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Astral Projection AS A PROOF OF SPIRITUALISM

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He is author of "The Case for Astral Projection," "Famous Psychic Stories," "Sensational Psychic Experiences" and many other books based upon his actual personal experiences in the "modus operandi" of Soul Flight.

Modern Spiritualism is based upon two main tenets: that man survives the death of the body, and that, having made the "transition," he is capable at times of communicating with those still living upon the earth-plane, through the instrumentality of certain peculiarly endowed individuals known as Mediums.

All this has been proved to the satisfaction of many, including a number of the world's greatest scientists. But there is another method of obtaining this complete conviction of the reality of a spiritual world, perhaps the most convincing of all to one who has undergone the experience. I refer to astral projection.



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If you have once left your physical body, while retaining full consciousness, and lived and functioned apart from it, looking back upon your physical vehicle asleep upon the bed, there can no longer be the slightest doubt in your mind that you are immortal spirit, temporarily inhabiting another world, which you will permanently inhabit after so-called death.

I have had this experience many hundreds of times, and I have collected the first-hand testimony of scores of others who have undergone similar experiences. No evidence in the world could be more conclusive than this, to one who has undergone a genuine astral projection.

That noted Italian Spiritualist and psychic investigator, Ernest Bozzano, emphasized in several of his books that, in his opinion, astral projection constitutes one of the strongest proofs imaginable of the reality of a spirit world and spirit return. This, because it is, in itself, a complete refutation of the present day materialistic psychology; that "mind is a function of the brain."

It shows us once and for all that mind can and does exist quite apart from the physical brain, even in this life. Why not, therefore, when the physical brain is no more?

I have discussed this question at considerable length in my book, The Projection of the Astral Body, published in 1929, as well as giving minute instructions as to how astral projection may be accomplished and successfully achieved. Projection of the astral body proves to be of enormous value to Spiritualists, and to their Cause, because it constitutes such a complete refutation of opposing arguments.

To the writer it has always seemed strange indeed that these facts should not be more generally known and recognized by Spiritualists and that astral projection experiences should have figured so little (relatively speaking) in their literature. I cannot but feel that the publication of my book constituted a turning-point in the history of the subject, opening up new vistas which had hitherto been undreamed of.

Since its publication, a whole new literature has sprung-up dealing with this subject, and many cases have been reported to me, some of which I have published in my book, The Case for Astral Projection, while still further instances are to appear in my forthcoming book, which will appear shortly. From all over the world letters have come to me, telling me of out-of-the-body experiences. Their number is surprisingly large.

I would advise Spiritualists to familiarize themselves with the literature of this subject, and above all to endeavor to have such experiences themselves. Spiritualism should receive a tremendous momentum, by the proof of astral projection, which in itself constitutes absolute proof of the reality of another world. . . . I myself have had this proof, and others can have it too—by means of astral projection!

HALL OF FAME OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM

By J. Bertram Yerling

The Hall of Fame of Modern Spiritualism, fashioned after the Hall of Fame established for famous Americans at Columbia University in the City of New York, U.S.A., is a Memorial Roll of Famous Spiritualist Workers who have contributed greatly to the advancement of Modern Spiritualism during its first century of World Enlightenment.

THE IDEA IS BORN

"Artaban speaks!" a discarnate intelligence communicating under the pseudonym of "Artaban" projected "from out of spirit" the idea of establishing a Memorial to the Workers of Modern Spiritualism. Thus it evolved that a most propitious opportunity presented itself for just such an enterprise — the World Centennial Celebration of Modern Spiritualism . . . Our Hall of Fame was to be born!

FUNDAMENTALS

A Hall of Fame for the World of Modern Spiritualism (below) must indeed be global in its representation. A Memorial Roll to be dedicated in the Centennial Birth-year of Our Movement — it must indeed begin with one hundred names. The task of building this Glorious Tribute — it must be given, so far as humanly possible, the full benefit of widespread authority and unprejudiced knowledge — it must preclude any possible charge of bias or of expression lacking in true world opinion sustained within the domain of Modern Spiritualism. Noble must be the scope of its tolerance. These things were fundamental!

HOW ESTABLISHED

The system to be followed was simple. The Memorial Roll was to be compiled from Lists of Candidates submitted by members of

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Let Us Turn to Science

... the Science of Life Eternal

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She is author of two of the greatest contributions to the movement of Spiritualism, the books: "Ancient Lights" (\$2.75) and "Torchbearers of Spiritualism" (\$3.50); other books: The "Either-Or of Spiritualism"; "Miracles & Adventures"; "Prayer Book X-Rayed" and "A Ladder to Heaven."

Our Centennial Celebration affords Spiritualists an opportunity of asking: "What, if any progress have we made in the science of spirit communication since the re-discovery by the Fox family of the fact that by means of "RAPS" and the use of the alphabet, intercourse with departed spirits could be established?" We use the word "rediscovery," since the use of the alphabet had been well known as a means of spirit communication nearly fifteen hundred years before the murdered peddler (bless him!) intervened.

Howitt makes statement of this fact in his History of the Supernatural.



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Even earlier Numa Pompilius employed the "spirit-pendulum" in augury. His pendulum, consisting of a ring at the end of a thread, was suspended over a bowl of water, around the rim of which were printed the letters of the alphabet. Upon the pronouncement of a certain "charm," the ring would swing about and strike upon the letters, thus spelling out "messages."

The pendulum, of course, was of no use without the action of the spirits "invoked." So it was that in Rochester in the year 1848, the combined ingenuity of a murdered peddler and an intelligent American family rediscovered spirit communication by means of using the alphabet.

Why is spirit communication denied by both the Churches and Science? We suggest that the subject has been grossly mishandled. It got into the wrong hands. The basic teaching of Spiritualism is man's survival of physical death.

Restricting ourselves to the Christian Era, this subject of a future life has been the monopoly of the Churches. The materialization of Jesus, after His Crucifixion, proved to the first Christians the Survival of their Master, and gave them the basis for belief in the survival of man. So far, so good.

But the Churches then greedily made use of this belief in a future life as a means of enforcing adherence to their own self-invented doctrines. If you believed this, that, or the other thing, as told, you were a Christian, and your future life would be one of happiness in Heaven.

If you disbelieved these doctrines, you were to go, after death, to a Hell of everlasting fire. Thus the subject of a Future Life has become inextricably mixed up with what has been misnamed Religion. Desire for a more modern proof of Survival is regarded by the Churches as irreligious.

It is maintained that the demonstrated survival of Jesus, although due to a unique "miracle," should be good enough for all Christians. Thus Religion has been made a subject repugnant to reason and so sidetracked by Science.

We Spiritualists call our Meeting places churches, and thus suggest that we regard the subject as a religion. Some identify it with Christianity and thus continue to keep Scientists at bay. And in our Seance Chambers, we do little if anything to prove that we regard the subject from a scientific point of view.

Spiritualism has been abundantly practiced throughout the Ages by many of our noblest world citizens, and periods of Revival of Spiritualistic Practices have been frequent. We suggest that while showing deep gratitude to the resourceful peddler and his responsive collaborators, at Our Centennial, we take the opportunity of disassociating our Movement from DOCTRINAL religion and take pains to establish it as a Science . . . the greatest of all possible sciences, the Science of Life—of Life Eternal.

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# MYSTERY OF BLOOD

## ETHERIZATION AND MYSTERIES RADIATION OF THE BLOOD

Words and laboratory demonstrations cannot explain these secrets. They are only to be found in one's soul.

By

Dr. Chas. Aug. Chval

Ever since immemorial times, blood occupied the human mind. In it is hidden a tremendous secret. Tireless research scientists with their chemical analyses, their physiological experiments along with their biological and microscopical discoveries have brought to light such a wealth of facts and findings that no conscientious physician could do without these aids at present.

Blood in itself is a precious substance which has saved many a human life, but the slightest carelessness during a transfusion may cause death or a serious infection. I will cite an incident that occurred in a hospital when a young intern performed a transfusion from the husband into the body of his wife. After the transfusion was performed it was discovered that the husband was infected.

### Physiological Aspects

The result of such carelessness can easily be imagined. I could mention other sad experiences, but this one example is sufficient to bring out what will follow. For this reason the blood tests, various blood counts and chemical analyses are of major importance in establishing or confirming a correct diagnosis and treatment.

Human health does not depend only on the quantity of blood, but also on the quality. Much depends upon the number of red cells and the number of white cells, on the hemoglobin, plasma, fibrin, anti-bodies and numerous other important factors.

In this limited article, I cannot go into detail on the physiological aspects of the blood. I desire only to call attention to its importance. I wish to deal with the spiritual aspects of the blood to which science has given very little attention up to the present day.

### The Immortal Soul

Nevertheless, scientists deserve all credit and full acknowledgment for what they have accomplished in their technique and art of diagnosing and healing. Yet in spite of all their wonderful instruments, x-rays and to a hair-breadth adjusted appliances, they have not penetrated the mystery of the blood which is the essence of our life.

For the materialistic minded scientist, the blood remains a baffling secret, full of wonderful cells, marvelously constructed and functioning almost like living beings, but science will not admit that every one of them is endowed with intelligence and governed by higher powers over whom ruleth an Immortal Soul.

Until science will acknowledge that spiritual forces are acting upon the blood, they will grope around in darkness and their knowledge of the blood will remain incomplete.

Among common people are circulating all sorts of superstitions and traditions about blood.

Everyone knows that the blood of animals has been used in religious ceremonies, rites and sacrifices. It also has been used in black magic and known even to the inhabitants of the submerged Atlantis.

The Chaldeans, Egyptians, Persians, in fact we could name every nation without exception who in their traditions, fables, legends and sacred writings have recorded their veneration and use of this precious vehicle of life.

### Superstition and Ignorance

It is, therefore, obvious that the blood contains something more like what has been found in the laboratories and under the most powerful microscope. Variable opinions have been uttered by theologians and philosophers of all times and in some instances this matter brought on vehement discussions and in some instances armed conflict and bloody wars. Be it as it may, like a red thread extends the symbol of blood through the history of mankind.

A large portion of people still struggle helplessly as far as this side of the matter is concerned, in superstition and ignorance. It is no wonder because the question of blood has always been a tender and searing problem. Whosoever dared to pronounce his opinion publicly on this matter exposed himself to certain dangers.

In this respect, even today, a spiritual scientist does not fare any better. Even if imprisonment and the stake do not face him as in the middle ages, his existence in many ways is made miserable.

### Science of Astology

Therefore, little has been revealed to the general public. Nevertheless, in this atomic age of epochal discoveries, in this empire of electrons, neutrons, positrons, syntons and other components of the invisible atom, many begin to suspect that blood is not only influenced by bio-chemistry and atmospheric conditions, en-

zymes and hormones, but that it must be ruled by cosmic factors—by superior forces.

This is an unshakable fact, which has been revealed to the world by sages, prophets and seers in the past and in the present dispensation.

Astrology which has been discredited and brought into disrepute by all kind of charlatans, fakers and adventurers was not a pseudo-science or a cult based upon superstition. The great astronomer Milan Rostislav Stefancik said: "The stars direct my life. The stars are always calling to me. Serve God—his laws, order and beauty. Spread peace and happiness."

### Phenomena Checked

It is not without significance that the three Wise Men from the East read in a star the event of great importance for mankind—the Nativity of the Son of God.

Therefore, it is reasonable to believe that all these influences about us, above and below this endless universe affect us physically and spiritually. At present scientists and governments devote all their energy and fabulous sums of money in constructing atomic bombs and super-aircrafts capable of being piloted by radar and radio waves. We have already contacted the Moon, but how little we know of the power which resides in ourselves and in a drop of human blood.

I wish to disclose to you an experience which I had while transferring blood from a syringe to a test tube during a serological test. To my astonishment I noticed a gray-blue emanation inside the syringe. I began to pay closer attention to this phenomenon. I saw these gray-blue phosphorizing blotches and little clouds again and again.

### Proof of Psychometry

It seemed as though some particles of the blood in the syringe under pressure have been changed into ethereal vapors. It might have been caused by the friction of the serum in the tight glass syringe.

To examining patients for hemoglobin, I frequently use the Talquist paper. One day I picked up one of these papers which contained a drop of human blood and concentrated upon this drop with my inner sight. To my great astonishment as in a film I witnessed myself drawing blood from the basilic vein of the patient's arm and in perfect sequence every operation which I performed was recorded in that vision.

Here I had perfect proof of psychometry. In that drop of blood was not only the record of what transpired in my office, but today I am convinced that even the past life of this individual is recorded in this drop of blood. In other words blood is an akashic record. It is evident from this that blood plays an important part in the etherization and protonation of the invisible body.

### Goethe's Faust

And just as blood forms the ethereal body, so does the central nervous and sympathetic systems with their components, the ganglions, chord and brain form the astral body. Above these there reigns a whole scale of spiritual entities dominated by the Immortal Soul. Blood is then not only a bio-chemical and physiological combination, but it is also a spiritual entity.

Thirty-five years ago while taking a course in Hebrew and German at the University of

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Texas, we were discussing Goethe's Faust. Those who are familiar with this story know that Mephistopheles demanded from Dr. Faust his signature written in his own blood.

In this act, Mephistopheles makes this significant statement: "Das Blut, dass ist ein ganz besonderer Saft." (The blood is a unique essence.)

### Biblical References

I have pondered over this statement from time to time and when I saw the emanations from the blood I felt that I have found part of the meaning of this statement. Therefore, the old saying "blood is not water" is true and Mephistopheles was right, but he did not disclose its profound secret.

In the blood as well as in the whole nervous system with the hormone and enzyme producing glands resides nature's most mysterious and intelligent forces.

Man is a universe in miniature. Blood in its very nature is an expression of the universality of the Spirit. The Bible contains over 350 statements referring to the blood. Christ's blood shed upon the cross is preached, but the real significants of this event very few minds understand and they will not understand until the Holy Spirit itself will reveal it to them.

Blood is filled not only with earthly powers, but also with the Godly breath—the so-called Prana and the heavenly Manna which is spiritual food and nourishment.

Those born of the spirit par-

take of these heavenly gifts and are being refreshed by the soma, the heavenly potion of the Garden of Eden. All human wisdom could not drain the depth of this secret. And yet, the voice of the blood has been audible in the earliest history of mankind.

### Your "Lord's Temple"

In the Book of Moses (Gen. 1:10) we read: "The voice of the blood of Thy brother is calling to me out of the earth below." And a few chapters further we arrive at a simple esoteric definition of blood. (See V. Moses Deut. 12:23) "Blood is life, also blood is the soul."

From these two quotations it is apparent that blood harbours in itself inestimably high spiritual qualities. Verily the human body is the Lord's temple, just as the soul is of Godly origin. From the lowest elementals a whole hierarchy of angels and arch angels are partaking in the building of this temple.

This has been revealed to the humble and pure in heart. The master of the Judean Hills reminds us that worldly fame and learning, wealth or power, will not bring anyone into the Kingdom of God, and lifting up his eyes he said: "I thank Thee O Father, Lord of Heaven, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes." Mat. 11:25.

### Glorious Experience

The mystery of blood cannot be explained merely by words or demonstrated in the laboratory. To understand these secrets one must find his own soul, go into the innermost chamber of his heart and by the process of spiritual alchemy, coupled with right living and silent meditation, one will find the answer to the mystery of life.

Once in that Divine Light, no power on earth will be able to deprive you of this glorious experience. From thence on you will say not only—I believe in my Heavenly Father and in my immortal soul, but you will confidently say with the ancient sage—Job: "I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVETH."

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# Modern Spiritualism

Has It Remained Too Closely Linked With Fundamentalist Religionism?

Has It Blindly Continued To Support a Religion That Is, At the Same Time, Hostile To It?

By

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It is a privilege to contribute an expression of appreciation of the significance of the Modern Spiritualist movement in the life and history of mankind. But it is a privilege that overwhelms one with a sense of entire inability to measure up to the tremendous import of this great upsurge of the spirit of man in an age of almost crushing materialism.

No pen can portray the power of this mighty interest in its impact upon the mass consciousness of the world. Whether it can be asserted confidently that the Councils of Divine Providence, with an eye watchful and solicitous of the spiritual welfare of the human family, engineered the strange behavior of the Fox sisters in Hydesville in 1848, may be a moot question.

So far as one may judge of such transcendental matters, it has the appearance of having been so engineered. If one were to seek the high design back of such a maneuver, it could, without undue forcing of the point, be laid to the work of the Spiritual Hierarchy of the world, for the motive of releasing at a critical juncture in the soul life of mankind a force that would save that life from being warped out of all true relation to verity and even hopelessly crushed under the overall weight of deadening materialistic ideology, that was captivating and enthraling the mind of Western humanity.

## The World of Nature

The crisis was fearfully precarious for the future welfare of the race. After some fifteen centuries of the enslavement of the Occidental mind under the remorseless power of ecclesiastical religion, entrenched in sovereignty even over the civil power of states, the advance of science and the dawn of modern objective interest broke the most severe of the chains of mental bondage and, in part at least, opened the doors to freedom of thought.

Leaping forth from age-long restriction, the freed mind swept with full ardor and enthusiasm into the realm of empirical and positivist science. The world of

nature and of life was made to yield up its laws and its secrets. Reaction of the utmost violence swept the inquiring mind away from religious obsession into the world of objective phenomena, where the very springs of life itself were sought with increasing promise of success. Ideology perforce swung away from spiritual levels and regions to the mechanistic side of life.

## Soul of the West

The physical body of reality, so to say, became the center of world interest, the soul falling farther and farther from the central focus of vital concern. Spiritual science stood in grave danger of being lost in the entrancing interests of material science. Philosophy faced the imminent danger of being reformulated to see life as governed and motivated from the outside, under the pressure of new knowledge of physical forces.

Man stood in grim peril of being regulated and dominated by things and machines and the false evaluation of their place and function in life. The spiritual soul of the West was close to the brink of being ousted from its rightful place of headship in the life of the individual and the world. Mankind could lose its inner guidance of the divine spirit. A century or two of such blight could wreak havoc in the happiness and progress of the race. One can well believe that the Spiritual Guardians of humanity exerted themselves to avert such a catastrophe.

## Human Culture

They broke through the interval of vibration rate that separates human from celestial consciousness with a message that would bring again to mortal man the certain knowledge that the immortal spirit, the king of life, is not the evanescent product of a material body to perish with its dissolution.

The full importance of this revelation for historical man has not been seen in its solid significance or given its due weight in the counsels of religion and philosophy. It is, and at all times must be, the keystone of the structure of human culture. The uncertainty or failure of the knowledge that a divine part of man survives the disintegration of the mortal part is the greatest destroyer of culture in all the domain of mental influence.

Civilization depends upon the self-restraint of individual action sufficient to stabilize orderly society. Self-discipline can spring or rest on no other motive than the aims and desires of a conscious being to escape the penalties of past ignorant action and to reap the happier fruits of past rectitude. Without the assured knowledge or at least the firm con-

viction that life will endure into the future, following bodily death, such aims and desires can never gain the strength to enforce individual righteousness.

Philosophy has sought, but never found, any rational motive for self-control and moral conduct in lieu of the prospect or the inner intuition of the continued existence of the spirit of man in another world. Indeed, morality can only have the most tentative and wavering bases in the reasoning mind if there is wanting entire certitude of the soul's survival. Were death utterly to blot out life, the door is open wide for chaos to come tumbling into the home of the mind.

## A Prey to Logic

Bereft of assurance of further existence, a mind becomes at once a prey to the logic of opportunism. There is nothing in sight to controvert the instinctive argument that one might as well give free reign to every whim and desire and take a full fling at life's cruder satisfactions. Without future life in another world, there can be no beckoning of earthly accounts. Immorality promises a brighter primrose path, if death is the end. No competent logic can be found to support the heavy demands of moral uprighteousness if the soul is done with life when the body drops away.

## Fundamental Assurances

Knowledge of the soul's survival, then, is the rock foundation of all social morality. It is the supreme moral force in human life. Religion was from the start the growth of a cultus of the highest conceivable spiritual values, springing from and based on this one fundamental assurance. The high esoteric religions of old built up their ceremonial practices in very definite relation to the possibility of keeping open the communication between the two worlds of the soul's life, its contacts with the world in body and out of body.

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When a person arrives at a certain stage of spiritual unfoldment I think that he suddenly experiences a great sense of freedom — freedom from the bondage of things.

Ever since I was a little girl I have intuitively felt that things were given too much importance. When I was about twelve years of age we had two neighbors who had quarreled all of their married lives over a set of dishes. The feud resulted in the two women living side by side but not speaking.

Finally, one night the house in which the coveted dishes were lodged burned and the dishes burned too. This incident made a great impression on me and I secretly made up my mind that I would never have any trouble over trivial things.

## "Bound to Things"

Years later, when I came into understanding, I began to see why this little episode had made such an impression. It brought home to my intuitive mind a profound truth — the truth that we should not "lay up treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy" (and fires consume) but we should "lay up our treasures in heaven." That is, we should not become absorbed in things that are temporal to the exclusion of things of the Spirit which are eternal.

I think there is nothing more pathetic than people who are bound to things. A man becomes so engrossed in the stock market that his whole happiness is dependent on the rise and fall of the market. We all have known men whose investments have failed and who, as a result, have taken what they called the quick way out. These men, we say, "couldn't take it."

How sad to have such a poor perspective of the values of life! If a person could only know it, after his investments have failed, he still has all that is eternal left. His Real Self cannot fail, he still has all that is eternal left. His Real Self cannot fail; his Real Self cannot lose; his Real Self cannot go bankrupt; his Real Self cannot be washed up.

## Temporal Possessions

We have all seen men and women who have become so attached to their furniture and temporal possessions that, separated from them by circumstance, they have literally pined away and died. The reason that old people are so often miserable is because all of their interests have been centered in things.

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After some few months of skeptical curiosity about psychic phenomena and Spiritualism, in 1939, I finally became convinced of the reality of the phenomena, about the middle of July, when I had a four-day visit at Camp Freeville in Central New York. My first experiences with the phenomena of materialization occurred in September, the first and third weeks, 1939. In the three following years I had few opportunities; but from early 1943 to the present time, I have had many astonishing materialization experiences.

When Charles P. Steinmetz was a boy, his father frequently warned him to beware of "beliefs" and "opinions"—to listen to them politely but not accept them; rather to do his own original research on any question raised by someone's opinion, if it were important and the subject interested him. This wise advice saved the younger Steinmetz from many mistakes.

### Opinions of Others

I often think of this when I hear people—yes, many of them Spiritualists—talk about fraudulent mediumship but I'll write more fully about "fraud" and "deception" later.

In those first four years of my interest in the subject, I found myself forming opinions upon the subject, based upon my own very slight experience and books I read and the opinions of many with whom I talked. I thought I was learning a great deal, of course; but early in 1943, after a few experiences with searching self-analysis, I became convinced that I

was not learning at all, except in a negative sense; I was not getting the Truth in facts: there were too many contradictions, too many probabilities.

This was due to my forming opinions, based largely upon the opinions of others. For opinions are as stable and dependable as shifting sands; and what wise man would build upon sand? To get the Truth, it became plain to me, required a different approach.

### What the Facts Show

I have heard many people say, "I am interested"; or "I am investigating." Judging from the results, it might more accurately be said that they were only "window-shopping"—an activity very widely different from investigation, for it requires no exchange of values upon the part of the shopper or "investigator." After all their investigations, they always express opinions. When we hear that someone has investigated something, we consider that he should be qualified to discuss the matter.

And then, when later facts show that he was not correct in something he said, do we correct him? Not if the subject is Spiritualism or psychic phenomena. Or if we do try to correct him, do we get away with it? Well, I suspect that such efforts are very rarely successful. Why? Because few people touch these subjects without becoming emotional about them, expressing feelings and opinions. This is discouraging and makes hard mental work for one who seeks the Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

In order to get at the truth about anything, I had long ago learned that I had to get the facts; I had to stop "believing"; I had to stop kidding myself and being satisfied with my opinions; I had to observe intently, and to observe many facts as often as I found opportunities to see them repeated; and to really investigate

the many lines of suggestion leading out from those facts; until I had found a sound solid bed-rock basis which could not be upset later.

When I find that I have made any serious mistake, I censured myself for being silly or foolish or careless, instead of being wise or sensible, careful or thoughtful. It gives me no satisfaction to express an opinion which is shown later to have been incorrect. And so have learned, the hard way, to get the facts,—to "know" instead of to "believe."

### Scientific Investigation

Now, when people are considering their work, they will accept just logic more or less respectfully. But when considering their religion or religious matters, they are not usually willing to accept it. They insist upon their "right to believe" as they see fit; not realizing that one who insists upon the truth and the facts, even in religious matters, is not thereby showing himself to be at all irreligious,—that he is only being sensible instead of being opinionated.

That is why, beginning with 1943, I set out to really investigate scientifically, to accurately observe all the facts I could get a chance at; to learn the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; determined to even purge my own mind of opinions and notions and prejudices in so far as I was able. And quickly this mental attitude began to pay off. It really struck pay dirt! Then and ever since, I have been getting truth, and not fraud or sham or deceit.

It would greatly surprise most people, to learn how many things have been "believed" to be true, have often been a part of various religions; and which have at some time later been shown to be untrue when some inquiring mind searched for facts because he refused to "believe." The history of any religion is full of many instances of this, and so is the history of any other popular human activity.

### Least Resistance

The problem lies not in religion, or sport, or music, or any other common activity, but rather in human nature itself. For mankind has not progressed far enough to demonstrate really clear thinking as an attribute of character so common as to be accepted as a part of the individual's everyday living.

The natural line of least resistance is to "believe" something which we think ourselves or hear someone else express, rather than to acquire "knowledge" about that something; and having once expressed that belief, vanity persistently defends the expression. It seems to have never been a part of the common system of education and training for daily living, to make clear logical thinking a part of the pupil's character.

Here are a few illustrations of exactly what I mean. Most people who follow leaders, "believe" with the leaders. Lord Lister, discoverer of the antiseptic method in medicine and surgery, faced clerical antagonism, because the clergy said his anaesthetics "combated God's affliction of pain." When potatoes were introduced into Scotland in 1728, the Scottish clergy indignantly denounced them as unfit for Christians to eat, because they were not mentioned in the Bible.

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- 2—Selection of Candidates to be from the entire WORLD of Modern Spiritualism.
- 3—Choice of Candidates to be based upon such individual's specific contributions to the advancement of Modern Spiritualism, directly or indirectly, as Demonstrators, Researchers, Organizers, Authors, and/or Propagandists.

Innumerable Lists of Candidates were thus received from places and people separated by the far flung oceans of the globe: stretching from Iceland to India, from New Zealand to the Scandinavian Countries. From these several hundreds of names, most of which were many times repeated, three Directors made the final compilation for the Memorial Roll of the Spiritualist Hall of Fame.

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Am I being obtuse? Then let me say bluntly that I think that

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I am no protagonist and I can not become fanatical about anything or anybody or any movement though it be like love, the greatest thing in the world. I can not get up that zeal so essential for fanatical endeavor. I could not have become so zealous for even something like the seven expeditions undertaken by Christian powers in 11th, 12th and 13th cen-

turies to recover from the Moslems the Holy Land and called the Crusades.

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# An Appeal to SPIRITUALISTS

MAN KNOW THINE OWN HANDIWORK

Today, man stands at the crossroads of where there is no turning back. He must go forward into the light of his own making or into the blackness of suffering and pain, also of his own making.

Some men seek light through formulation of new thought in religion.

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We, as Spiritualists, are continually blaming spirit for the things that go wrong with us in life, both in our personal life and in our national, as well as our Church Life. We are being held back, the time is not ripe, for this or that to happen or it did not come out right because spirit would not let it happen yet. I ask you as Christian people, do you believe in a just and righteous God? If you do, do you think that HE is going to give you a special privilege which you have not earned, or the other way about?

**AWAKE:** Stop procrastinating, you have done it long enough. We have used this excuse for every delay and every pain and all of the misguided events in our lives.

I was talking with a woman the other day and she started telling me what was wrong with the Spiritualist Churches in our city and who the individuals were that did this wrong and that, how this one made eyes at that one's wife or husband. Right about then I started to ask an embarrassing question, "What connection or part do you play in the Church Movement here?" The answer was "... seeing that things were as they are, she just sort of kept to herself.

### Very Pathetic

Over the whole earth has been darkness of separateness of spirit in both national and individual effort, a feeling of "let some one else pull my chestnuts out of the fire." Out of this darkness of spirit, of destruction, which has spread throughout the whole earth, because doing evil and not doing anything is one and the same evil, which is the same thing that is...

is looking about for a source of information by which he may get the answers to his problems of life. Here WE STAND WITH THE ANSWERS IN OUR HANDS, THE KNOWLEDGE OF SPIRIT COMMUNICATION and yet we hesitate. We spend our time fretting about petty things, about whether I work next Sunday on the rostrum as a message bearer or not.

You and I, we have a job. Maybe no one will pin a medal on us for doing this job of LIVING THE TRUTH and cleansing our bodies that they may be shining examples of the result of KNOWING GOD PERSONALLY. We forget one thing, that we have been shown the light around many persons who have passed to the other side.

### Man's Own Destiny

Now just how do you think that light happened to be there? Things do not happen without a reason. Certainly not by finding fault with the other fellow. This light is what is sometimes known as the Golden Wedding Garment and if we expect to be in atonement (ment meaning now, continually now) with the Father, it is our passport to his presence and therefore results positive clairvoyance, which is a boon to mankind.

Man is continually weaving the web of HIS OWN DESTINY on the loom of time thus creating for himself a garment of glory or gloom according to whether he is working for himself alone or for the glory of mankind.

Strange as it may seem, man has been asleep but today he is very much awake and about, for the first time seeing himself as he really is. Man's innate selfishness and separateness has brought about this destruction and the darkness we are passing through. AND DON'T BLAME IT ON THE INFLUENCE OF EVIL SPIRITS — IF THEY ARE THERE WE CREATED THEM.

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The purposes for which the corporation has been organized are:

To establish, maintain and conduct national and district headquarters for scientific and spiritual investigation and research of metaphysics, mediumship and Natural Healing.

To sponsor and encourage the teaching, instruction and training, and

cause they have lost all hope and faith.

Here again is our opportunity for service. Man is faced with the job of rebuilding a new civilization built on LOVE, COOPERATION and COORDINATION and not based on separateness, selfishness, and hate. He has his cup of bitterness to overflowing in materialism and plunder.

### Time to Unite

Where can man turn?—to the old time isms of the past, to the preacher, who when he was ordered away to war TO KILL, gave him GOD'S BLESSING. Now isn't that a joke? Do YOU think God would bless a man for breaking the TEN COMMANDMENTS? Where can this man turn to? Whither shall he go? Who can lead him? Can you answer him with a positive purpose and plan? Can we as Spiritualists show him the way to creative living? Can we lead him to the LIGHT he is seeking? Can WE show him where to find his peace? Man is demanding LIGHT. Can YOU light the torch for him at this time of spiritual need?

NOW is the time for Spiritualism to rise to a high level, to put away its petty differences and UNITE. To teach to the world the beauty of the teachings and their practice in every day life.

During the evolution of man many have died for the express purpose of keeping states or countries united because in unity there is strength and there was great bloodshed.

Let us form a great ARMY of thinking, praying, working men with all of the Spiritualist churches as one. We all are one.

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# Studies In Materialization

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about it: and bitterly condemned the scientists among its own teachers, for making known the facts which eventually replaced that 1400 year old superstitious "belief." Because of this church opposition Galileo was condemned as a heretic and sentenced to imprisonment, but was saved by retracting during his trial.

## Bottomless Pits

Copernicus escaped this same persecution only because he died; but Giordano Bruno, who supported Copernicus, was imprisoned for seven years, and then was buried alive, because the church condemned him as a "monster of impiety." Newton's discovery of gravitation was bitterly attacked on the grounds that he was trying to dethrone Providence.

The introduction of railway trains brought violent opposition from orthodox thinkers, who said they were an invention of Satan, and that the belching smoke came from the bottomless pit. In our own American Congress were some Congressmen who wanted laws enacted, to limit the speed of trains to less than thirty miles an hour, because medical authority "believed" the human body could not stand such speed.

Therefore in 1913 when I began to seek phenomena at every opportunity, I tried to refrain from forming opinions; I tried to gain a knowledge of facts. And it was not long before I found that there is available to the sincere and earnest searcher-after-truth more real evidence in facts than any clear thinker can readily digest. I stopped seeking directly for proof and tests; and plenty has been given to me freely and unexpectedly ever since. Some of the scientific equipment which we expect to have in use before long, and available to the public, will give any interested inquirer ample evidence, of the truth of these statements.

## "Eyesight-mindedness"

I concluded that our common "eyesight-mindedness" is the cause of much of this un-clear thinking, and I began to work out ways to combat this habit and its results. With most people, about 85% of the impressions reaching the brain from the world outside the self, are received through the sense of sight; and about 12% by hearing.

This means that what we see is likely to make about seven times as strong an impression upon the mind as what we hear; and since one's judgment is often impulsive and superficial, you can see why so

many people make so many mistakes. This habit is probably the basis for the old adage that "seeing is believing."

I applied this reasoning in many ways, to many experiences. As applied to materialization, it worked out as follows.

I talked about materialization to many people who had been in only one or two seances or in none at all; and most of them had opinions about it, usually contrary to what I afterwards learned by experiences to be the true facts. Yet in their opinions they were quite positive and sure of themselves.

Also, I talked with many who had attended many seances,—talked with them many times. They had opinions, too, sometimes at odds with each other, and sometimes contrary to what the facts later turned out to be; and of course, they too, were very sure of themselves. Where, indeed, and just how, could I learn the truths about such a controversial subject?

## Critical Observation

In time, by critical observation and analysis, I learned the reality of the phenomena. By comparison and analysis of many opinions and of many books, I learned that few people were correctly aware of the subject's most serious problems.

I have established it as fact in my own knowledge, that whenever given sufficient opportune conditions, the phenomena will always be provided in such manner, frequency and quality, as to prove amply their own genuine reality. Why, then, are most people who witness and experience psychic phenomena, not always or equally well convinced?

Naturally following that question is another, equally important. What can be done to erase the obvious confusion, and to aid investigators and sincere inquirers to secure knowledge of the real truth?

## Student-mediums

Well, it seems obvious to me that most people refuse to give sufficient time and study to the subject, and therefore either carelessly or willfully or because of various coercive influences, remain in ignorance of the facts without admitting or believing it.

Many factors have a part in mediumship, and a study of them finally led me to the conclusion that the answer to the first question is not in the genuineness or falsity of the phenomena but in obtaining the facts and making them known, as far and wide as possible; and in aiding mediums and student-mediums to avail themselves of many modern scientific advantages in presenting the results of their mediumship to the interested public. The results of work along this line will, before

## Canada's Springdale Spiritualist Church



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The picture above shows speakers, mediums and leaders of the Springdale Spiritualist Church of Canada. Extreme left, Rev. Partidge; extreme right, Rev. Powell.

very long, be available to mediums and to the public.

As to the second question, I have found several ways to do something about his, ways which will be perfected and demonstrated publicly from time to time. One which is now almost completed, is a new "materialization light," which has received a great deal of enthusiastic comment, although still in experimental use. The development of this light is an interesting story.

## Opinions Differ

Some people say materializations always look like the medium; others say they never do; still others believe they sometimes do and sometimes do not. Some believe materializations always appear in white color. At least one woman believed (or at least has always said) that every form which materialized, in a certain seance which I and about 35 others attended, was dark or black; although the rest of us agreed that only a few were dark, and that they were obviously Indians.

Some say they always appear too ghostly, while others disagree. This mental tendency to inconsistent, disagreeing opinions, in one form or another, has always existed; and it is time we do something about it, in the interest of local and world peace, and of the spiritual and mental awakening of all people.

One night in August 1943, I sat next to the medium's cabinet. The light was the usual dark red light, on the wall at the back of the room, on the side opposite to me, directed toward the cabinet. The illumination was very poor; although we agreed that we could see well enough, perhaps for the sake of harmony.

## Public Acceptance

Several times that evening, materialized forms walked forward from the cabinet toward the lighted end of the room, to such a point that they were directly between me and the light; so that I saw those particular forms against a background of light, instead of the usual background of darkness as they are ordinarily seen by the sitters.

Those forms which I saw silhouetted against the light, were each different from the medium; they were more individualized than I had ever thought of them being, because I SAW THEM better and differently. Through '44 and '45 I managed to sit in that same position only a few times, but each time confirmed my conviction that I had a clue to the problem of a more wide-spread public acceptance of the reality of materialization.

I learned in voice seances that the Spirit Side was naturally in favor of better illumination, pro-

vided it was managed with the understanding and willingness of the mediums. But whenever I approached a medium with the lighting problem, I got scant attention and no willingness for trial and experiment.

## Perceived Ideas

It is very difficult to break down our own prejudices and our satisfaction with the status quo; and mediums are not to be singled out for any criticism about this, for each medium is just another one of us and has the same human nature. They have not been, as a class, kindly, considerately and understandingly dealt with by those who may be classed as "investigators" of one sort or another.

In 1945 I moved to Elmira, N. Y., only an hour's drive from the Freeville Camp the next summer, was in my first seance with Rev. Iona Brandt. The technique of a materialization seance is different with each medium. The significance of this needs to be made plain for interested public, and will be later; for understanding this will clear away many mistaken judgments and erroneous opinions.

## Experiments Desirable

When Mrs. Brandt came to Freeville Camp the next summer, July 1946, I first had a voice seance with her, and talked to her Teachers about the desirability of experimenting with the seance room illumination. They were interested and ready to co-operate. When Mrs. Brandt understood this, she also agreed.

The first lamp was a crude affair, but the illumination for the sitters' vision was so much better that every sitter was very enthusiastic. The second lamp was much better, and so arranged that the Materialization guide, Rose Marie, could herself use a special rheostat to increase or decrease the volume of light, adjusting the amount of illumination to the seance room conditions she would have to work

with. This lamp was used in a number of seances, and was always favorably commented upon. To me, however, it was not satisfactory.

## Proper Seance Light

I used a small size floodlight reflector, with a bright red bulb. Across the open end of the reflector, I placed two round pieces of window-pane glass, with a single thickness of "polaroid" between. Light rays may be said to move on all planes in every uninterrupted direction and the polaroid sheet eliminates half of these planes. Our idea was that the polarized light would have half the chemical effect upon ectoplasm, that the unpolarized light always has.

And with that effect, we could then use the rheostat to increase the volume of light for better vision. The result seemed to afford some proof that this was correct for the lamp was used without any difficulty or objection, and with the enthusiastic approval of the sitters, in seances several of which lasted for three hours or more. I did not know why, but I was still not satisfied; and I kept on reflecting upon the problem from time to time.

## Harmful Effects Eliminated

It has been the common belief of all mediums, of most of the authorities with wide experience, and of most of the writers upon the subject, that materialization must occur under a dim red light; that after the sitters are in this "dim-red-light-darkness" for a short time, the iris of the eye becomes sufficiently enlarged or adjusted to afford satisfactory vision; and that the rays of this red light are the only rays of the visible spectrum which have no harmful effects upon ectoplasm. The experiences of a few investigators have not borne out this belief; but such findings have had no practical effect upon the subject, and seances continue to follow the age-old pattern.

Early in 1947 I learned that many vessels of the Swedish Navy had been equipped with lamps to give brown light instead of red, for necessary vision during war-imposed "blackouts"; because, under red light, colors do not appear to the eyes exactly the same.

So for three months I tried to get the right lighting with brown light. I got the right effect as to colors, but could not get enough volume of the right light for proper vision. Brown light did not as under white light, although they do appear the same under brown light as under white.

dispel the "too-much-darkness" of the seance room, from the standpoint of the sitter's vision.

There the matter rested for two months, till the time came to redecorate the Freeville seance room,

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# Some Studies In Materialization

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as we had planned for the '47 seance. Suddenly one evening I was given a message about the colors to use in decorating the seance room. Knowing the message was reliable, we carried it out.

## Perfect Light

I wanted to eliminate shadows, and the effects of direct light rays upon the eyes of the sitters. To accomplish this, we tried the lamp in various places and positions, and asked the impressions of Mrs. Brandt. This resulted in our placing the lamp directly over the center of the room, turned toward the ceiling. This gave plenty of light directly to the ceiling; but to sitters accustomed to materializations, the lighting thus attained at floor level was really astonishing.

After waiting a few minutes to become accustomed to the light, we found there were no shadows, everyone could see everyone else anywhere in the room, that disturbing effect of direct light rays upon the eyes was gone, the appearance of colors was the same as under white light, and the whole general effect was like that of pale moonlight.

## Spirits Satisfied

The medium said, "Well, let's try it, and see if Rose Marie is satisfied." She entered the cabinet, was soon entranced, and after the usual short singing period, Rose Marie walked out. It was Rose Marie, all right; but she had never looked like this to mortal eyes, since she entered the World of Spirit. We crowded around her, excitedly,—for a moment all talking at once.

Then, looking around the room, she said the ceiling was all right, (it was nearly white); but the walls were a little too light a shade of blue. She asked us to give the walls a good coat of darker blue at once.

What pleased her most, were our comments about her own appearance; for she did not now look like a ghost, but her materialized body had the live flesh-color of our own. Had she been dressed like girls today, instead of using the aged-old traditional style of materialization apparel, she would have really seemed like one of the family. We talked for fifteen or twenty minutes, then she retired, and the trial was over. The medium was very well pleased.

## A Lamp—Not Enough!

That afternoon we re-decorated the walls a darker blue and from the first seance to the last, of the entire 1947 season, there were hundreds of favorable comments upon the materializations seen under the new lighting system. 1947 Freeville visitors are still talking about it in the East, the Mid-West and the South. The last seance of the season, a very unusual seance, is described in the accompanying letter.

The results of last year, I am sure, will be exceeded by the experiences of sitters at Freeville in 1948. The combination of bulb, reflector, indirection, high center position, and colors of ceiling and walls, obviously could not be duplicated at a moment's notice just anywhere that the medium might decide to give a seance; for the lamp alone is not enough.

But we expected the results of 1948 to lead to the special design

## St. Louis Medium



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During the recent summer months, Rev. Brandt demonstrated her mediumship at The Freeville Spiritualist Camp, Freeville, N. Y.

of a lamp which can be taken anywhere and will give the desired result in almost any room. We know now what this design is likely to be, but only experiment will prove it.

## Many Factors Necessary

Ordinarily, for materialization, only two conditions are necessary in a room: a large enough size, and positive blackout. Wall and ceiling colors have little or no effect upon red light. But when a brighter light is used, the colors in a room do have their influence, by reflection and by absorption, in the lighting effect.

Therefore a special type lamp must be made. It will be announced in the Psychic Observer, probably in the Fall of 1948. Already there have been requests for such a lamp, for private seance rooms in homes where mediums hold their development classes, and for small private "Home Circles."

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# They Swear!

We, the undersigned, were sitters in the materialization seance held August 30th, 1947, at Camp Freeville, Freeville, New York, by the medium Rev. Iona Brandt.

This meeting was unusually outstanding in several respects.

Only two of this group had never before witnessed materialization; and the mental and psychic atmosphere of the group was so harmonious that after the meeting started only four songs were sung, although the spirits who materialized numbered over a hundred. In spite of this large number, many spirits went out as far from the cabinet as the sitting circle would permit across the room, and in two cases they walked out this distance, turned around facing the cabinet to return and at the curtain turned again to talk. About twenty dematerialized in plain view, and in several cases kept on talking until totally dematerialized without any change of voice.

There were many who materialized taller than the medium and taller than any of the sitters and one who came was only a child.

Several—walked so heavily that their weight was plainly noticeable upon the floor.

The sound of the voice, manner of speech, and vocabulary of many were unusually individualistic; mannerisms and sound of the voice of the medium being apparent in only a few cases.

At the close, a dozen famous persons presented themselves: the three Fox sisters, Ella Wheeler Loyal, Elizabeth Browning, Katie King, Marjorie Crandon, W. T. Stead, Edith Cavell, Grace Moore, Cecil Cooke Themelis, Florence Nightingale, and the medium's mother.

Then the seance control, Rose Marie, was upon the floor for perhaps ten minutes, talking, because this was the last scheduled sitting of the season, and gave a demonstration of the power of the mind and controlled thought by changing her all-white costume to blue, showing it to everyone, then to Rose Pink, and then changing the scarf alone to Violet which, contrasted beautifully with the Rose Pink color of her clothes.

We unqualifiedly endorse the mediumship of Rev. Iona Brandt.

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from what they are with another. Many of these are now known, and I shall write of some of them later. Most of all this is of a mental type or of a spiritual nature. It can be said, probably, that the mediumship is usually limited within the channels of thinking or mental habits the medium has or acquires during the development.

And therefore, the use of a red lamp has been due to the widespread belief in, and the constant reiteration of, the necessity for it, and the danger of using anything else. Of course, there are colors of light which cannot be used, to have good and satisfactory seances, because of the chemical effects upon ectoplasm.

## Willing Co-operation

But these various lights, and chemical effects, and the dangers involved, are of another subject. There is an ideal color for materialization,—ideal from the standpoint of the medium's best good, and also the vision of the sitters. But that ideal color is not red, definitely.

This record makes it plain that our experiments have had no effect upon the mediumship of Mrs. Brandt, except to make her and her work more popular, better and more easily understood, and more widely acceptable. The only change caused by our work has been the vision accommodation and the mental attitudes of the sitters.

We could not have accomplished this without the understanding and willing cooperation of a good medium; so it is greatly to the credit of Rev. Brandt that she had full confidence in her Guides knowing what to do and what to permit, that she was confident we knew what we were doing and that we could be trusted, and that she herself was open-minded and willing to cooperate.

It now seems likely that this will prove to be the biggest step forward in many ages, in the effort

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to make clear and easily acceptable to a far greater public in a shorter time, the REALITY of Spirit Materialization, a temporary earthly resurrection, and all that is implied thereby. No longer must we take it for granted because of the statements of those who believe; and no longer need we follow those who deny that reality, because they will not meet the facts squarely.

## Facts—Not Opinions

In a following article will be given many FACTS—not opinions—which have been learned in this nine years' research, fully explained scientifically and yet simply, to guide the reader materially and mentally, toward far more satisfactory seance room experiences. For opinions are born of ignorance; and I am sure we all really want the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing else. It is only that whole Truth, made plain in the FACTS of reality in life's experiences, and the wise understanding and humble application of that Truth, which really sets us free.

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# SPIRIT TRAVELS LIGHT

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interests have been centered in things.

When this happens, they become, as we say, "set in their ways" and "hard to get along with." These folk have resisted the prime law of being, the law of growth, for to grow is to become less and less attached to material possessions and more and more attached to things of the Spirit.

This doesn't mean that we are to scorn beauty and luxury and to live the ascetic life. It means quite the contrary, for beauty and luxury come as the natural sequence to living the spiritual life. It does mean, however, that we shall possess our possessions and not let them possess us.

## Medium at Ease

It means that when we come into spiritual understanding, we shall have a whole new perspective of the values of life. With this perspective, if a person seems to have less regard for temporal things, it isn't because he is against temporal things as such but because they have become to him of secondary importance. To him, if things aren't valuable to a worth while end they are a hindrance and an encumbrance in the path of his progress.

All of our great men and women have had extraordinarily clear perspective. They have put things in their proper place. They haven't wasted emotion over the trivia of life.

Jesus was marvellously free from any kind of bondage. He cited the case of the lilies of the field and urged His followers to be free like them. It is not until we can, in a measure, be as detached as the lilies that we shall know freedom.

When we break a dish and exclaim, "I'm sick over it," when we "go all to pieces" because a guest came late for dinner, when we become embittered over some real truth or imagined loss, we are in bondage.

To be free from such bondage we must learn to put things in their place. When we do this we shall "mount up with wings as eagles; we shall run and not be weary;" we shall be free with the freedom of Spirit, for Spirit travels light.

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### Divine Man

The spiritual disturbance, the mental abnormality, has priority in time, and is first in importance, for the reason that in the mind is found the cause of all bodily changes. We should then search for the spiritual symptoms first, and look at the tongue, feel the pulse, and examine the excretions afterwards.

The divinest and most saint-like man in human society is the good physician—he who, from the overflowing stores of his spiritual intelligence and goodness, is governed by an irrepresible impulse to impart life, health, and peace to others. He is God's messenger, God's prophet of good, an inspired herald to announce and inaugurate the good time coming to the sorrowing and suffering.

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### About Our Sorrows

But it is a supreme bliss of the soul to be the organ of communication to others. We then become partakers of the Infinite tranquility—the peace of God that passeth understanding—and the soul untroubled serenity floats on the waveless, stormless ocean of the immeasurable Life of God.

The final end of man's creation was to share the bliss of God. Even our sorrows serve to fit for this.

Here grief and joy so suddenly unite. That anguish serves to sublime delight.

Our sorrows are usually only transient moods that are succeeded by heightened joys, as beneath the warm sun the vapors vanish and leave a lucid sky.

Catch rich, grand thoughts from fountains pure above, Then pour them out with thine own thoughts in love. Mark every place with flowers where thou has trod, And let thy path lead always toward thy God.

Hypochondria, which consists in melancholia, and the consequent dyspepsia accompanied with gloomy ideas of life, dejection of spirits, a loss of faith that blurs the bright picture that hope paints on the canvass of the future, like clouds obscuring the glories of sunrise, and all this accompanied by an indisposition to activity, is a more general characteristic of disease than physicoans have recognized.

For all this class of ailments, an hour of supreme bliss, or even the slightest taste of the soul's summum bonum, or highest good, is the specific remedy. Under its influence, with a magical efficiency and Divine celerity, the bodily disease vanishes and becomes a nihility or nothingness. It passes into the realm of oblivion, and in disintegrated by ceasing to be an object of thought.

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Reluctantly he crawled out of bed, and, in dressing-gown and slippers, answered the door.

Standing in the blasts of hard-driven snow, clutching her few flimsy rags and shawl to her little body, was a child with wide-open, appealing eyes.

"My mother is very sick," she said. "Will you come, please?"

Dr. Mitchell talked of a hard day, with many sick. Explained that he had already retired to bed. There were other doctors in the neighborhood, he told her. Had her mother no family doctor she could appeal to?

"Won't you come, please?" the little girl pleaded.

### Doctor Recognizes

Dr. Mitchell grunted. He thought of his Hippocratic Oath, and of the life he might save and the happiness he might bring by denying himself a few hours' sleep. "Come in out of the gale," he said.

He quickly dressed and told the child to lead him to the house by the shortest route.

They pressed through the blizzard, across snow-covered footpaths, and through woods, until they arrived at the desolate cottage where her mother lay alone and sick with pneumonia.

The child showed him into her mother's bedroom and closed the door quietly.

Dr. Mitchell examined the mother whom he recognized as an old servant of his, and administered to her needs. As he was preparing to leave, he congratulated the woman on the intelligence and persistence of her daughter.

The woman was puzzled. Her only child, she told him, had died two months ago. Dr. Mitchell de-

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scribed the little girl and the rags she was wearing.

### Flawless Facts

"Yes," the woman murmured, with tears coming to her eyes, "you have described my little daughter, God bless her! The clothes she was wearing are in that cupboard."

Dr. Mitchell opened the cupboard, and, sure enough, the identical rags and shawl he had seen on the child were hanging there—dry and covered in two months' dust.

This touching instance of spirit help was quoted by George K. Cherrie, naturalist friend and co-explorer with Theodore Roosevelt, as one that could be reasonably explained only by the survival of the human personality. The facts were without a flaw, and Dr. Mitchell himself, a physician of eminence in his day, was President of the Association of American Physicians, President of the American Neurological Association, and holder of degrees from a dozen universities.

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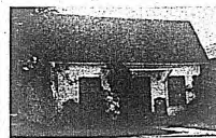
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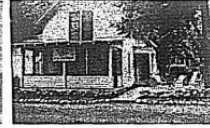
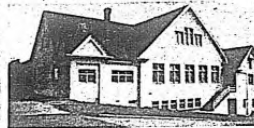
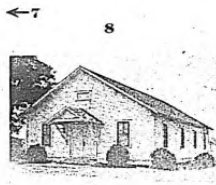


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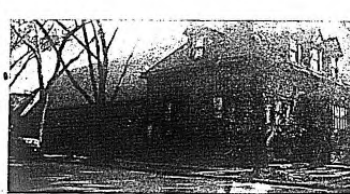
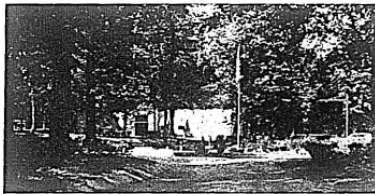
# SPIRITUALIST CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS . . . All Over the World



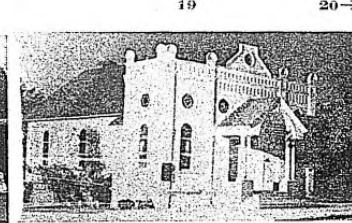
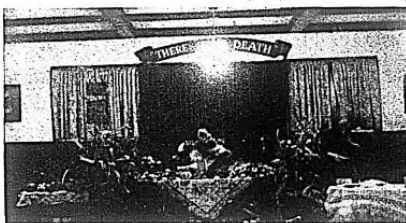
1. First Spiritualist Church, 611 Calhoun St., Houston, Texas; Rev. Myrtle London Rogers, Pastor. 2. Golden Rule Spiritual Christian Church, 894 McFaddin St., Beaumont, Texas; Rev. Pearl M. Marie Davis, Pastor. 3. Light of Truth Spiritualist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Rev. Maude M. Connor, Pastor. 4. Johannesburg Spiritualist Church, Johannesburg, South Africa; L. Rothchild, President. 5. Spiritualist Church of South Africa, Troyeville, Union of South Africa. 6. Way Memorial Spiritualist Temple, Broadway and Maryland (Island) Wheeling, West Virginia . . . in memory of George William Way, Founder.



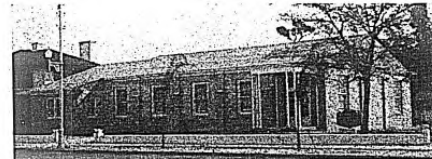
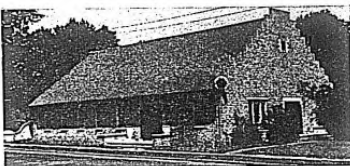
7. Unity Spiritual Science Church, San Diego, California. 8. First Spiritualist Church, South College St., Cameron, Texas, Rev. Evalyn Muse, Pastor. 9. Unity Spiritual Science Church, 656 North 79th St., East St. Louis, Illinois; Marie Manard, Pastor. 10. American Spiritualist Church, West 4th St., Taylor, Texas; Rev. Alma Johnson, Pastor. 11. Gerling's Psychic Studio, North St., Lily Dale, New York State; Rev. Helene Gerling and Rev. J. Bertram Gerling. 12. Unity Spiritual Science Church, 627 North St., New Orleans, Louisiana; Dr. Pauline Therrell, Pastor.



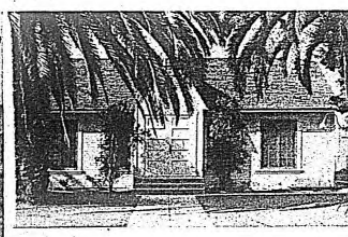
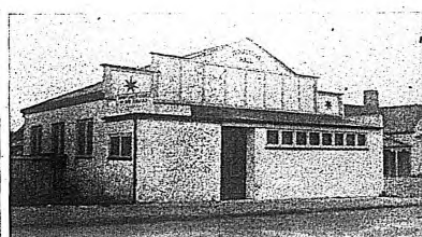
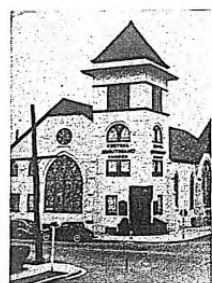
13. Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association, Wooley Park, Ashley, Ohio; Rev. Russell S. Waldorf, President. 14. Edgewood Spiritualist Camp Association, Surprise Lake, Edgewood, Washington. 15. Brooking Memorial Spiritualist Church, Richmond and Summer Streets, Buffalo, New York State; This is the largest Spiritualist Church in the city . . . seating capacity 1500. 16. Parkland Heights Spiritualist Camp-Meeting Association, Parkland, Pennsylvania; Joseph B. Stotts, Secretary and Treasurer.



17. Spiritualist Church of New Zealand, Headquarters for The New Zealand Spiritualist Association, Auckland, New Zealand. 18. Springdale Spiritualist Camp Association, largest Spiritualist camp in Canada, Springdale, Ontario, Canada. 19. Fraternal Spiritualist Church, Second and Beach St., San Diego, California; Gust Thunberg. 20. Silver Belle Spiritualist Camp, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; Ethel Post-Parrish, Secretary; Season July and August.



21. Spiritual Science Church of America, 329 Northwest Thirteenth St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mae Daerr McQuestion, Pastor and President. 22. Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp "WESTERN HOTEL," Open the year 'round, Chesterfield, Indiana; Mable Riffle, Secretary. 23. Spiritualist Church of The Beloved (Spiritualist Temple of Truth) 2806 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Florida, Ethel Post-Parrish, Pastor and President. 24. Greater World Spiritualist Association, 3 Lansdowne Road, Holland Park, London, W. 11, England; Winifred Moyes, Leader and trance medium.



25. Central Spiritualist Church, 2201 South Union Ave., Los Angeles, California; Elizabeth R. Courtney, founder. 26. Spiritualist Church of New Zealand, National Headquarters at Auckland, New Zealand; Alice M. Richards, President. 27. Optimist Science Spiritualist Church, 1719 West 50th St., Los Angeles, California; Rev. H. Gurskell, Pastor. 28. Etna Spiritualist Camp Association, Etna, Maine; Season August . . . Largest spirititualist camp in New England states.