phenomena of mediumship brought him to England frequently, and it was he who instilled into the clerical mind here the present sympathy to us.

Einar Kvaran was perhaps the best known Icelandic poet, novelist and journalist of his day.

Both these gentlemen have passed away, but their influence is still very strong. The greatest medium the country has had was *Indridi Indridason* who died a young man. His mediumship puts him in the same class as *Daniel Dunglass Home*, and he was just as versatile. There seems to have been no form of mediumship that he did not excel in. Like Home he died of tuberculosis.

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# MEDIUMSHIP

## What It Is

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By Alfred Vout Peters

A great deal has been written about mediumship by people who have only been able to study it from outside, but with few exceptions hardly anyone within the ranks of mediums has attempted to explain this most difficult, intricate and really fascinating subject.

What is mediumship? and under what heading can we class this elusive faculty? have been the questions which have puzzled students of psychic phenomena. After a close analysis of my own medial powers, and those of my brother and sister mediums, I am convinced that it is an extension of the so-called artistic faculty, the faculty by which the musician is able to interpret the mystery of sound, the artist to express in color and the beauty of nature and the human face and form, and the actor to illustrate the varying aspects of human life as depicted in the drama.

### Not a Contradiction

The medium, however, strikes a higher octave, and reaches out to a sphere beyond that of the earth and the emotions that we are familiar with. By reason of his supersensitiveness he is able to interpret things which belong to the realm of what we know as existence spiritual; and what is more important he is helped by, and works in co-operation with, the inhabitants of that realm.

Mediumship is a faculty that is at once normal and abnormal. This seems a contradiction, but the whole of life is more or less colored by our point of view, and mediumship must be regarded as normal, if we consider the artist as normal, and only as abnormal if we consider the artist as an eccentric.

The faculty of mediumship is a talent in seven out of every ten persons. It is active in most children until it is smothered by contact with the outer world. We are all familiar with the feminine method of asserting knowledge on some subject without being able to explain how this knowledge has been acquired. This gift of intuitive knowledge is only a small and not very well understood part of mediumship.

### What Induces Control

Now mediumship stands apart from all the other faculties that we are familiar with, inasmuch as it depends not upon the medium alone but upon outside powers claiming to be spirits of men and women who have left the flesh, and who claim to originate the phenomena familiar to us.

And now it may be of interest if I give some of my experiences on the inner side. I was always a curious child, and used to be visited by remarkable dreams, but I was twenty-six before I took part in a seance. This was held at the house of my sister-in-law, and obtained raps and knocks and answers to questions, I felt a sensation of drowsiness creeping over me.

Then I seemed to be looking from the ceiling down on the other sitters, and presently a voice not mine was proceeding from my mouth, calling my sister-in-law by a pet name, that I found after-

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Alfred Vout Peters, (b) 1867; figures in Sir Oliver Lodge's "Raymond" which was mostly written around seances with Gladys Osborne Leonard and himself. His spirit collaborator is "Moonstone" a Red Indian but he also had the strange experience of being controlled by a living person. He scored conspicuous success in psychometrising Johanna Southcott's box at the National Laboratory of Psychical Research, in 1927, before the box was officially opened.

wards my brother had used in earth-life, but of which I had never heard. Then the voice of my mother spoke, after which I regained the power of normal control. All the time I was not entirely unconscious, but knew that it was not myself that was speaking.

During the second seance I was conscious that I saw the spirits of the so-called dead, and thereafter I commenced to sit at home, and obtained automatic writing and drawing.

The questions are often asked—What is the meaning of control? and how is it induced or brought about? We are told that it is a self-induced hypnotic state, and that the alleged control is simply the personality of the medium, or at the lowest that we are simply acting and deceiving the sitters.

### Trance Technique

Now to understand the process of control by disincarnate beings we must understand the mesmeric or magnetic control that is produced by a hypnotist in the flesh. When we understand this it is plain. Mediums are simply magnetized by spirit beings, and as I have seen the process many times I will try to describe it.

The spirit operator commences to make passes down the medium's face and then from the crown of the head down the spine. At first the passes are made slowly, afterwards very quickly, till full control is obtained over the medium,

when a hand is gently laid on his head. The sensations during this process are very pleasant, and a feeling of languor is induced which is very soothing. The eyes close, the hands and feet become insensible, and sounds and voices gradually recede as the control becomes stronger until the medium is in the magnetic state.

### Improve Your Mediumship

The spirit then approaches and stands in the medium's aura, and from that position is able to manipulate his brain and afterwards his whole body. This control varies in different conditions. Sometimes it is so deep that the normal consciousness is quite blotted out, and sometimes it is as if a voice is speaking in some far away place which has nothing to do with the medium.

I have seen my own controls materialize and one of them has spoken to me in a seance. But how much of the information that we receive is derived from the outside spirit intelligence, and how much from the medium must be left to the judgment of the sitter, as sometimes the information coming through the medium's brain had become disturbed by his own ideas.

How can one's mediumship be improved? is a question often asked. In reply I would emphasize three essentials—first, a non-flesh diet, eliminating tobacco and alcohol; second, exercise in the fresh air daily; and third, ample rest for body and mind.

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## The Eternal QUEST

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the widow of a college professor, said to me after an hour's earnest talk: "My husband and I were interested in these matters, and during his last illness he wrote a sentence on paper which he gave to me. If I should ever go to a seance, he would speak those identical words. But if some voice should come through, calling his name or asking for me. I must insist on the pass-word. No other evidence would satisfy me."

To this she added, "From your book and what you have told me. I know Myrtle Brown must be a highly developed medium, but she may also be a mind-reader."

"So what?" I said. "You want assurance that the person who speaks to you is actually your husband. The sentence written on a slip of paper is in your mind as well as his. So you wouldn't get anything but mind-reading, after all. Why don't you go with your own mind open? Professor W. was a brilliant man. He should have ingenuously enough to give you proof that would convince you."

I purposely avoided telling Myrtle anything about the sitter, excepting that I was sure of her sincerity. In the beginning she was nervous and a little frightened, so I kept hold of her hand, and from time to time whispered explanations in her ear.

### A Medium Explains

First her mother spoke to her. She faltered a response. Then her mother-in-law, with the announcement, "I've brought my boy. You're not afraid of him."

The next instant a strong masculine voice exclaimed: "Dearest, we're not going to waste time on pass-words. I've thought up a more convincing test. Hold out your left hand, palm up."

"Then all of us heard her cry: "Oh, oh, oh! That's wonderful. Do it again. Now I can never doubt."

After the seance Myrtle said to her, "I am not usually clairvoyant during a sitting, because Dr. Parker, my spirit collaborator, concentrates all my forces for the physical phenomena. But he permitted me to see what your husband was doing. With his index finger he wrote something in the palm of your hand. Then he closed your fingers over what he had written, and played with your ring, twisting it back and forth."

Whether the sentence written by a spirit finger was the one agreed upon or merely, "I love you," is of no consequence. It was absolutely convincing, and that is all that matters.

### Physical Phenomena

Among the scores of experiences which it has been my privilege to share, I must mention one that made a profound impression. The man in question was a Swede whose brother had died in Stockholm. It was interesting to hear Swedish spoken and sung. And since Myrtle Brown knows no Swedish, this should have been convincing.

Still there was a lingering doubt in the mind of the man who

had been reared in the orthodox Lutheran faith, and had been taught that it is a sin to "traffic with witches and disturb the dead."

On the occasion of his second sitting, the question of impersonation was answered definitely, for one practical man who knew evidence when he felt it. The brother's voice spoke to him, without the trumpet, accusing him of harboring doubt, and repeating parts of the conversation that had followed the first seance. Then he commanded, "Put your hand inside the trumpet—and get a good grip on what you feel. But don't try to pull it out and take it home with you."

### Twenty Years' Experience

There was an exclamation of astonishment, followed by some goodnatured teasing on the part of a man who had been "dead" twenty years. The sitter's wife demanded to know what had taken place.

"It wouldn't mean a thing to anyone but me," he explained. "My brother had a deformed thumb, with a double nail. He always had to have his gloves made to order, to accommodate that big thumb. When I put my hand into the mouth of the trumpet—there was Olaf's hand, just as solid as mine, and he dug me with that double nail. He used to tell me when we were boys that I was hard to convince. Well, I'm convinced!"

After twenty years of psychic investigation, I could multiply instances of proof that there is no death. Unfortunately for the doubter, he has to have the truth brought home to him in his own personal way. Again to quote Dr. Hyslop, it is the trivial incident that carries conviction. And for satisfactory evidence the first requisite is an open mind.



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"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against Principalities, against Powers, against the Rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Eph. 6.12).

In view of the present chaotic state of the whole world in practically every branch of human activity the above quotation would appear to have a particularly apt and prophetic significance in these our times.

It is presumed that the human species as we know it, came into objective being through "ADAM."

Such information as is available from the ancient records, furnishes a poetic account of this happening taking place in a "Garden of Eden."

There is no known geographical location of this "garden," from which it may be presumed that the account of Adam, Eve, the Serpent and the Tree of Knowledge are all symbolic interpretations of some specific Celestial event, having an Occult basis in another dimension and presumably a Spiritual one, about which the finite intellect is inhibited from comprehending in full.

## Who Was Lucifer?

From the same records (Rev. 12, v. 7, onwards) we read of the "War in Heaven," Heaven being a Spiritual state of Consciousness.

The contending parties being, (for want of a better word), the "Ray children" of The Supreme Creator divided amongst themselves, being led by two mighty Spiritual Beings viz:—the Archangel "LUCIFER" and the Archangel "MICHAEL."

We are informed that Lucifer was expelled from the Holy Presence for disobedience and interference in connection with the Creative plan for populating the Earth plane. Lucifer is, therefore, regarded as the instigator of original Sin or Evil, whilst Michael who contended against him, has in some quarters been identified with the Spirit of The Christ. "Before the world was formed I AM."

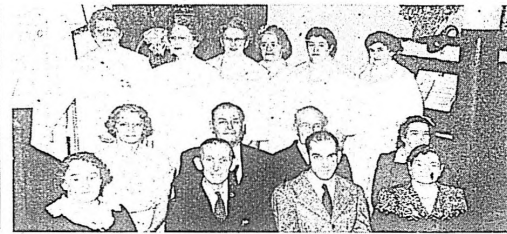
Presuming that there were legions of these "Ray children," the company would logically be divided into factions i.e. those who sided with Lucifer and those who stood firm with Michael.

## Book of Genesis

Now it is interesting to note that the physical embodiment of ADAM on this terrestrial plane apparently took place after the appearance of some other physical beings had been created who were of great stature and fierce of demeanor called GIANTS, see Cruden's Concordance and Gen. 6.4; Whence came these "Giants"?—Seeing that Lucifer was expelled and cast to the Earth, may it not be postulated that with the creative knowledge he possessed, he together with the rest of the malcontents of his party, were themselves the progenitors of these uncouth Giants.

It is generally accepted that the Book of Genesis really contains two accounts of the Creation process, which would in some measure substantiate the account of the

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physical appearance of these Giants to whom the appellation of "Luciferians" would apply. Thus we have a race of Luciferians and a race of Adamics on the Earth plane at one and the same period.

The Adamics, we are informed, were also a "fallen" people from Grace, but we read that the "fall" (as it is termed) took place in the "Garden of Eden" which we have already seen is a symbol of existence in another dimension.

Adam and Eve's expulsion from the "Garden" would therefore suggest an incarnation into mortal flesh, but redeemed by the Father Creator through the Breathing of the Holy Spirit into Adamic man, who thus became a LIVING SOUL i.e. a psychological Being with a plus of the Divine Consciousness within his own nature and understanding. "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." "Know ye not that your bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit."

## Continent of Atlantis

From these Adamics a sturdy race of Beings was propagated, and the Consciousness of their former state was still present but there were many who fell by the wayside through disobedience to Divine Law.

These Adamics having multiplied exceedingly, ultimately spread over the Earth plane and there exists today reasonable ground for believing in the actual physical existence of a Continent once called "Atlantis," which became submerged beneath the waters and that catastrophe was the cause of the Biblical flood.

Noah, a descendant of the Adamics apparently had foreknowledge of this happening and made provision against the disaster.

Now what became of these "Giants"? Did they and their descendants survive? Some schools of thought postulate that this race of Giants greatly multiplied and developed tremendous Intellectual powers and lived on the continent of Atlantis.

The hypothetical contention is that their origin was of LUCIFER

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—"the Light Bringer," and the light of the mind of man is his Intellect, which however is only a vehicle of the Mind and is not the attribute of WISDOM. This race of Beings would therefore be Lucifer's people, and would be largely dominated and controlled by that Evil Entity.

Apparently the wonderful civilization they built up almost surpasses belief and it is assumed to-day in certain quarters, that these Luciferians possessed tremendous knowledge and produced many of the wonders that our modern civilization is still re-discovering, not excepting the latest discovery of atomic energy.

## Why Worship Intellect?

Some say the misuse of Atomic energy was the direct cause of the Biblical Flood which in no way would deflect from the fact of the latter being an Act of God, calling a halt upon any further iniquitous practices by this race of Intellectuals.

We might do well to ponder over this in view of our own recent discoveries and the purpose to which they have already been applied. Now there would undoubtedly be survivors of this race at the time of the Flood, who would in time emigrate to other parts of the habitable earth, but would still be imbued, controlled and obsessed by their Lord and master Lucifer.

They would continue to worship

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Intellect, and their progeny I suggest are still with us today,—seemingly quite normal people who would be amazed and highly indignant at being classified as Luciferians.

Are there not many Unbelievers, Atheists, Agnostics etc. to be found amongst the Inintelligence of our times, do we not observe this same race of humans flourishing in the days of Jesus—The Christ?

## Why We Have War

Were they not His bitterest opponents and responsible for His physical death? Our Lord rebuked them thus:—"Ye are of your Father—the Devil (Lucifer)," and the off-spring of the Father of Lies."

How shall we account today for the number of people who are Obsessed and Possessed by Evil Entities who, still owing their allegiance to Lucifer endeavor to reoccupy a physical body wherever possible. It may well be that these "Entities," evil Spirits, are somewhat in a hurry to reincarnate, whereas others behave in a more orderly manner and await a favorable opportunity to reincarnate fully and thus become more capable of manifesting their evil intentions with less chances of detection. But "by their fruits shall ye know them."

Has the love of Power, greed, avarice and self-aggrandizement disappeared from the World? Have Wars ceased to be waged which are the combined result of these evil attributes?

Has the Brotherhood of man been established? Do we fear God or the consequences of our transgressions?; the present state of the World is a sufficient answer.

Where are God's people *Is-ra-el*, where are those who sided with MICHAEL?

The Christ stated, that He had "other sheep" to look after, not of this fold, the inference is obvious "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me"—"I am the Good Shepherd" said The Lord; why emphasize the word "good" If not to infer that there were other Shepherds: evil ones: Lucifer's Shepherds.

## Astrological Seasons

The Symbology of the rending of the Veil of The Temple which was presumed to conceal the Priestly Mysteries, together with the practice of Blood Sacrifices is related to this theme, seeing that when it was torn asunder it thus exposed for all time, the fallacy of all Luciferian mysteries, for all those who had eyes to see and wisdom to understand.

In Occult literature we read about the "Great White Lodge"—the Heavenly Hierarchy of which The Christ is the Head Corner-Stone. This Brotherhood is forever contending against the Black Brotherhood or Principalities and Powers of Evil for the full redemption of mankind.

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For almost six years, Rev. William Leach has been associated with Johnson Chapel Psychic Center, 6701 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. This center is under the leadership of Dr. Vessa Huffjan, founder, whose "home circle" has met regularly each week since 1940. All members of the group report a degree of psychic unfold-



ment; the most notable progress being made by Dr. Huffjan and their medium, Rev. Leach whose mediumistic development includes direct-voice, independent voice, trance and clairvoyance.

At the very beginning of the "home circle," Rev. Leach, afflicted with a kind of paralysis, showed improvement. This was due to the help and guidance of Dr. Huffjan and to assistance received psychically from the "healing forces" during their regular seances.

Last summer at Lily Dale, Rev. Leach and the Dr. Huffjan group, sat with the editors of the *Psychic Observer*. During this direct-voice seance, the medium was entranced and, in spite of slight traces of paralysis still affecting the mediumship, the spirit voices were not only fairly audible but the communications were also quite intelligible.

these living Entities or Archangels of The Great White Brethren exercise their Divine Redemptive Thought Forces, through the Planetary Bodies and that which is known as the Zodiac.

The Earth on its rotation round the Solar system becomes imbued and impressed by these Spiritual outpourings and thus we measure Seasons and Times. It is therefore interesting to note how the Ancient and Modern Theologians together with the multiplicity of Ecclesiastical Creeds and Cults have made use of these Astrological Seasons to coincide with their great Religious Festivals.

In times of great trial and stress such as we are witnessing today I suggest it would be of incalculable service and comfort if many "a weary and heavy laden" Soul could appreciate and differentiate between the "Principalities and Powers" and thus open the vehicles of their Spiritual perceptions to be heartened, strengthened, and upheld against the unseen attacks of the disruptive and evil forces, which can only be made manifest through the Mind or Soul of man—therefore "Come Unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I, will give you rest."

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# MY SOLDIER BOY LIVES!

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How I Was Able To Contact My "Dead" Son and Husband.

IT IS WORTH A TRY

By

**Nell King**

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It is very hard to believe in communication with the world beyond the grave unless one has had an experience such as I have had. For years I, too, believed that if there really were a life after death, at least no one could return from it. The more I delved into science the less I believed there was a life at all and it was not until the death of my son that I knew that "life beyond the grave" was really true.

And the strange thing about it was that I did not apparently need to sit for development under the tutelage of anyone to get in touch with my loved ones.

It all seemed to come about this way—my son who was very dear and close to me, closer than most sons are to their mothers, died very suddenly in January 1941. After his death many of his friends told me that in 1939 a "fortune teller" had told him he was going to die in 1941.

## I Was Desperate

On New Year's eve of 1941 he and his friends spoke of the prediction and by the 16th of January he was gone. He had only been sick five days with a form of pneumonia for which no serum had yet been discovered. And although he was a strong healthy boy nothing could be done for him.

The shock of his death was very near unbearable especially since I had lost my husband only a year before by accidental death. I felt in my sorrow if only there were some way I could talk with them, that is if they were really alive.

Always the doubt of another existence hovered near although the prediction of my son's death made me stop and think and I was not as skeptical as I had been in my younger days.

In desperation I went to a medium, not recommended by anyone but just chosen at random from the list of churches in a newspaper. She turned out to be a little old grandmother type and as I remember, her grandchildren, who were with her at the time, continued to annoy us all during the reading.

## Then I Tried

Among the things she told me was that I was going to have a long letter from my son. "Did I ever sit with paper and pencil and try to have him write to me?", she asked. "Well, I should," she advised "because he is going to write you a long letter."

Several times, later on, as I was sitting quietly alone thinking of them as I did almost constantly, I would hold the pencil on some paper. Apathetically and always with misgivings I will confess, but I could not help but try.

One evening when I felt especially sad and lonely I decided to try again the advice of the medium with small hope of success, but at least I felt I should try even though it failed.

Only a few minutes passed when the pencil began to move over the paper! I could tell by the move-

ment of the pencil what was being written. I had only a small piece of paper so I excitedly asked if I should get a larger piece. This I did orally not realizing I could communicate that way.

I was told to get more paper and then I received the long letter which a very dear son who was frantically trying to reach his mother, would write.

Page after page he wrote me and no one can imagine the utter joy, and gladness, and yet the frantic fear, that when he stopped writing he might not come again. But amazingly the messages came just the same the next day and every day after and with them came a peace that "passeth all understanding."

## Affords Untold Comfort

I now know that heaven surely must seem like a nice place in which to live because my son has conveyed this idea to me, not only by writing but also by talking with me as though he were seated in the same room. All of these experiences I have had and many more. Especially do I remember his description of life "over there" which is included in my book "When the Heavens Speak" (Dale News, Inc., \$2.00).

I only wish I could tell each person and especially every mother and father, who have lost a dear son in the war, how to contact their loved ones, but cannot. Nothing more than I have told you here, but it is worth trying and trying again and again.

The comfort I have received from having my son and husband with me again, because we do talk as though they were beside me; Of having his advice in the solving of the complex problems of everyday living, is one of the great joys of life.

I never see him but we can talk more freely than we did when he was living and at anytime of the day or night. You mothers who have lost your sons in this war at least try the same as I did. *Your boy would be so glad and what comfort it would bring yourself.*

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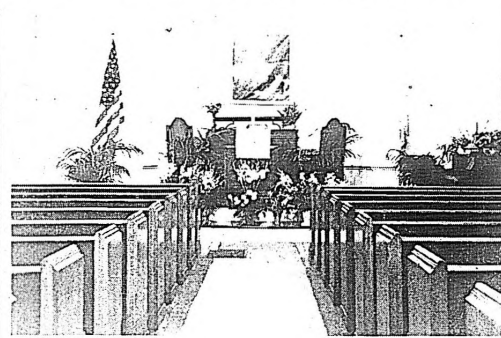
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FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY



The above is a reproduction of a photograph of the interior of The First Spiritualist Church, 276 Main St., Passaic, New Jersey, where regular services are held Sunday morning and evening, and a mid-week message service each Thursday evening. Rev. Ida M. Demopoulos, President of the New Jersey State Spiritualist Association (N.S.A.) and pastor of the church for the past ten years, resides at 271 Park Ave., Paterson, New Jersey.

The church has a seating capacity of 300, a large recreation room and a fully equipped kitchen, study and library.

## ARE CHILDREN MEDIUMS?

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 3)

on me I saw that she realized for the first time that I could not see *Mary Alice*.

Then in a tone of patience approaching exasperation that a child can assume with elders sometimes she explained, "She looks like you. She's my sister. I've told you and told you that she's my sister."

## Could It Be?

That was true, but I had never attached any significance to it. Selma had now passed her fourth birthday. Every only child longs for a brother or sister. I considered that *Mary Alice* brought a sisterly vibration and answered that need in my little girl and I was grateful.

I often thought of *Selma's* true sister who spent only sixteen days on earth in 1935. Her name was *Lois Anne*. The prayer nearest my heart had been that if *Mary Alice* were truly a spirit child, why could she not have been my little *Lois Anne*?

Now I was nearly paralyzed with suspense as for the first time I forgot all my former casualness and pumped *Selma* for information.

All I could get was, "She looks just like you only she's a little girl. I told you she's my sister. That's why she lives with us so much."

Could it be? After all, my other baby had been named *Mary* in the beginning, and after awhile I had decided on *Alice* as the best name to go with it. Not until shortly before her birth did I change to *Lois Anne* to please others.

## Startled By a Child

At first I thought her name would remain *Mary Alice* in my heart, but soon I thought of her only as *Lois Anne*, and so it has remained for eleven years.

If this *Mary Alice* is my child, then why has she retained that name when she was formally named, christened and buried under the name *Lois Anne*? I must add that *Selma* had never been told, to my knowledge (and we are far from my family) of her baby sister in spirit.

I also noticed last winter that *Selma* shows other signs of clairvoyance. It is uncanny how she can "read my mind," finish sentences I start, tell who is telephoning and when there is mail for her. I tried not to attach too much

importance to such, even when she startled me by announcing the contents of packages received through the mail before I knew myself. I kept telling myself that it might be a coincidence.

## The Child Knew!

One day we heard a child screaming. I remarked that I wondered what was the matter with him. *Selma*, busy with blocks on the floor murmured, "His daddy got out of the car and is going back in the house to see what is the matter."

I walked to the window, and saw that she was right, but she could not possibly see from where she was sitting. Other such incidents have happened. Often she makes the statement in a spontaneous way, and then, evidently not knowing how she knew, she changes it to a question, asking me if it is not so.

I had tried to explain her knowing when she has mail by the fact that her mail is generally cards in smaller or odd shaped envelopes. However, the other day the postman handed me the mail and as I walked into the house with it I looked at one envelope of regular size and appearance and *Selma* said, "That one's not for anyone, is it?" It was addressed to our street address only.

## Children Sense Difference

I am not claiming that my child is a paragon. She is just like other children except a little more shy, sensitive and self conscious, and I am sorry to say she cries too easily. I have not only paid very little attention to her mediumship in her presence, but I do not discuss it with friends or even her father who is not sympathetic to

*Spiritualism*. Of course, he has seen for himself, and though he has not punished her in any way she senses his attitude.

I think *Selma* realizes more and more that her sister is not the same as other children. It probably began when she discovered that I can not see her. Also she is often obviously puzzled by the

way her playmate appears and disappears.

Once a guest who had heard *Selma* at play with *Mary Alice* during a former visit tried to capture *Selma's* attention by pretending to play with *Mary Alice* and insisting that he saw her. *Selma*, to everyone's consternation began to cry very bitterly and protest that he couldn't see her because *Mary Alice* had gone to school.

## Always Be Sympathetic

I do not know if those things have had anything to do with it or not, but *Selma* has hardly mentioned *Mary Alice* for more than a month. Maybe the mediumistic phase is passing, especially as she now has mortal playmates most of the time.

Had I not been a spiritualist, I doubt if I would have noticed her clairvoyance beyond passing surprise as she is not spectacular. However, with some mothers she might even have been spanked for untruth.

How well I remember how my nephew at her age would insist that he had seen such and such until his parents felt it their duty to spank him to teach him the difference between his imagination and reality. If he had told those things in the spirit of play he would have had no trouble, but he was such an earnest little fellow, and would insist with such an open, honest face that he was telling the truth that it seemed terrible to his parents that he should be that kind of "liar." He is now grown, and has no memory of that time, but I am glad I have been able to appreciate that phase in *Selma's* life.

While writing this I mentioned to her, "*Mary Alice hasn't been here for a long time, has she?*"

"No," she replied. "She went away to school. But she'll come back—I hope." I hope so, too.

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"Seek and Ye Shall Find"

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, one of Spiritualism's greatest propagandists, passed away over 15 years ago. During his investigations into the case for survival, he sat in hundreds of seances and received conclusive evidence for himself.

Doyle's sons have endeavored to carry on their father's ideals and do their part in spreading the truth they well know BUT have they gone the same road? Have they tried to assemble their own data? Have they sat with dozens of mediums? The records do not show it.

Instead of all that seems to get in print are statements from them that their father wouldn't have said this and that; or that he wouldn't have manifested through so and so! or that his voice wasn't recognizable (as in the case of the recordings of his spirit voice); or that the secret code was not divulged, etc., etc.

Let us hope that they will avail themselves of the opportunity to sit in a few seances (and there are a number of splendid mediums in England) and publicly record the results. Sir Arthur was not reluctant to give the spiritualist mediums full credit; records published in his books prove it. The Doyle boys should not ride on the coat-tails of their father's evidence and conviction, they should set about collecting their own data . . . instead of looking down their noses at communications, received by others, from their famous father.

What Richet Said . . .

When speaking before an audience of "hard-shelled" material scientists some years ago, Professor Charles Richet, noted French

psychic researcher said: "Instead of seeming to ignore Spiritualism, scientists should study it. Physicians, chemists, physiologists, philosophers, ought to take the trouble to know and understand the facts affirmed by Spiritualists. A long and diligent study of the subject is necessary. These truths, when they are better understood, will profoundly modify the puny notions we at present entertain concerning man and the universe."

New Detroit Church

A new Spiritualist Church has opened in the city of Detroit. It is known as The First Trinity Memorial with services every Sunday evening at 2116 Hilliger St., according to the minister, Rev. Lucille N. Mellott, of 676 Continental St., Detroit (14)

REV. MELLOTT Michigan. Rev. Elsie Hicks of Detroit is assistant pastor.

Rev. Mellott, lecturer, mental and trance medium, has been devoting her time to spiritual work for a number of years, having filled engagements at churches in Flint, Detroit and Grand Rapids, Michigan; South Bend, Indiana; and Ithaca, Rochester and Freeville in New York State.

Rev. (Lt. Com.) Fred Jordan, President of The International General Assembly of Spiritualists, will present a charter to the church during the month of November.

Canadian Mediums Approved

W. A. Taylor, enthusiastic psychic researcher and neighbor of the late Brown Landone, Winter Park, Florida, reports an extended trip through Canada, from Nova Scotia to Vancouver. In his letter, Mr. Taylor states that he had the good fortune to participate in two seances, held "on a much improved spiritual level."

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

The First Spiritual Science Church, 114 Maplewood Ave., Portsmouth, New Hampshire is now open; according to Rev. Frank Daley, pastor. Services are being held every Sunday at 3 and 8 P. M., also Thursdays at 8. Rev. Daley plans to conduct a school for spiritual unfoldment, not only in Portsmouth but also in Milton, N. H.

Florenza Passes Away

Funeral services were held recently for Isabel Florenza (60) founder and pastor of the Harmony Temple of Spiritual Brotherhood, 1039 Seventh Ave., San Diego, California, Mrs. Flor-

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**NAPOLEON**

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disastrous Russian campaign, Napoleon was lying on a sofa plunged in meditation. Suddenly he jumped to his feet and cried, "Who is calling me?"

No one within earshot had called. But was it the voice of the lonely Josephine, whom he had divorced and thrown aside? Or was it the "Vive L'Empereur" of one of his dying soldiers?

A distinguished military critic has remarked that Napoleon seemed almost to read the minds of his opponents, so nearly did he anticipate their movements. One thing is certain. He knew he would lose the battle of Waterloo.

A foreboding which he could not shake off told him that the Napoleonic romance was coming to an end. "My star grew dim," he said, "I felt the reins slipping from my hands, and yet I could do nothing."  
*The Man of Destiny*

At dawn, on the day of Waterloo, he approached a bivouac fire, on which a pot of potatoes were boiling. He asked for one, and began to eat it. His aide-de-camp heard him utter the following broken sentences: "After all, I can endure it . . . Men may live in any place and in any way . . . The day is not far off . . ."

His mind was lingering over those words he had written when a schoolboy: "St. Helena—a small island . . ."

"An instrument in the hands of higher powers." So far as the early part of his career is concerned, we may, I think, give an unqualified assent to that statement. When Napoleon worked to cleanse a corrupt and degenerate Europe, those higher powers worked with him and swept him from success to success.

But, in his later life as Emperor, when a selfish ambition had hardened his nature, and he made war for sheer love of conquest, those powers abandoned him. As he said himself, "The spell that had hung over my miraculous career was broken."

Therefore he died at St. Helena. "Prediction"

enza, a native of Budapest, Hungary, resided in San Diego 26 years. She was the wife of Michael F. Florenza, who will carry on her work at the Temple. She also leaves a sister, Helen Zitti of Los Angeles.

Stamford Church Services

Rev. M. McBride Panton, pastor of the The Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism, Inc., has reopened his church at 485 Summer St., Stamford, Connecticut. Those taking part in the opening services were Ethel Post-Parrish and Lena Barnes lefts of Camp Silver Belle, the church President, Rev. Dr. Isabelle K. MacDonald and assistant pastor, Rev. Eugene A. Kerr.

"St. Jo" Church Celebrates

The second anniversary of the founding of the First Spiritualist Church of St. Joseph, Missouri was observed recently at 612 North Sixth St., according to pastor, Martha Burris. During the services, the pastor was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bothman, St. Louis, Missouri.

Chilean Visits Decker

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Jordan Church Dedication.

A formal dedication service was held recently at the Light of Truth Church of Divine Healing (Spiritualist), corner 20th and Omohundro Ave., Portsmouth, Virginia, according to Rev. Fred Jordan, pastor, 154 Seaboard Ave.

The Portsmouth Star, leading daily newspaper, lists Rev. W. Blount Darden, their editor, as assistant pastor of the church and E. E. Henley as president. In an eight column spread, with pictures, the "Star" gives a complete story of the dedication with a complete account of the order of service.

The write-up also states that Rev. Bertie Lily Candler, pastor of The Beckoning Light Spiritualist Church, Miami, Florida, assisted at the dedication and mentions the fact that she was a niece of the late Bishop Candler of a southern Methodist Episcopal Church.

The closing paragraph of the article reads: "The entire offering for these services will go toward the building fund of the church, which has been serving the people of Norfolk-Portsmouth for the past twenty years."

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Will a more enlightened age ever emerge from so much darkness.

By LOUIS S. VERNON-WORSLEY  
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Author of "Psychical Forces & You" and Other Works

I am glad to have an opportunity of discussing in an *American Psychic Journal* the subject upon which I have spent so many years of thought and research. You may have seen articles by me at various times in such British Psychic productions as "Psychic Science," "Light," "Psychic Review," "Aryan Path" of India and the "Two Worlds."

I am not unfamiliar with American views on this point having lived and worked in American hospitals for some years, although admittedly a long time ago, and I rejoice in the contributions made towards a full recognition being accorded to the fact of Discarnate Influence being a fruitful cause of Mental Disturbance of certain types, by such well-known men as the late Professor James Hyslop, Dr. Carl Wickland, Dr. Titus Bull, Dr. Morton Prince and others.

It is a regrettable fact that members of the *British Medical Faculty* as a whole are extremely sceptical of accepting even a suggestion of there being a Metaphysical background to life, thus refusing to believe there could be any such possibility as Discarnate Influence operating in the field of Mental Disturbance.

*Mental Institutions*  
Due to this unfortunate circumstance, there are languishing in our Mental Institutions to-day, numbers of people who are def-

initely NOT INSANE in the general acceptance of that term, and who could be quickly restored to their relatives and friends again were that prejudice removed. It is for that purpose I have labored long and patiently, not forgetting the unremitting efforts of Dr. Montague Lomax to get the  *Lunacy Laws* altered but without avail.

As far as Britain is concerned it would appear that the official view is that the number of Mental cases is so small compared with the grand total of the population that they are relatively unimportant, and whilst this may be so far as Officialdom is concerned, not so to the waiting and anxious relatives who are completely in the dark as to what is happening to their loved ones within those forbidding walls or gates of the average Mental Institution.

*Stumbling Blocks*  
How can mental patients receive "the appropriate treatment" when in many cases the cause of their condition is not even suspected let alone recognized? No wonder some of those kept "in durance vile," turn upon their attendants and tormentors through the realization of how hopeless their position is.

Such outbreaks of violence are of course suppressed by the usual methods of strait jackets, padded rooms or narcotic injections, until in the end, "Possession" is transformed into "Obsession" or even something worse. In my view, only a very small proportion of the *Medical Faculty* REALLY understand Mental Disturbance due to defects in the method of training Students and the absurdly inadequate qualification insisted upon, nor can I accept the oft reiterated statement that the Staff of Mental Institutions are ALL EXPERTS in *Psychiatry* or *Psychological Medicine*.

Nothing could be further from the facts, and only a complete overhaul of present methods of instruction will bring about the changes so much overdue. Another stumbling-block in the way of progress is the ancient but totally unconfirmed ASSUMPTION propagated by the *Medical Faculty* that THE BRAIN IS THE ORGAN OF THE MIND, and in this connection I would point to the work of another famous American Brain Surgeon, Dr. Walter E. Dandy of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, whose radical operations on the Brain have convinced him that "the Brain is NOT the Man," and that the time will arrive when this claim will have to be abandoned in favor of an alternative Center of Thought.

*Discarnate Influences*  
When that day arrives *Psychic Scientists* will come into their own. Dr. Eugene R. Corson of Savannah, Georgia is another practitioner who expresses himself as completely convinced of Dr. Dandy's claims, added to which are those words of Professor William James at Harvard many years ago to the effect that "THE PRODUCTIVE THEORY OF THE BRAIN IS MUCH TOO SUPERFICIAL."

But human prejudice dies very hard and preconceived ideas inculcated through a lavish adherence to routine teachings will take

Emma Hardinge Britten was an inspirational speaker and medium. One of the best propagandists of Spiritualism, daughter of Captain Floyd, a seafaring man, she had shown gifts as musician, singer and lecturer at an early age and was earning her living as a musical teacher at the age of eleven.

Under contract to a theatrical Company in 1856 she went to America, where, through the mediumship of Miss Ada Hoyt (Mrs. Coan) she became converted to Spiritualism, developed psychic powers in her own person and sat publicly for the Society for the Diffusion of Spiritual Knowledge of New York.

She furnished one of the best attested cases of the early history of Spirit return. The mail steamer Pacific sank in the high seas. A member of the crew possessed her body in trance and disclosed the fact of the tragedy. She was threatened with prosecution by the owners of the boat when the story was made public, but it was found to be true.

Her mediumistic gifts embraced automatic writing, psychometry, occasional healing, prophecy and inspirational speaking. Her inspirational addresses disclosed great erudition. They were extempore and the subject was generally chosen in the auditorium by a committee from the audience. As a propagandist she was unequalled in zeal and enthusiasm. For years she traveled all over the United States, Canada, England, Australia and New Zealand.

She founded and edited for five years *Two Worlds* of Manchester. She was also among the founders of the *Theosophical Society* in New York in 1875, but soon severed her connection with *Mme. Blavatsky*.

She was the author of *Modern American Spiritualism*, London, 1870; *Nineteenth Century Miracles*, New York 1884; *Faith, Fact and Fraud of Religious History* Manchester 1906; *Extemporaneous Addresses*, London, 1866; *The Wildfire Club*, 1861, translator and editor of the anonymous MSS of Art Magic, Boston 1875, and *Ghostland, or Researches into the Mysteries of Occultism*, Boston, 1876; editor of the American periodical *The Western Star*, 1872, and the British *The Unseen Universe*, 1892-93. She also wrote a number of musical compositions and songs under the nom de plume of Ernest Reinhold.

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a lot of uprooting. Notwithstanding, there is a mass of accumulated evidence for a prima facie case of the evil effects of Discarnate Influence in the Realm of Mind, but we are met with the same maddening negatives year after year; verily, it would almost seem appropriate that the words "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here" should be carved over the portals of *Mental Institutions*, for the percentage of CURES is negligible indeed.

I would make an earnest appeal to my American Psychic friends to reinforce the efforts being made to obtain an alteration of present methods in the treatment of the alleged Insane, bringing pressure to bear wherever they can, and should any of their own particular relatives be unfortunately affected, to under no circumstances give permission for the trying out of experiments on their helpless

patients, such as *Convulsion Therapy, Pre-Frontal Leucotomy, Cardiazol Injections, etc.*, all of which, in my view, are not only totally unjustifiable but are positively repugnant both to patient and operator.

The problem of Discarnate Influence in Mental Disturbance is not a local one; it is international, for no country has a monopoly of spirit interference, as witnessed by its acceptance as a reality by *Germany, France, Italy and Greece*. In Britain however, so deeply rooted is the fear of appearing ridiculous that they will not hear of it.

*Man's Lack of Understanding*

It is not necessary to drag in the *Book of Holy Writ* to support the case, but there are numerous instances of *Jesus and His Disciples "casting out Devils"* as a matter of course in their daily healing work, and in the *Middle Ages* it was the practice to burn at the stake, anyone suspected of being "possessed of a demon," which seems to indicate they appreciated the possibility of such happenings.

It is a chastening thought that in this era of vaunted scientific

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mastery of Nature in many fields, there should be so much darkness and lack of understanding of Man himself, hence the dictum of Aristotle exhorting Man to know himself.

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