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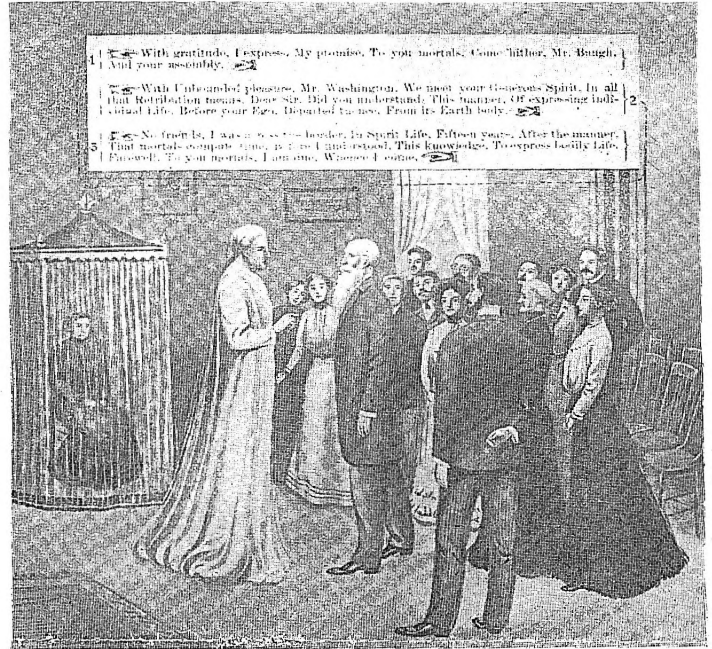
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## How Spirit Manifestations Were Reported Over Forty Years Ago When George Washington Materialized At Test Seances



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### WASHINGTON KEEPS A PROMISE

*"I Will Materialize Full - Form"*

BY THE EDITOR

Natural laws, the laws of spirit and the laws of psychic phenomena do not change. Manifestations of spirit, both physical and mental, do not change . . . regardless of whether the manifestation occurs today or whether it occurred thirty, forty, fifty, one hundred or even two thousand years ago.

These laws, referred to by Henry Drummond, as "The Natural Law of the Spiritual World," were in operation when the spirit manifestations, pictured on this page, were recorded. Down through the ages, the only difference existing in these laws is their explanation, interpretation and understanding.

According to the rare, out-of-print book, "Heavenly Teachings," compiled and written by R. P. Baugh (1839-1917), the pictures on this page were reproduced from steel engravings made from pen sketches done by an artist. Whether or not one of the persons who attended the seances was an artist is not stated in this case but it may be assumed that the pictures are the result of Mr. Baugh's explanation to the artist and his interpretation of the spirit manifestations as they occurred.

#### What Washington Promised

These pictures are NOT actual photographs, taken during a seance, but only depict the artist's conception. If not explained, the picture directly above may be misunderstood for it would at first appear that the artist was trying to describe a materialization seance. Not so, for the elderly staid lady, in the rocking chair, was the medium . . . in this instance, objective clairaudience and clairvoyance, for she says: "Yes! there he is now, and two other forms. Oh, that's beautiful in the natural light of the evening."

In the same picture, Mr. Baugh, the interested and enthusiastic Spiritualist seated extreme left, seems also to have been a medium for he received the first impression during the seance. This fact became evident when he voiced: "Friends, draw thyself near to gether. I am impressed that George Washington's spirit is here. (We) so

licit visible manifestations of him."

The medium (right) heard the voice: "Good evening, mortal friends, I am pleased to meet you. If you will assemble soon with a larger circle of friends, I will materialize in full form towards my original features in appearance that all present may be blessed in viewing. Be prompt. With much affection towards Heavenly things to gain the prize. By, By."

These words are attributed to a spirit who looked (to the medium) like George Washington.

In the large picture (right) the artist shows the medium seated in sort of a cage but does not say that she was the medium who saw Washington at the first seance. However, that is not important. What is important is the fact that test conditions were evidently stressed else why would such a "cagey" contraption be set up.

#### Baugh Questions Spirit

The time of this seance is described as "dusk" . . . no red light bulb and no flash-light.

The artist shows George Washington over six foot (Mr. Baugh was 5 ft. 11½ in.). All the sitters were called from their chairs and then Washington said: "With gratitude, I express my promise to you mortals. Come hither, Mr. Baugh, and your assembly."

After stepping forward, within a foot of the materialized spirit of Washington, Mr. Baugh replied: "With unbounded pleasure, Mr. Washington, we meet your generous spirit in all

that retribution means. Dear Sir, did you understand this method of expressing individual life before your ego departed thence from its earth body?"

#### Call-Meeting for Mortals

Mr. Washington's materialized spirit was evidently able to remain long enough to reply: "I was across the border in spirit life fifteen years, after the manner that mortals compute time, before I understood this knowledge to express bodily life. Farewell to you mortals, I am due whence I came."

Additional explanation of these pictures, found on page 112 of Mr. Baugh's book: "These two illustrations will assist mortal vision in gaining a partial view of the happenings that did occur with mortals and Spirit phenomena . . . the first was a call meeting for mortals to assemble for the purpose of psychological interest in the science of souls."

#### Baugh's Home Circle

Mr. Baugh is trying to say that the first seance was held for the purpose of determining the nature of future seances. By way of explanation as to the sitters at the first seance, Mr. Baugh states: "The attendance of mortals in the first call meeting is given by name to wit: Mrs. Hardy and her daughter, Maggie. Th next is the aged and much respected Mrs. Fisher" (medium).

In those days, and in most cases at the present time, seances are held for a definite and constructive purpose. In this respect, Mr. Baugh makes his purpose clear when he declares: "All four are students in psychology . . . trying and striving to make discoveries in Nature's themes of retribution. Progress caused me to announce the presence of George Washington's spirit."

By 'progress' Mr. Baugh probably meant his own spiritual unfoldment.

As to the general conditions of the first seance, the author says: "The four mortals seated themselves in chairs. I asked the ladies to yield to spirit power. Mrs. Hardy soon fell asleep entranced. Mrs. Fisher voiced spirit visions, the other two mortals remained as spectators . . . as the Sun was passing over the Western horizon in the evening's early twilight."

#### Spirit Testimony

Mr. Baugh describes the actual Washington materialization by saying: "We offer to the public's attention the operations that fell due with the predicted phenomena of George Washington so honorably expressed . . . as the illustration explains to view, with a larger circle of friends in attendance, that did meet the phenomena. Moreover, that of other spirit friends also not given in this illustration . . . purely honorable as all come by the Will of Pure Divine . . . attested by blessings . . . this is our testimony from spirit life."

What Mr. Baugh tried to say was that many other spirits materialized at the seance during which Washington appeared and that more people were present than are shown in the artist's picture.

#### "Malformation" Forms

The preface to Mr. Baugh's book, "Heavenly Teachings," is most interesting. Excerpts are taken from the author's "port-folio and disclosures in Psychology and Mediumship with the faithless Universe."

This preface reads: "To make mention of this work, the words that come (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

# TELEPATHY TESTS

Once again Telepathy is in the news. It was Thought-Transference that chiefly occupied the founders of modern Psychic Research. Today it is still considered the best alternative theory to explain spirit messages. Ronald McCorquodale, noted English writer recalls some famous experiments.

## Practical Hints How to Conduct Telepathy Tests in Your Home.

### TRY IT!

The recent telepathy tests, conducted by Chapman Pincher, and the scientist Dr. J. Hettinger, recall previous successful results in the early days of the Society for Psychical Research.

Great researchers like Edmund Gurney, F. W. H. Myers, Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir William Barrett took part in these tests, which provided clear proof of telepathy. Indeed, as far back as 1876 Barrett read a paper before the British Association in Glasgow on "Some Phenomena Connected with Abnormal States of the Mind."

A well-known performer, Irving Bishop, excited much attention about the year 1833 by displaying what he called "thought transference" in a public and sensational manner. His chief test was to get a member of his audience to hide a pin in any part of the room in his absence or while he was blindfolded.

#### Lodge's Tests

Irving Bishop would take hold of this person's hand, guide him to the place and triumphantly produce the pin. (Sometimes the search would be extended into the streets of the city so that people could not fail to take notice!) This sort of "winning game" became popular but psychical researchers of the time put it down to unconscious muscular direction rather than genuine thought transference.

Now, Sir Oliver Lodge conducted his telepathy tests as a result of Bishop's performances. Among others, some employees of George Henry Lee and Co. tried these experiments among themselves; and two girls were found who seemed specially gifted. Malcome Guthrie,

the head of the firm, became interested and communicated with the leaders of the S.P.R. He was advised to try for simple thought transference without any locomotion, and without any contact between the parties concerned.

#### Myers Used the Term

Mr. Guthrie, thinking these Liverpool results so remarkable, sought scientific confirmation and accordingly visited Liverpool University College to see if any of the

### Sir William Barrett

A founder of the Society for Psychical Research, he read a paper, which described his experiences in telepathy, to the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 1876.



professors were willing to look into the matter. Here he met Sir Oliver Lodge, and the biologist, Dr. Herdman. They agreed to see the experiments and a series was arranged.

All precautions were taken and many variations tried over several weeks. The result was, gradually to convince completely Sir Oliver Lodge that the faculty of "thought transference" which Myers had already begun to call "telepathy," was really a faculty possessed by certain people and that mental impressions can be transmitted between two persons independent of any sense indication.

#### Rigid Tests

The first tests were done among the employees of the firm but as this might lead to suspicion of a prearranged code of signals Lodge introduced others. Several strangers were invited to look at some object, or drawing made on the spot, while the blindfolded girl (screened from vision by a blackboard or other screen), either described or drew the object.

Varying the experiment, Lodge

tried the effect of two agents each looking at a different object, without either knowing what the other was looking at. The percipient again was successful, saying she got both objects, seeing first one thing and then the other and afterwards they seemed to run together. Details of this experiment will be found in the 1884 volume of the scientific journal Nature.

The investigators next tried agent and percipient in different rooms and also tried the transference of tastes and spells and pains, again with more or less success. After first making these trials in a room of the drapery establishment, Lodge and Herdman had the girls' up to the College.

#### Experiment At Home

And thus, gradually, Sir Oliver Lodge reached the conclusion that it was possible for one mind to act on another directly, without any physical intermediary.

Now for a few practical hints on how you can test telepathy. Although evidence for thought transference is already abundant, additional proof is always welcome and may add knowledge of the conditions of success. You may make an important personal contribution to science.

Why not, for instance, try something similar to the following experiment in your own home during the winter evenings? Let one member of the household act as 'agent.' He or she should relax and look through some pages of pictures in an illustrated magazine or book, noting each picture for a minute with the details carefully observed.

Then let another party (the 'percipient') sit away from the 'agent' with pencil and paper and

#### Famous Psychic Researchers



S. P. R. President

Professor Gilbert Murray and Edmund Gurney, two noted psychic researchers of the early 1900's. The former (left) conducted what Mrs. Sidgwick described as "the most important" experiments in telepathy. Prof. Murray was President of the S.P.R. during 1915-16 and was himself a natural percipient.

The latter (right), is another early worker in psychical research. Mr. Gurney acted as the first Hon. Sec'y of the S.P.R. (London). His interest in telepathy was responsible for first attracting Prof. Murray to psychical research.

record any impressions made or any drawing. Results may then be compared.

#### Purpose of Tests

Two other members of the household, if there are sufficient present, could act as time-keepers to both agent and percipient. Only impressions made within the minute, not beyond this interval of time, should be noted. Always remember, the essential thing is to keep alive the interest of the percipient.

Professor Gilbert Murray, Litt. D., giving an account of his own successful experiments in "guessing" incidents thought of by others, points out how important it is to avoid tedium and lack of interest in all concerned.

Thus, tests in guessing a card or a number, though useful and necessary for statistical purposes, soon bore and weary the percipient, defeating the end in view.

#### Make Your Own Conditions

Sir William Barrett in his original experiments with the children of the Rev. A. M. Greery, found the same thing. Again, Barrett noticed long ago what Prof. Murray has since confirmed—that when the 'agent' holds the hand of the 'percipient' better results are obtained. But care must be taken to avoid what might be sensitive "muscle reading."

Further, it is necessary to avoid distraction of the mind or any disturbances and also emphatically to avoid any anxiety for success. The 'agent' should mentally observe and note the full details of a picture or object rather than endeavor to concentrate with the idea of transmitting to the percipient.

Make the conditions as stringent as possible but at the same time conduct the test as if it was an amusing game. The agents (that is, the persons who select the subject to be guessed), should not mentally exert themselves as if they were concentrating on a difficult proposition. Remember, it is not the conscious part of the mind which is active in telepathy, but the subconscious.

The great thing about psychical research is that you can personally test the truth for yourself, and in yourself you may discover unusual psychic powers.

# WASHINGTON'S PROMISE

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from them in Power is here made manifest in wisdom and love divine. Characterized not in symbols, but to bring afresh the Angelic Host of immutable laws in Nature, ever adrift as guides to all beings: "The quickening Spirit did manifest, in detail the following answers laid down after the fashion here given.

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# FORM OF SERVICE NO. 1 For Marriage

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## MARRIAGE SERVICE

Hymn No.

Let us ask the Divine Blessing upon the ceremony now to be performed:—

Thou who art the Source of all Being, our Father, Mother God, we invoke Thy benediction upon this service. Sanctify and hallow the marriage vows about to be exchanged between these, Thy children. Bless and strengthen their love each for the other, and grant that the bonds about to unite them may, as the years pass by, knit them ever closer in mind and spirit, so that their lives may become sanctified and fruitful in Thy service.

May Thy love envelop them, guard them and guide them through this pilgrimage of life and through the eternities that are yet to be. And to Thee, we would offer our truest worship by ever seeking to serve Thee and our fellows for Love's sake. Amen.

In the presence of the Congregation, including the Registrar, the Officiator shall say:—

We are come together in the sight of God and the Spirit World, and in the presence of this company, to join this man and this woman together in the sacred bond of Marriage; to impress upon them the mystic significance of the marriage tie; and to seek the blessing of God and His Angels upon their union.

Marriage is an institution ordained by God in the laws and necessities of our being, for the happiness and welfare of mankind; and it has been made honorable by the faithful keeping of good men and good women in all ages. It involves the most tender, close and lasting ties that can unite human beings in this life

As was said of old, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh."

To be true, this outward ceremony must be the symbol of an inward and sacred union between the hearts and minds—which the church may bless, and the State make legal, but which neither can create nor annul.

To be happy there must be a consecration of each to the other, and of both to the noblest ends of life.

Then shall the Officiator say:—

If anyone can show just cause or impediment why these two persons may not lawfully be joined together in Holy Matrimony, let him now declare it, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

The Groom standing at the Bride's right hand, the Officiator shall say:—

I require and charge you both, as in the sight of God and His Holy Angels, and remembering your responsibility to Him—that if either of you know of any impediment why you may not lawfully be joined together in Marriage, ye do now confess it.

The Groom shall repeat after the Officiator:—  
I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I (Groom's full name) may not be joined in Matrimony to (Bride's full name)

The Bride shall repeat after the Officiator:—  
I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I (Bride's full name) may not be joined in Matrimony to (Groom's full name)

The Officiator may say:—

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

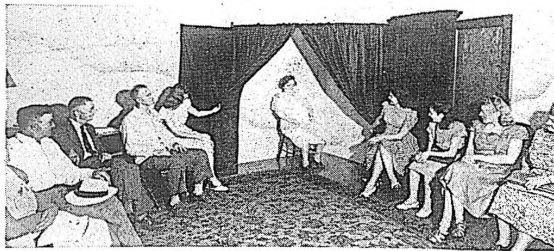
To which the Parent or Sponsor shall say:—

I do.

The Officiator shall ask the Groom:—

Will you take this woman for better for worse, for richer for poorer, to have and to hold, from this day forth, as your lawful wedded wife? Will you love her, honor her and protect her in sickness and in

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health, in prosperity and in adversity, and be faithful unto her throughout your earthly life?

The Groom shall say:—

I will.

The Officiator shall ask the Bride:—

Will you take this man for better for worse, for richer for poorer, to have and to hold, from this day forth, as your lawful wedded husband? Will you love him, honor him and protect him in sickness and in health, in prosperity and in adversity, and be faithful unto him throughout your earthly life?

The Bride shall say:—

I will.

The Officiator shall ask the Groom:—

What pledge do you offer, in token that you will fulfill these vows?

The Groom shall say:—

This ring.

The Officiator holding the ring, shall say:—

From ancient times the symbol of the golden circle has been the sacred token of oneness, continuity and completeness—the outward signification of an eternal reality.

The Officiator shall ask the Bride:—

Do you accept this ring in token of his troth?

The Bride shall say:—

I do.

The Officiator, handing ring back to Groom shall say:—

You will place this ring upon the third finger of her left hand, and with your right hands joined, thus declare your marriage, each to the other.

To the Groom:—

Repeat after me:

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (Groom's full name) do take thee (Bride's full name) to be my lawful wedded wife.

To the Bride:—

Repeat after me.

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (Bride's full name) do take thee (Groom's full name) to be my lawful wedded husband.

The Officiator shall say:—

Kneel.

Forasmuch as this man and this woman have thus engaged and pledged themselves, each to the other, before God and these witnesses (both seen and unseen), I pronounce them henceforth Man and Wife.

May Almighty God send down His richest blessings upon you both, that you may steadfastly perform and keep the vows and covenant now betwixt you made. Amen.

To the Couple:—

My Brother and Sister, you have now joined hands upon the pilgrimage of life—be ye true helpers each to the other and so fulfil the law of Love.

Life, we know, is not all happiness. Its crosses, sorrows and joys are all sent for the development of character, which is the chief purpose of life.

The marriage tie, if held aright, will strengthen you both in promoting each other's happiness; in encouraging the unfoldment of the best in each; and in conquering self. It will demand forbearance, sympathy and understanding.

Keep a strict watch over yourselves; exact not too much one from the other, and deal tenderly and patiently with each other's infirmities. Give to your love its full nobility; guard it against self-seeking; let its growth bring you into truer and wider sympathies with other souls and other lives.

In all the varied incidents of life remember that the true Source of strength and comfort is the World of Spirit, which you can contact by prayer, by aspiration, and by intercourse. If you are treading life's pathway "Hand in hand with Angels," whatever betide, naught can harm you.

You will, no doubt, have your share of trial and sorrow—otherwise your characters could not unfold; but if you meet and bear it together, in the right spirit, you will find the sorrows are blessings in disguise, designed to test you and lead you ever higher on the ladder of life.

Ever remember that true marriage is a union upon three planes. It should produce helpfulness and satisfaction upon the physical plane; sweet companionship upon the intellectual; and stimulus and growth upon the Spiritual plane—that Body, Soul, and Spirit may be united in harmonious association.

Let a pure and faithful affection be the mainstay of your home, the bond of your peace, the consoler in your sorrows; and may the Love of God and the presence of His inspiring and ministering Spirits

# Questions AND Answers

BY

Andrew Jackson Davis  
(Continued from Last Issue)

## The Surface of the Moon

QUESTION: "Did you ever investigate the surface of the moon by the use of clairvoyant sight?"

ANSWER: The moon was the first heavenly object we remember to have seen by clairvoyance. It was made visible in this way, near the spring of 1845. Its appearance filled cur soul with unutterable amazement. Forgetting, for the moment, the earthly existence, we seemed to stand on the brink of an awful precipice, behind which was a boundless prairie of broken rocks. It looked like a sea of shattered strata, as if innumerable volcanoes had broken thousands of miles of solid rock into fragments of every imaginable shape.

These rocky fragments were tumbled in one confused mass over the vast field behind. In front was the almost bottomless abyss—the fearfully deep precipice—with rivers of lava pouring from its ragged slopes. Not a drop of water, not a tree, not a shrub, was visible in any direction. Deep down the fearful chasm we saw volumes of black vapor issuing and ascending like storm-clouds, and there seemed to be showers of fiery or meteoric bodies, which appeared to form and fall incessantly over the abyss.

There was desolation, and gloom, and destruction on every side. The vision was horrible—reminding one of the pit of darkness, or the hell of popular theology. But all at once we realized that we were the only visitor and spectator, and this thought had the effect to terminate our observations. Since, we have made many interesting and instructive excursions thither.

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## The Nature and Motion of Comets

QUESTION: "Do Comets have a fixed path or orbit in the heavens? The prediction by an American Astronomer, that the Comet of 1856 would return to us some time this season, calls out some discussion in reference to them."

ANSWER: Nothing can produce such universal interest as the approach of a mighty and brilliant comet. Such a celestial phenomenon has been in all ages associated with great events in the history of nations. Comets have been superstitiously regarded as extemporized "signs in the heavens."

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# FORM OF SERVICE NO. 2

## FOR THE

### Naming of Infants

Hymn No.  
Let us pray.

Thou, who are the Source of Life, the Father of all mankind, we are met to welcome among us and to dedicate to Thy service, the new manifestation of life expressing itself in and through this child.

We pray that Thy richest benedictions may rest upon *him*, so that *his* physical powers may develop and grow, and so provide a healthy body and sane mind through which the undying spirit can express itself worthily, and in accordance with Thy will.

Still more would we ask that Thou wilt stimulate and awaken the higher consciousness within *him*, so that *he* may, as the years pass by, become aware of the World of Spirit.

Realizing that Spirit is the Cause of all physical activity, and that Thou, O God, art Spirit, may *he* realize that Thou art seeking expression through *him*, and may *his* life ever more and more reflect Thy love and reveal Thy wisdom and Thy power, that *his* fellows, seeing the manifestation of the Divine in *him*, may worship Thee, the Source and Cause of all, and themselves strive to express their Divinity.

So shall Thy Kingdom come and grow in the lives of all humanity, and with its growth our grateful thanks shall rise to Thee in adoring worship. Amen.

The Officiator shall then take the Child in his arms and say:—  
In the name of the Universal Brotherhood I bid thee welcome to this world of probation, and seal that welcome with the Kiss of Fellowship (*kisses Child*). May you be strengthened to endure and upheld to overcome.

And whereas the Cross is the symbol of Self-sacrifice and of At-

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## Marriage Service

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be with you, till, in the ripeness of years, your faithful companionship shall be translated to manifestation in a larger and more harmonious world.

Let us pray.

Giver of all good and fountain of all joy: the guide and support of all who put their trust in Thee; we ask Thy richest blessings upon these Thy children. May they find each in the other that complement of self which together produces perfect unity.

May their love never know doubt or decay, but ever grow stronger as the years pass by. Enable them to become true helpmates each to the other: encouraging, counseling, and strengthening each other in the duties of life.

May pettiness and misunderstanding never find entrance into their home, and may that home be ever a haven of peace, comfort and true companionship. Teach them to order their household as Thou wouldst have them do, and to regard all their possessions as gifts from Thee, to be used in Thy service.

Hand in hand, and heart with heart, trusting in each other and in Thee, may they tread together the pathway of life, and may the Benediction of Heaven crown the happiness of earth and make it perfect.

We commend to Thee their kindred and friends. May they rejoice in the joy of those who have joined their lives this day; and may they find in the home now founded, that enlargement of interest and affection that will lead towards the goal of Universal Brotherhood.

May all Thy children here gathered together become ever more and more conscious of the sacredness of Love. Realizing that Thou art Love, may we, one and all, ever strive to manifest love in thought, word and deed; knowing that thereby we are manifesting Thee.

So wilt Thou reveal Thyself in this dark world; and with the revelation of Thy Love, strife, sorrow and selfishness will disappear, and the Earth shall become filled with Thy Glory.

Send we pray Thee, Thy Ministers of Light to enlighten us, to protect us, and to stimulate us in Thy service. May the faithful performance of the duties of this life fit and prepare us for the larger, higher life in the Spiritual Realms of Eternity. Amen.


Hymn No.

Benediction.

And now, may our Father, Mother God, the Source and Fount of Life and Love, bless you and keep you.  
May you be filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit; and may your realization of your Divine Birthright—the knowledge that you are God's children, enable you to live your lives to His Glory, and for the help of your fellows.

May His power uphold you, His love ennoble you, His Peace enfold you, now and for evermore. Amen.

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A. J. Davis

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as precursors of calamities, as supernatural images indicative of wonderful and fearful changes in the affairs of humanity.

Though the appearance of fiery comets cannot fail to excite universal wonder and admiration, not unmingled with reverential awe, we do not appreciate any reason in the superstitious trepidation which some persons experience on the event of their near approach to the earth's orbit.

Chinese Interpretation

For the principle of logic is not more exact and immutable than is the path of the fire-clad comet. Its nucleus is faithful to the fixed laws of attraction and repulsion.

one-ment with the Great Oversoul, I now place thee under the Sign of the Cross (*makes the Sign of the Cross over the Child with his forefinger*). May the Divine Powers linked with this symbol protect you and guide you to your true home above.

And whereas the individuality manifesting through this frail body has now become personified, I hereby name you \_\_\_\_\_ and may you become a comfort and blessing to your parents and friends, and a help to all with whom you associate. May the richest blessings of God lead you ever nearer and nearer to Himself.

Where the Medium officiating is QUITE SURE of receiving a Spirit name for the Child, it may now be given. But as usually Spirit names are conferred AFTER the battle of earthly life has been fought, and are then indicative of qualities unfolded or characteristics attained during earth life, it should not be given casually.

The officiator shall now hand back the Child to its mother or nurse and ask the God-parents to step forward, and shall say to them:—

Inasmuch as we know that there have been Spiritual Guides appointed to supervise and help this Child in his pilgrimage of life, so it is necessary, that there should be Earthly Guides appointed until he reaches years of discretion.

Will you each, so far as in you lies, undertake to love; to guard, to guide, to counsel and help him?

Will you do your utmost to train him that he may steadfastly seek to fulfill the duties of this life, and strive earnestly for the only true Crown of Life—the "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

To which each of the God-parents shall say:—

I will.

The Officiator continuing:—

I now appoint you the Earthly Guides of this Child, and may God inspire you with true wisdom, so that you may lead him to become, not merely a servant, but a true Child of God.

Let us pray.

Father, we pray that Thou wilt enable those who have been appointed Guides to this little one, to realize their responsibilities, both to the child and to Thee.

Help them to learn of Thee that, with knowledge and love, they may have understanding to educate and bring into manifestation through this child, the fruits of the Spirit which Thou hast implanted in him.

Grant to this Thy child, we pray Thee, an ever-growing knowledge of Thy Truth, that it may make him free. Enable him to grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with Thee and with all men.

And with the unfolding of his powers may there come to ever-increasing consciousness of Thy Presence, an ever-deepening understanding of Thy Will, and an ever-growing desire to serve Thee and his fellows.

And in the fulness of time may he become worthy to receive the Baptism of Spirit which shall endow him with Power to reveal Thee and Thy Will, and illumine the pathway that leads to Thyself.

May Thy Love ennoble him, Thy Power uphold him, Thy Peace enfold him, now and for evermore. Amen.

Hymn No.

And now may the blessing of God, and the presence of His ministering Spirits be with us now and for evermore, and guide us into the paths of peace. Amen.

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The vondrous "tail," though of vast magnitude and far-extending, is invariably obedient to the dictates of the "head." No eccentric character is less to be feared than a comet—the youngest born of the solar mother—the wild, yet obedient child of the central producing cause.

Behold, how constitutionally well-balanced such offspring are—how well-established in habits of good will and punctuality—never so much as deceiving those who calculate accurately their magnitude and period of revolution.

The Chinese, 178 years before the Christian era, and about the time of the birth of *Mithridates*, described a comet as bright as the sun. Its nucleus was tinged with red, like the blaze of an intense coal fire, and its appendage extended over a fourth of the sky. But its departure was as noiseless as its advent, leaving our globe, and its superstitious inhabitants, without spot or blemish.

The sword-shaped comet which appeared with a very remarkable nucleus in the East, in 389 of our era, filled the supernaturalists with the greatest consternation. But no harm came of it, neither could there have been any evil from it; for like every other juvenile of sidereal space, it honored its parents and fulfilled the conditions of immutable law.

More About the Comet

And such, in truth, is the established character of every solar youth. And yet nothing is more amazing than the speed of these reckless *saurians* of the upper sea. Newton measured the comet of 1681, and determined its velocity at the time of perihelion passage, and found that its flight was 880,000 miles an hour!


Hundreds of comets are yet to be discovered, for some of them require from ten to twenty thousand years to traverse their appropriate orbits, and such have not, therefore, come within the written history of mankind. The last great comet of 1858, and which, on the eleventh of October of that year, was seen from pole to pole, called *Donati's*, was among the most brilliant and gorgeous spectacles ever presented in our firmament.

Many comets almost graze the bosom of the sun. They seem to seek the closest perihelion possible, without doing their mother an injury. This close approximation to their maternal source is powerfully suggestive of the inherent principle of filial love in all matter.

Although some warm-hearted comets would seem to plunge head-

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# GODS

## Who Are They?

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In search of spiritual knowledge and Truth I have studied the science of Yoga, established first in the East. I have wandered through India seeking the truth of its ancient civilization in its great temples, because all the world over, religion and philosophy have been the foundations of civilization.

Any civilization that has stood the test of time must have been built on some sure foundation of Truth. No faith on which any national greatness is ever built up would die out if its teachers knew how to express it newly with the ever growing intellectual development of man and his scientific discoveries.

Truth remains forever; man's interpretation of it changes with his growth.

What is the meaning of patron saints, of lands, but the belief in some protecting power over and beyond man's power to shield himself? The powers that ruled as gods in ancient days could still be functioning as protecting powers over their lands, had spiritual thought kept pace with material development.

### The Power of Faith

When intellectual and material power begins to predominate over spiritual thought a nation begins to decay. There is physical force, there is intellectual force, there is spiritual force. The balance of all three makes for stabilized power. The preponderance of any one force makes for unbalance.

When a country loses its contact with its presiding gods or angels it loses its spiritual force. It loses that which can save it when in emergency, both intellectual force and physical force fail, it loses the power of Faith. Where is the glory and power that was Greece? Where is the power of Italy but in the spiritual center of Rome?

So, seeking the ancient, beautiful temple of *Kunya Kumari, Virgin Goddess*, at the southernmost end of India. It stands where three seas meet, at the point of the peninsula, washed by the *Bay of Bengal* on the East, the *Arabian Sea* on the west, and the *Indian Ocean* on the south.

### Light of Life

At the extreme tip of the southernmost end of the peninsula, just outside the walls of the *Virgin Goddess*, is a granite room in which sits an ancient, granite *Ganesh*, said to have been built by *Pursurama*, great avatar, or incarnation of God in ancient days.

In *Madura*, through the great halls, and carved and pillared corridors of the *Goddess Queen, Meenakshi*, I have roamed, seeking the spirit there, yes, and finding it. I have seen the representation of the cosmic movement of the world's creation, and the conquest of Good over Evil, in the *Dance of Nataraj*, at *Chidambaram* and *Perur*.

At the great rock temple of *Shiva* at *Arunachalam*, I have stood and gazed at the sole symbol

of God represented here as a Light on the altar; the *Light of Life* within man's heart.

At *Tiruttani* and *Palni* I have tried to grasp some of the meaning of that great power and strength of Angelic Good, as represented by the figure of the *Lord Subramanya*, called also *Sarahanabava*, *Shunmuga* or *Sanat Kumara*, the *Eternal Youth*.

### India's Temples

Always he stands, with his *Vel*, or trident pointed rod of power, in his hand in lonely places. He is the supreme fighter for Good; the King of the earth and the angelic hosts. Where his temple stands, there you see smiling, green fields and contented villages.

At *Palni*, on a great rock, there stands what I think, to be one of India's most wonderful temples. It is reached by a winding broad and beautiful series of stone steps. On the way there are stone seats, and shady trees for the traveller up to the shrine to rest. As the ascent is long and rather tiring, a great, stone *Ganesh* sits at every few yards, he is the remover of impediments and he helps the traveller's weary steps, and strengthens him in his upward march.

At night, a great blue light sheds its soft radiance from above the shrine of that great manifestation of *Shiva-Shakti*, the manifestation of the glory and power of life, *Lord Subramanya*.

### Source of Power

*Lord Krishna*, incarnation of the saving power of God, is the Beloved of all Indian Hindu homes, as the representative of mighty *Vishnu*, giver of all prosperity. Yet most of the great *Krishna* shrines are, I think, to be found in north India.

The most beautiful image I have seen of *Sri Krishna* was in the beautiful temple of *Vishnu-built by Birlas at Delhi*. Perfect in its beauty of expression, grandeur of thought and spotless cleanliness, this temple stands as example of what modern Indian temples can show of lofty Truth inscribed in stone symbols of beauty.

Each of these shrines had an atmosphere serene, powerful, yet essentially its own. I felt there are presiding Angels or Great, *Good Beings* at these places.

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The picture above was taken during a test seance under the supervision of *Robert C. Kroll*, 4349 Manchester Ave., St. Louis, Missouri. According to Mr. Kroll, official research photographer for the *Missouri State Spiritualist Association*, this is another in a series of photographs showing the results of demonstrations of physical mediumship. At numerous preliminary seances, held prior to the taking of above picture, conditions were tested and the proper sitters selected. The medium was *Otto E. Laroge*, 1416 Evergreen Ave., St. Louis.

In this test seance, the object was to secure a picture of trumpet levitation (telekinesis) by spirit agency . . . all sitters holding hands.

A photostatic copy of statement made, sworn to and signed by ten persons . . . vouching for the authenticity of the above photograph, is in the files of *Psychic Observer*. The statement, dated Oct. 16th, 1945 and addressed "To whom it may concern," reads:

This is to certify that on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1945, a test seance was held in the home of *Otto E. Laroge*, a trumpet medium, who had volunteered to submit to this test for the purpose of producing visual evidence of trumpet levitation brought about by Spirit forces manifesting in the seance.

The basement of his home was used because it allowed room for the camera to be at a sufficient distance to include the members of the circle. Those present were: Mr. Otto E. Laroge, the medium; Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Kroll, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dayton, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dayton, Jr., Dr. Bertha H. Erwin, Mrs. Ora McNeil, and Mr. Joseph Shetsky.

Before the seance, the premises were carefully examined to preclude any means of deception. The sitters were seated in the form of a horseshoe that was open at the camera end. Two cameras were used, a 5x7 and an 8x10. On the first flash exposure they made two photographs simultaneously from two different points of view.

Wabash flash Black-out bulbs were used. The film was Eastman Intra-red film. There were two flashes set off. The first recorded two views with the trumpet high in the air while the sitters had hands joined to complete a circle. The second flash made an 8x10 record of one of the trumpets in two sections; one above the other.

When the lights were turned on again, both trumpets were standing in the circle like they were before the lights had been turned off. During the circle all sitters held the hands of those next to them and none of the hands were free to cause any change in the position of the two trumpets.

The above facts are attested by our signatures.

Signed: Robert C. Kroll, Joseph Shetsky, Ora McNeill, Ann Dayton, O. E. Laroge, C. L. Dayton, Sr., Mrs. C. L. Dayton, Sr., Bertha H. Erwin, Charles L. Dayton, Jr. and Mrs. R. C. Kroll.

power by their devotees who have experienced their benefits, and have built at these centres temples, and set up images which symbolize, in their minds, the powers from which they have sought aid and protection.

Any one sensitive enough, can get the stored up vibration of the prayer, faith and thought image of the countless worshipers who have stood in adoration before the shrines. As long as the faith is there, so long the power and the protection can be drawn from the infinite Source of Power which surrounds the earth.

### Man—A Reflection

As the *Angels of Mons* appeared to save the remnant of the retreating English hosts, so, at various times in the history of all nations, have there been accounts of the Divine Power of God or His *Angels* coming to the aid of man when called in extremity by the power of Faith.

The *Light* shines in all places but it is caught and interpreted according to the conditions of men at varying stages of development.

Man is a pale reflection of divine power; but man creates a mental image of the *Divine Power*. He may express his thought by picture or image; but according to man's capacity to measure greatness, so is his conception, and so is the power of his self invoked god.

In *St. George* of England, perfect pattern of knight-hood, champion of the oppressed, slayer of the evil dragon, we find his counterpart in power and love in *Lord Kartikaya, Sanat Kumara*. The protecting power of the purity of the Virgin is found in the conception of fair *Kunya Kumary*.

The triple aspect of the Divine

thoughts, shut us out from understanding the beauty in the conception of another's thought, if it be not expressed in terms to which we are used.

With the world startled to the realization of one significant fact—"nite or perish," it is time we began to truly search for the fundamentals of oneness. That oneness is to be found in the realization that we all share one spirit, one source of life, one material substance for the purpose of the manifestation of life.

### Many Names Used

In South India at this time there is felt the growing power of a mysterious *Personality*. He is claimed as theirs by both *Hindu* and *Moslem* alike. No one knows his parents or birth place. He told his devotees, "I was not born, neither do I die, but I appear in this form for the betterment of humanity."

His teaching was that life is eternal, and that all life is one in God. God is the *Power* called under many names.

*Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi* was first heard of in the wild forest near *Shirdi*, where he was found living under a neem tree. Later he moved to a little, old mosque in *Shirdi*. Because of his miraculous powers of healing, and giving help, and his eloquent instruction on God love, and realization of life's powers, *Shirdi* became the resort of pilgrims of all casts and creeds.

### Entered Samadhi

The *Moslems* and even *Christians* who went to him revered him as a great saint; *Hindus* went to him as a great *Siddha*—one with spiritual powers.

*Sai Baba* taught all alike. "Man, woman and child, every one is me," said *Baba*. This is exactly *Christ's* teaching when He said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This is the teaching of the Oneness of all life.

In 1918, *Sri Sai Baba* left this world physically, or entered into *Samadhi* as the *Hindus* call it. This means that though the physical part is discarded the soul yet keeps its power and personal touch with earth.

*Sri Sai Baba's* devotees are building shrines in increasing numbers and his thought and teaching is spreading throughout India.

### Power of One God

To the *Moslems* he said, "Call on Allah." To the *Hindus* he said, "Take any one name you choose. Love it, work with it. Faith in one name works all wonders."

In this thought, we have all religions brought up to date. It is the power of the One God called down to His faithful by faith and love, the greatest powers in man.

Not how we call the power, not with what ceremonial, or words; but how much do we call down; how do we express the Divine

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## HAVE YOU DISCOVERED YOURSELF?

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# SPIRITUALISM

Some Straight Questions  
and Direct Answers

By Sir A. Conan Doyle

Hundreds of Thousands of copies of this article have been circulated in the British Isles.

What is a Spiritualist?

One who believes that death makes no change in personality, and that spirit communication under proper conditions is still possible.

Can one be a Spiritualist and also a Christian?

Spiritualism is not incompatible with any religion. It is only hostile to those creeds which would confine God's mercy to a particular sect. He is the God of all.

Is not the organized Spiritualist Church unitarian?

Yes, most organized Spiritualist Churches look upon Christ as a very high spirit. But there are ardent Spiritualists in all the Churches who combine Spiritualism with their former faith. Many of the non-Christian nations, Chinese, Japanese, Indians, etc., have some knowledge of this truth.

What are the phenomena?

They are signals and signs to attract our attention by appealing to our physical senses, and make us realize that there are intelligent forces outside ourselves.

Have these phenomena been examined by Science?

Yes.

Can you name any men of Science who have accepted them?

They are very numerous. Among the more prominent are Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir William Crookes, Sir William Barrett, Professors Charles Richet, Lombroso, Hyslop, Morselli, Russel Wallace, Zollner, Wagner, Schrenck-Notzing, Geley, Flammarion, Bozzano, William James, Hare, Challis, Mayo and Foa.

There are also many well-known lawyers, soldiers, divines, literary men, and men of business, who all speak from personal experience.

How many, on the other hand, have examined the phenomena and decided against them?

I am not aware of any man of high scientific reputation who has thoroughly examined the phenomena and decided against them.

Do all accept the religious implications?

No, to many the phenomena are simply interesting forces; to many others they are forces with an intelligent and lofty purpose.

Then they prove life after death?

Yes.

Why, then, do the Churches oppose this movement?

Want of knowledge and misrepresentation.

What I Observe  
by  
R. L. Crossing



"Spirit Voices" by Radar?

The Philadelphia Inquirer published an ambiguous article with the heading "Radar Picks Up 'Angels'." The original source was credited to the Washington bureau of The Associated Press whose headlines were: "Heaven Can Wait".

If by "angels" they mean spirits, then the statements are something to conjure with. Here is what they say: "Angels" are being picked up by radar, members of the International Scientific Radio Union were told today.

"Angels" are unidentified echoes from the atmosphere which have been observed to a maximum range of about 3000 yards above the earth's surface, said a report prepared by William B. Gould, Herbert B. Brooks and Raymond Wexler of the Army's Signal Laboratory at Belmar, N. J.

That's the same laboratory that bounced radar signals off the moon some time ago — but this "angel" business has nothing to do with the moon project.

Radarman Gould, who presented the report, said the mysterious echoes were different from those which are obtained when radar signals are returned by dust particles in the atmosphere or by the influence of certain turbulence in the atmosphere.

Studies still are under way to determine the cause of the unidentified echoes.

Psychic Observer "On the Air"

Only on rare occasions does this journal publish remarks made for or against its editorial policy. In a recent edition, mention was made about Colliers referring to our journal as a "travesty" but after that blast, hundreds of people began inquiring about our subscription price and requested sample copies.

Excerpts from a Washington, D. C., radio broadcast compliment us. The broadcast, delivered by Rev. Alice Wellstood Tindall, 1900 "F" St., N.W., Spiritualist minister in that city follows:

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# REINCARNATION—

## Can We PROVE It?

Common-Sense Viewpoints; Sound Logic; Divergence of Theory . . . all sides of the question considered and opinions of noted persons cited.

Possibly the Truth Lies  
Between the Two  
Extremes.

By WILLIAM BUTLER

Eastern peoples for the best part accept Reincarnation without any questioning. Most folk of the West, without having given the matter very much thought, reject the doctrine; chiefly because it does not fit in with their idea of a future state, and hereafter free from all cares and of everlasting bliss.

In the minds of some people, who do not find the prospect of rebirth in the flesh attractive, it has probably become confused with Metempsychosis—the false notion that the soul may be re-embodied, as a karmic punishment, in the form of an animal.

However, a considerable number of the greatest brains of the West have either espoused the theory or lent it support. David Hume, Schopenhauer, Goethe, and even Professor T. H. Huxley, are among those in the list. The latter went so far as to state that "transmigration has its roots in the world of reality."

Apparent Injustice

One must hesitate before dismissing as absurd a belief that has compelled the serious attention of such brilliant intellects as these.

The evidence for reincarnation is, it must be acknowledged, of a somewhat vague and limited kind. Very rarely can people recall anything of their past existences on earth, and those who do so, in more or less spasmodic and broken glimpses, are unable to prove to others the reality of their impressions of previous embodiments.

Too often these "memories" are of a self-flattering description, and invite the ridicule of the sceptic; the recollections of those who imagine they were Cleopatra, Napoleon, or Shakespeare, are rightly looked upon with suspicion. It is the reasonableness of the belief which carries the most weight. Reincarnation disposes of much of the apparent injustice in the scheme of things; it explains why some are born with much superior advantages to others, and levels things up in the long run.

Spiritualists Divided

Still, proof of a fairly definite sort can be cited. Dr. Gustave Geley, who was firmly convinced of the evolution of a human being through successive lives, astonished his parents by telling them that they had lived in a house at Montceau-les-Mines prior to his birth. If this does not prove that he had previously resided there himself, it at least suggests that he had seen the place during some earlier existence, and that his memory of it linked up with theirs.

Spiritualists are divided upon the question of Reincarnation. The English mostly are opposed to the doctrine. Here, communicating spirits generally denounce it. Whereas in France, where the influence of Allan Kardec is strong, it is upheld, both by those on this side of the veil and in the beyond.

Highly-evolved spirits, too, may choose to be re-embodied to help the advancement of humanity. Those of a very low type, it is not

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## WHO ARE THE GODS?

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power on earth, is the test, not of God's Truth, but of our truth, the truth of the method by which we worship. Any method of true faith and love brings the answer from the Almighty Power in which we all live and move and have our being.

"Except you become as little children you can in no way enter the kingdom of heaven." To little children wonder and the beauty of life, the reality of God and Angels are natural.

As we live in Divine Thought, so shall we draw to ourselves the powers of the Gods.

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unreasonable to suppose, may remain earth-bound for a while.

Obviously, little can be learnt here in one incarnation. To be limited to a single life in the flesh, which is at the longest but brief, would be tantamount to finishing a youngster's education after it had learnt all it could in the first form. Surely it is more reasonable to assume that, having been granted a vacation from earthly toil, we return to continue our lessons here, but in a higher class?

Earth-Formed Convictions

Clearly the prejudice of medium and sitters is largely responsible for this divergence of view. Also, as those who leave this earth cling for a good while, as a rule, to their old earth-formed convictions, one cannot put much reliance on pronouncements made on this subject from the other side.

Perhaps the truth lies between the two extremes. Reincarnation may occur in some cases, but not in all. Where the wish to come back to earth is great, it is likely that the spirit is permitted to do so. Or the necessity may be imposed upon one, when work left undone has to be accomplished.

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The picture above, taken last summer at *Camp Silver Belle*, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, shows executive board of the camp; and some of the visiting workers, staff mediums and speakers.

Sitting, left to right: Rev. John E. Reese, healer, mental, direct-voice medium, Pastor of the *Chapel of Communication*, Boston, Massachusetts; Rev. Lena Barnes Jelts, lecturer, writer, teacher, Ephrata and St. Petersburg, Florida; Rev. H. Gordon Burroughs, lecturer, mental, direct-voice medium, N. S. A. Trustee, President of *Camp Silver Belle*; Minister of the *Church of Two Worlds*, 1010 Seventeenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; *Ethel Post-Parrish*, Trumpet-in-the-light, mental, trance, direct-voice, materialization, Secretary and Founder of *Camp Silver Belle* and the *Church of The Beloved*, 2806 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Florida; Rev. Bertha Eckrood, lecturer, mental, direct-voice, 5116 Norwood Road, Baltimore, Maryland; Ernest Holden, trance, direct-voice, Ephrata and Harrisburg, Penna.

Standing, left to right: *Jozef Rulof*, psychic artist, author, lecturer, The Hague, Netherlands; *Horace Leaf*, F. R. S., lecturer, mental, trance, London, England and

Edinburgh, Scotland; Rev. Mary Fulton, lecturer, mental, direct-voice, Huntington, West Virginia; Rev. Emma Munch, lecturer, mental, direct-voice, Riverton, New Jersey; Donald Fuller, Stamford, Conn.; Blanche Sears, St. Petersburg, Florida and Columbus, Ohio; James M. Parrish, lecturer, healer, Ephrata and St. Petersburg; Dorothy Graff Flexer, lecturer, trance, direct-voice, Tampa, Florida; Abraham Whitmoyer, lecturer, mental, Ephrata; Marguerite Holden, mental, lecturer, Ephrata; Rev. Raymond E. Burns, lecturer, teacher, mental, trance, direct-voice, minister *Albertson Memorial Spiritualist Church*, 495 Summer St., Stamford, Conn.; Cele Stewart, direct-voice, Detroit and Washington, D. C.; Frank Decker, internationally-known direct-voice and test medium, President of *International Psychic Society*, New York City; Anna Bennett, lecturer, Washington, D. C. and St. Petersburg; Kitty McKay Leith, lecturer, New York City.

Front row, standing: Rev. Elizabeth Fabian, lecturer, mental, direct-voice, Ephrata; Rev. Marion Nicholetti, lecturer, mental, N. Y. C.; Michael Nicholetti, healer, N. Y. C.; Jack Edwards, *Spirit Photographer*, *Camp Silver Belle*.

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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long into the homestead property, and appear with their unrestrained impetuosity to threaten immediate contact and destruction, yet never was the time when one of these eccentric children of the sun wrought the least harm in the nebula-fields and star-gardens of immensity.

That the saurian-like monster comets of the stellar sea are harmless is established by science. And that these wondrous bodies have fixed orbits is proved by the fact that astronomers have calculated their magnitude, ascertained their speed of motion in perihelion, comprehended their relative proportions, and, stranger than all, have predicted the precise period of revolution, and some of the comets do not disappoint their earthly friends and observers.

If others have, the fact is attributable to the mistakes of the astronomer in fixing his data; for the comet is orderly in its travelings, and should not be blamed for non-appearance at the appointed time. But we have something more to offer on these solar matters, which is reserved for another day more fitting.

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### The Sun's Rays and the Earth

QUESTION: "Does the sun lose anything by parting with its heat and light? Does the earth gain anything by receiving them?"

ANSWER: According to observations, made in the clairvoyant state, the sun is very gradually diminishing in size; but so imperceptibly, that a million of years

could hardly make the fact appreciable to our instruments of solar measurement. The cause is referable to the incessant formation of cometary bodies in the sidereal gardens of space, and not to the impartation of heat, light, electricity, etc.

The earth, on the contrary, is slowly enlarging and increasing in rarity. All solar and cosmical bodies follow the law of growth, perfection, and decay. The earth, however, is yet in its youth. Its greatest eras to come. Snakes, spiders, wild beasts, thorns, and every unwholesome thing, will one day all die.

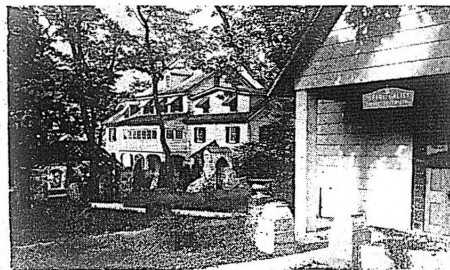
### The Sources of Vegetation

QUESTION: "Whence came the materials which enter into the composition of the varied forms in earth's vegetable kingdom?"

ANSWER: The vegetable kingdom is composed of materials derived from the mineral kingdom, which is hidden in the earth's deep bosom. Whence the materials composing the mineral world? From the four primal elements of all matter — viz: Fire, Heat, Light, and Electricity.

In all searchings, we terminate in these four original principles. By "Fire" is not meant the condition of matter in flame or combustion, but the first state of material motion, out of which issue Heat, Light, and Electricity. The finest motion of matter results in

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The omnibus stops for a moment at the different stations along the interminable highways of infinity; and, at such a moment, passengers enough leave it to start the organization of a world like this globe on which we live.

Fire, Heat, and Light—the three grand primal principles of matter — retire from the Electrical chariot in minute particles, and

forthwith unite chemically, for the origination of a plane. (The first stage of a planet is invariably that of a comet.) Then onward rolls the triumphant chariot of Electricity! Passengers are permitted to terminate their ride at just that point in space where

they experience more attraction to sojourn than to proceed. But it is very strange, yet true always, that only a sufficient number of passengers (or particles) alight from the shining vehicle, to commence the new planet in that particular locality.

Now you can easily trace out the answers to all your other interrogatories. You perceive that Fire, Heat, and Light—the primary principles of all matter—contain the requisite properties for the composition and ultimatum of all mineral, vegetable, animal, and human bodies.

Of the life-forces and spiritual sources of these different bodies, we do not now say anything; believing that, with the foregoing sketch of the origin of planets and of their elemental primaries, you can settle the other problems to your own satisfaction. Think, contemplate! And you will see

"This vast terrestrial frame. How Father God, From the mute shell-fish gasping on the shore, From men to angels, to celestial minds, Forever lends the generations on, To higher scenes of being; while supplied From day to day with his enlivening breath, Inferior orders in succession rise, To fill the void below."

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