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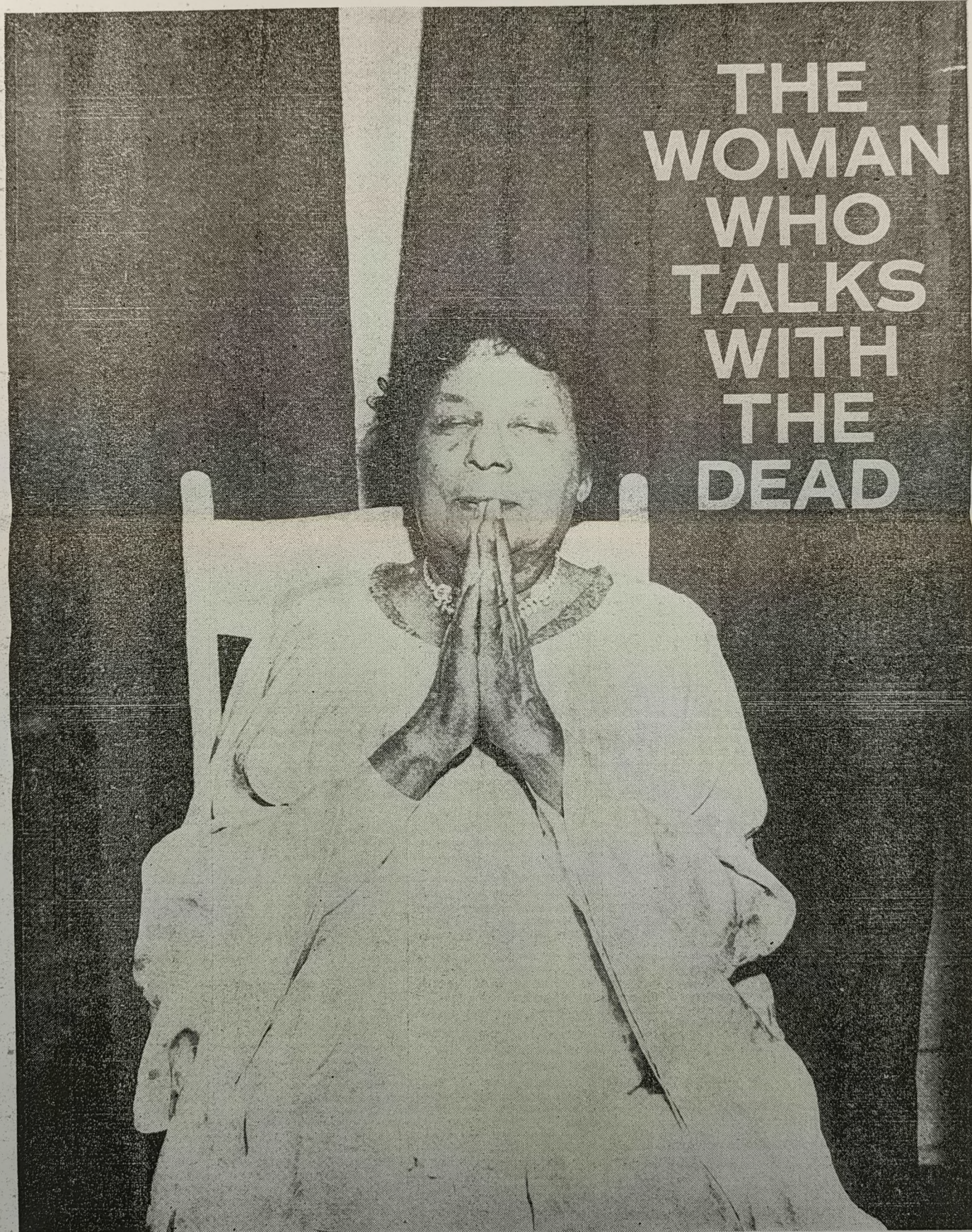
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## THE WOMAN WHO TALKS WITH THE DEAD



GOING INTO A TRANCE, MINERVA GETS READY TO BRING BACK ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE SPIRIT WORLD.  
SHE SAYS MANY PERSONALITIES HAVE ANSWERED HER CALL.

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## A 74-year-old Medium Claims Recording of Bilbo's Voice

ONE OF THE STRANGEST and most controversial stories of the spiritual world since the celebrated Bridey Murphy phenomenon is that being developed and carried on by Rev. Minerva J. Adams, widely known Chicago spiritualist who in recent seances has succeeded in holding conversations with the late Sen. Theodore (The Man) Bilbo of Mississippi, Tim Moore, famed "Kingfish" of the Amos 'n' Andy television shows and Gov. Eugene Talmadge of Georgia.

These and other departed spirits have come to Rev. Adams' seances and spoke through their natural voices, all of which have been faithfully recorded on a tape recorder. Today, the medium's weird experiments with the nether world are being investigated by committees of other spiritualists and are the subject of hot debate among eminent metaphysicians.

Rev. Adams, who is 74 and a native of Clarksville, Tenn., has further confounded non-believers in spiritualism by "stepping out of my own body and permitting it to be taken over" by spirits who then "speak through me." What confounds critics is the fantastic sound of foreign tongues pouring from Rev. Adams' mouth. Such widely divergent racial personalities as Chinese, German, French, Hindu, Polish, Spanish, Russian and others "take her over" while she is in a trance.

Only recently, a Chinese laundryman from the old country held a long conversation in his native tongue with an ancestor who spoke through Rev. Adams in Cantonese. He later told Attorney George C. Adams, husband of the medium, that the Chinese he heard and conversed in was authentic and precise.

On the other hand, Rev. Adams, who has succeeded in "bringing back" several personalities from the ancient world, including the Roman emperor and conqueror, Julius Caesar, was astonished herself when the symbol of ancient imperialism "came in" through the medium and in perfect English, told the chapel audience "I am glad to visit this meeting again!" Caesar, Adams revealed, has spoken through Rev. Adams subsequently.

But the "bringing back" of Bilbo was perhaps the most sensational feat on the long list of phenomena yet performed by the veteran medium. Few who have heard the playbacks of the taped recordings of Bilbo's conversation have any doubt that it was the man whose race-baiting and hatred of Negroes won him international notoriety while he was alive.

Since Bilbo's voice was recorded, hundreds of whites and Negroes have flocked to the Invisible Science Church of Rev. Adams to hear it and to go away convinced her work is not a fraud or the result of a monstrous hoax perpetrated upon a believing or hypnotized audience, but the real, authentic voice of The Man.



Mrs. Adams delivers a sermon to her followers dedicated to the world of the great beyond. She defies skeptics to prove she doesn't talk to spirits.

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The crystal ball is a part of her equipment. She claims to have stepped out of her own body to be taken over by the spirit. She speaks many languages.

## Briefly About...

By William Geiger

### TRANSFORMATION

When our youngest daughter was two years old I was told by a spirit-loved one at a trance medium seance there would be a change in personalities in her little body that very night, and if I watched would see it occur.

On arriving home did look for a spell but became so sleepy had to go into bed. Later I suddenly awakened, sensed the change was due, hurried to the crib and again watched.

Lo and behold a sort of vapor seemed to come through the head of our baby and floated away as a silvery streak had instantly entered. Very interesting because I knew nothing about such things.

That was thirty-one years ago and still wondering why such an event should happen. Is there

any special award for the mother? Is the departing soul more blessed? Could be.

I recalled having heard previously that on some occasions of birth two sparks of the Divine, or life, stand by to enter the newborn infant but actually only one does take control. The other returns from whence it cometh. The new arrival may stay forty-eight hours and the funeral director is summoned. Has the soul fulfilled a mission?

My interest was renewed a few days ago when a long time friend whom I have not seen in almost twenty-five years popped in, and unsolicited told me a delightful story of his own little son born about the time of my little girl.

When three years old his young son one night cried out, "Daddy, I want to go home," and daddy told him he was home and in his own crib. The youngster insisted "going home," indicating he had a preference. The father stood by to quiet the little fellow, when quickly a grayish cloud was seen to leave his body and float away.

A change was recognized by the father because the "new" youngster kept slowly looking around the bedroom, toward the ceiling, then the floor, studiously observing new surroundings.

That father and myself agreed these were not cases of obses-

sions but exchanged possessions because down through the years we have seen no evidence of dual personalities. That there must be a law or purpose of such psychic phenomena.

Readers may have had direct and similar experiences and we would like to hear from you. Perhaps you are informed as to why such things happen. As you survey the topic do not confuse the miraculous events when Elijah was taken up in the fiery chariot or the ascension of Jesus. These were results at times of mortal deaths.

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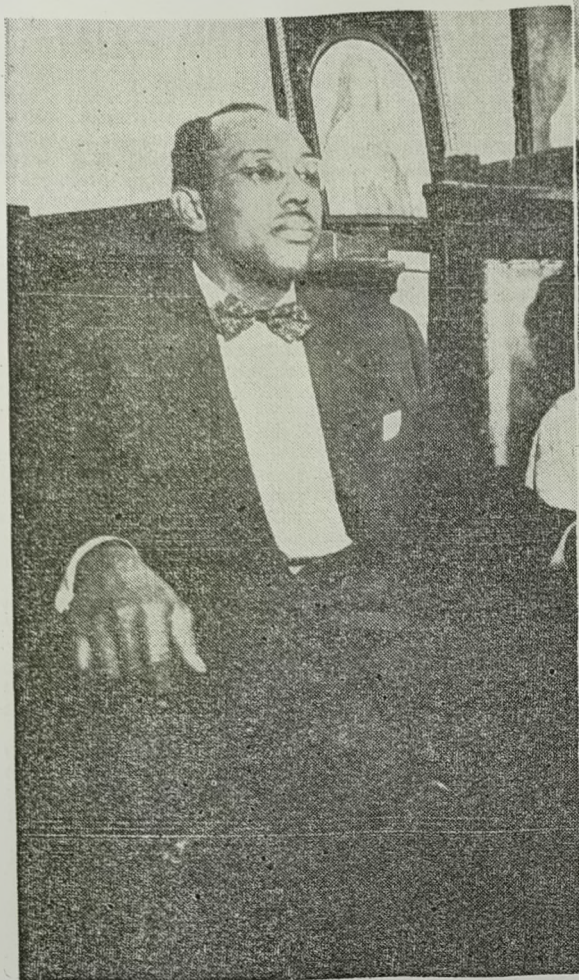
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Sitting on a pulpit listening to hymns are, left to right, J. P. Campbell, an assistant, Mrs. Adams and her husband.



Campbell was a cement worker and laborer before he came to assist Mrs. Adams in her work.

## More Tests Urged

# Cancer Drug Works?

Reprinted from  
The Charlotte Observer  
(North Carolina)

As a rational man seeking the truth, I find it impossible to believe that Krebiozen is worthless after looking at a dozen men and women who have recovered from cancer.

These men and women were in the last stages of cancer. They so testify, and their doctors so document. They were given Krebiozen as a last resort.

Today, four to eight years after starting the treatment, they lead healthy, useful lives.

They are among the fortunate 10 per cent of advanced cancer patients for whom the drug Krebiozen is claimed to provide what we laymen would consider recovery.

A LARGE EMOTIONAL BINGE is taking place in Chicago over Krebiozen. It is prompted by a straightforward effort by backers of Krebiozen to convince the public that the drug has value.

They honored Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, chief proponent of the drug, at a testimonial dinner.

Here more than a score of patients who have made recoveries from the brink of death offered walking evidence of the drug's worth.

Dr. Ivy said 1,000 patients have been treated sufficiently to be included in a summary. He said 68 per cent benefited from the drug. He said 51 of 500 who from four

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The first step in getting ready for a seance is preparation of the altar for the ritual, and great care must be exercised, she says. She is assisted in her work by her husband, a Chicago attorney.



## Gene Talmadge Wanted Them To Take A Message To Faubus

SAYS BILBO'S VOICE through Rev. Adams and faithfully reproduced on the tape recorder:

"I hated you niggers during my lifetime. I wouldn't let a nigger walk on my yard, I wouldn't let a nigger walk on the sidewalk in front of my house, but now I am in a pit of darkness and in a most miserable condition. I come to you for help and I can only be helped by getting your forgiveness for the many mean things I did in life.

"The only light that I have seen since I've been helped is a light shining upon a nigger that I put to death. He was standing on a precipice of gold beckoning to me to come on out of this dark pit, but I can't go to him without your help. I went to my own people and they refused me help. I went down in Mississippi the other day and they drove me out like a dog and refused to give me any help.

"This little mission (the Invisible Science Church) is the only place that I have found that I could come into and receive help. Won't you please forgive me and help me out of this dark pit?"

According to Adams, The medium and her assistants immediately proceeded to "help" him by redeeming him and he thanked them for getting him out of the pit and on the plane of light. The following Sunday, Jan. 11, 1959, and on subsequent Sundays, he has returned and said he was now on the "plane of light" and "progressing" in the spirit world and thanked the medium and her assistants for helping him on his way. He said: "I no longer will be your Senator Bilbo, but I shall forever be your friend Bilbo."

Speaking through the medium, the late Tim Moore, better known to untold millions as the "Kingfish" of the televised 'Amos 'n' Andy' shows, had this to say earlier this year when he spoke through the medium:

"I is very happy, my friends, to be here. I is on the plane of bewilderment and I is asking for your help so that you will help me get off this plane and into the light by praying for me and burning a candle."

Rev. Adams and her assistants then proceeded to help the late comedian by redeeming him, for which he offered many thanks and words of appreciation.

At a subsequent seance, the Kingfish returned and said he was now on the "plane of light" and was happy and that he was no longer on the "miserable plane of bewilderment" and again thanked the medium. He spoke in the dialect so familiar to his hosts of listeners who even now follow the filmed "Amos 'n' Andy" series on TV. It sounded so perfect that the audience in the Invisible Science Church didn't know it wasn't the actual "Amos 'n' Andy" show.

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Rev. Adams leans on one assistant in her actual invoking of the spirits of the dead, a laborer and cement worker, J. P. Campbell. Known as a "trance worker," Campbell during the seance becomes a medium through whom some spirit voices make themselves heard.

Most unusual, those who have attended the services declare, is the fact that Campbell, a native of Athens, Ga., had only a brief "cotton patch" variety eighth grade education in a one-room frame school house near Lexington, Ga., before he left for the North. The 42-year-old "trance worker" has worked as a Pullman porter and a window washer for Sears mail order house. Yet Campbell, father of six children, is rendered into a perfect medium for departed spirits of various racial backgrounds and nationalities.

Through him, as through Rev. Adams, the voices of many foreigners, including Arabic, Portuguese, Japanese and other Orientals have been brought to live audiences, despite the fact that in ordinary conversation Campbell's vocabulary is extremely limited. A brother, Willie Campbell, a truck driver, is a regular attendant at the seances but has no extra-sensory powers at all.

One of the most unusual feats of bringing back the voices of the dead occurred Jan. 25, 1959, when Rev. Adams, while in a trance, was able to attract a "number of spirits" who came in and "spoke through her" in their natural voices. Among them were Father Kelly, Professor Merriam (famed historian) and a doctor who came in and gave her first name as Dr. Georgia . . .

The "Dr. Georgia," it was later reported, was a noted Chicago woman physician who during her lifetime specialized in committing abortions on many colored housewives, socialites and others and made a fortune in this illegal activity. Dr. Georgia was tape recorded as saying:

"I am on the plane of bewilderment and I want your help to get off. I am on the plane of bewilderment because I performed certain acts, sending children back into the spirit world. After I passed through the spirit world, I had to go and find all of those children that I had sent back. I found them in a slough of despondency. I have to help them get out of this condition before I can advance. I want your help to get God's forgiveness."

"Dr. Georgia" was directed to look around for a light from an approaching guide and a prayer was said for her by and through the medium's assistant, who forgave her and bade her advance into the spirit world. The doctor then replied:

"The veil is opening and the children are walking out. Five hundred children have been released from the bondage of clay and mire, walking into the sunshine. I shall come back and bring a blessing to you. I shall come back and explain the plane of despondency which is on the first plane. We are now advancing into the spirit world. Do you know," the doctor asked, "who was the first to meet me and pull me into everlasting life? It was Lucille. I am so glad; thank you, thank you all!"

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Hymn singing always precedes the seances. Mrs. Adams says singing puts the patrons in a better frame of mind to receive the messages from the spirit world. She plays the piano and leads in song session.



Helper goes into a trance on the instructions of the medium in order to communicate with the nebulous and fleeting inhabitants of the spirit world.



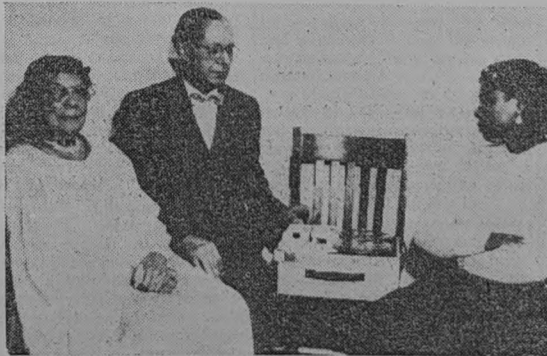
The late Senator Bilbo begged forgiveness for hatred of Negroes, Mrs. Adams says.



'Old Gene' Talmadge talked to her in a seance, the medium says.



Leading a patron into a booth, Mrs. Adams gets ready to begin another seance. She says Bilbo got help through her spirit world communication.



Mr. and Mrs. Adams, together with a patron, listen to a tape recording they claim was made of a voice speaking to them from the spirit world.

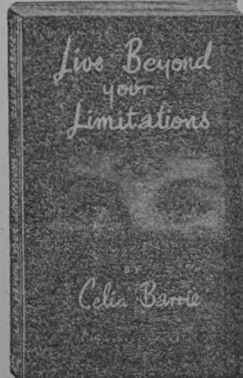
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# Psychic Phenomena Is Necessary Here Is Why!

By REV. ENID S. SMITH, Ph.D.

The phenomena of Spiritualism lie within the domain of Science, and though they are not considered in themselves as Spiritualism, they are the foundation for its philosophy and religion, and as such are profoundly worthy of study and careful thought.

Phenomena in the form of the unusual, the inexplicable, the marvelous, the supernatural, those things that appeal to the five senses have always seemed to be necessary to attract attention to all important considerations—in these days as in Bible times when God said through his prophet Joel, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh—I will show wonders."

Now again is the time when the "gifts of the spirit" practiced by the Master Jesus are being re-demonstrated—his apports of the loaves and fishes that fed the multitudes, his healings of hopeless diseases, his levitation when his enemies would have killed him, his telling the woman of Samaria "all the things she ever had done," his comfort from "direct voice" when angels spoke from heaven to him, and the materialization of Moses and Elijah on the Mount who talked to him of his coming decease at Jerusalem, among many other psychic experiences. All these Biblical events are proved again to us, these days, if we will realize, as the great scientific investigator, Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace states, "The phenomena of Spiritualism in their entirety do not require further confirmation. They are proved quite as well as any other facts are proved in other sciences."

Yet each demands proof for himself, and by far the greater number of people are non-Spiritualists and can only be convinced by the concrete evidence of phenomena, which they personally can examine, test, appraise, and prove for themselves. So, phenomena are as necessary as ever, phenomena that are as well-attested and substantiated by reliable witnesses as any other scientific data.

Again, there seems today to be a tendency among many Spiritualists to discount phenomena and to speak of them as a sort of exhibition intended principally to amuse the general public, or they consider them trivial or childish—especially such things as table-tipping and rappings. Yet countless numbers have been led to Spiritualism through these simple means and have received great comfort and enlightenment, as it is the same Spirit World that demonstrates in all forms of phenomena.

The spirit rappings at Hydesville, New York, that started Modern Spiritualism were no trivial matter. Conan Doyle's vivid, powerful description of the scene would indicate their importance. He says, "That rude room, with its earnest, expectant, half-clad occupants with eager upturned faces; its circle of candlelight, and its heavy shadows lurking in the corners, might well be made the subject of a great historical painting. Search all the palaces and chancelleries of 1848, and where will you find a chamber which has made its place in history as secure as this little bedroom of a shack?"

No, there is nothing trifling about a rap, any more than a signal from an entombed miner that may give evidence of his existence by tapping against the walls of his prison and thus cause him to be rescued. There is nothing trivial about the raps that accompany the writing of this article, as the writer sits and types at midnight these truths that confirm and help people by the comfort and demonstration of spirit companionship. And still more so when on the pen with which I make corrections there is suddenly suspended, by spirit power,

an apport, an open safety pin, between my hand and the point, and under a 100 Watt electric bulb.

Also is it true in the material world that many of the greatest inventions and discoveries were brought about by some one observing something that others considered trifling, and by speculating about the causes and results of these supposedly trivial occurrences. We have all heard that Newton first postulated his theory of gravitation by seeing an apple fall from a tree. The contemporaries of Galvani held him up to ridicule because he applied wires to make a frog's legs move. They little realized that the same force that moved the frog's legs made the mighty thunderbolts. Then there was Watt who sat in the kitchen watching the steam escaping from a boiling tea-kettle, and fell to speculating as to what would happen if the steam were confined. Good-year made the first automobile tire as the result of a trifle.

It is these trifles of the physical phenomena of Spiritualism that first influenced scientists to investigate. Theirs were the minds that would have been unmoved by the beautiful philosophy and religion of Spiritualism, apart from its phenomena. But it was the raps on furniture and walls, the movement of articles, the bringing of apports, levitation, and such unusual occurrences that excited curiosity and encouraged investigation by men of science. It was by these very elementary means that great minds of science were diverted into new channels of thought that led straight to the recognition of the survival of spirit and in many cases to the study and acceptance of the philosophy and religion of Spiritualism. As we consider a few of the demonstrations of spirit, we will notice how amazing and fearless is the physical, mental, and spiritual strength of the discarnate, and how by phenomena they lead us into a true philosophy and religion as we journey toward our self-realization in Supreme Being.

Sometimes our spirit friends demonstrate their survival of bodily death and return to earth by holding down to the floor a box, a table, or a man or woman, so that three giants of men cannot with all their combined strength move any of these until they have illustrated their point. Or, to reverse the process, as was so well illustrated in such books on the life of Lincoln as WAS ABRAHAM LINCOLN A SPIRITUALIST? by Nettie Colburn Maynard, the White House medium. Even more wonderful examples than these of the strength of the discarnate were given, not only at the White House, but at other seances attended frequently by President and Mrs. Lincoln. One of these examples of gigantic strength was witnessed by the President and some of the elite of Washington at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cranston Laurie in Georgetown, where President Abraham Lincoln, his wife, and several members of his cabinet attended many seances, as well as at the White

House and elsewhere.

This was February 5, 1863, after the discarnate Dr. Bamford had, through the White House medium, Nettie Colburn Maynard, discussed, for over an hour with President Lincoln, how to prevent the disintegration of the Army of the Potomac and save his cause in those terrible days when everything seemed about lost. At the end of this seance, as reported by Nettie Colburn Maynard in her book, WAS ABRAHAM LINCOLN A SPIRITUALIST?, the Lauries' daughter, Mrs. Belle Miller, a powerful "moving medium" so-called, demonstrated physical phenomena, similar to that which had many times happened before in connection with her piano, and which reporters had called "the waltzing piano." As the daughter, on this occasion started playing on the three-cornered grand piano it rose from the floor and fell again, keeping time with the music, whereupon Mr. Laurie



DR. ENID SMITH

asked his daughter to stop playing, and as a "test" of the invisible strength and power present, simply to stand at arm's length from the instrument and place her hand upon it to show that she was not connected physically with the movement of the instrument.

The piano continued to be levitated. Then it was that President Lincoln came forward and placed his hand beneath the piano at the end nearest the daughters, who in turn placed her left hand upon his to show that neither strength nor pressure were used by her. In this position the piano still rose and fell a number of times at her bidding. The President was asked by Mr. Laurie to change his position to the other side, but the same levitation occurred. Then with a quaint smile, Lincoln said, "I think we can hold down the instrument." Whereupon he climbed up on it, sitting with his legs dangling over the side; also Honorable Daniel E. Simes, Mr. S. P. Kase, and the soldier in the uniform of a major from the Army of the Potomac, all climbed up and sat on the piano with Lincoln. Despite the tremendous weight of the four men combined, the piano continued to move, to wobble about the room and to be levitated, until the sitters were glad to vacate it.

President Lincoln expressed himself "as perfectly satisfied that the motion was caused by some invisible power." When Mr. Simes, a Spiritualist, expressed the desire that a certain doubting acquaintance of his to whom he would relate these facts might see the truth of these demonstrations, Lincoln quickly replied, "You should bring such a person here and when the piano rises, have him slip his foot under the leg and be convinced by the weight of evidence, resting upon his understanding."

But man's first problem is to learn that he eternally lives, that there is no death anywhere in all God's universe.

The great fact of survival and spirit return were beautifully demonstrated by the little "Spirit Sister" of a friend of the writer's, a Dr. George Starr White of Los Angeles who told me this story when I was visiting him. He was, one day, when a lad, standing on

the porch of his house during a tremendous thunder storm, watching the play of lightning. It fascinated him as it came around the end of a lightning rod. All of a sudden though, "Something" seized him roughly and pulled him toward the center of the house with unbelievable force, and as it did so, a bolt of lightning struck within two or three feet of where he stood. The force from that bolt was so great that it shattered one of the immense trees that stood in the yard. George was stunned. However, at that moment stood before him his "Spirit Sister" who told him to move his arms and legs and to take a deep breath—that he was all right.

On a later occasion, the "Spirit Sister" was stronger than ever one afternoon when George was swimming in a pond a mile and a half from home. He had anchored his boat in the river and had intended to swim ashore and then back to the boat. On his way back he became exhausted and entangled in pond lilies. The more he struggled to free himself, the more he became entangled. He found himself out of breath and things becoming black in front of him. Then suddenly, though it was really late afternoon, everything was bright like midday. The "Spirit Sister" said, "George, turn over and lie quiet. I will bring you to the boat." Strange as it seemed to George, presently he awoke in the boat, presuming that his discarnate sister had dragged him out of the lily pads through the water and had lifted him somehow into the boat, so that he could row safely home!

But even more spirit power than that used by George's "Spirit Sister" has been required for some of the phenomena that have taken place in the writer's own home in America and also where I have lived and taught in India. For example, one sunny day in our home in Massachusetts, as I stood alone outside my little brother's closed door of his room, in front of a large map, looking up a place where I might teach the following year, I suddenly felt the tremendous weight of a very heavy invisible person standing on my left foot. I cried aloud to my brother in the next room, who was presumably asleep. The door opened and a sleepy child rubbing his eyes, said, "What is Grandpa Howard stepping on its little toes, just to say Good Morning?" As he spoke the weight of one that seemed to weigh nearly two hundred pounds shifted to my right foot. "Tell him it hurts and to get off," I cried. The weight was shifted back and forth two or three times more, and then my brother said, "It really won't hurt you, Grandpa knows that," he shut the door and went back to bed; the weight was released. Many similar demonstrations took place in the process of my being led into Spiritualism by the child medium, my little nine-year-old brother. A member of an orthodox church I was at this stage often willing to consider these phenomena as the work of an evil force.

Great strength and power were again demonstrated in our home a little later in way of telekinesis and levitation, during an approaching thunder storm. I had been upstairs on the third floor to close any windows that our nurse friend might have left open. This was the room where she stayed when off duty.

She was a Spiritualist.

The room was in perfect order. Little brother down on the first floor and I were the only ones in the house that day.

When I went down stairs, he was too busy reading to be interested in the coming storm or in the raps and taps that now indicated the presence of our discarnate friends. Suddenly, however, he raised his head from the book, when we heard a terrific bang and thump upstairs, as though a very heavy rocking chair had been overturned. There

was a series of noises, bangs, thumps, racket, in the process of what sounded like the overturning of heavy furniture. My brother, smiling, intimated that I might go up to the third floor and enjoy the fun with our friends. Taking his advice, I examined first the rooms on the second floor, and finding them in perfect order, proceeded to the third floor and then to the nurse's room. Opening the door of the room that a few minutes before I had left in perfect order, I saw the room in an unbelievable condition!

Not one thing was in its proper place.

Just briefly to illustrate—the heavy, upholstered old-fashioned, high-backed rocker, weighing certainly over fifty pounds had been completely turned over.

The mattress on the double bed, too heavy for me to move, was on the floor with a corner resting on the wooden framework of the bed. The large white pitcher filled with water with the heavy dictionary, four other chairs, books, lamps, baskets and other articles were all out of place, with notes, here and there pinned upon them, in the handwriting of my discarnate mother and grandfather.

I was shocked to think of the lack of dignity of our visitors which later was explained when I read the notes. For example, one read, signed by the minister grandpapa addressing me: "God having all things has a sense of humor and permits us to do these things."

"Don't be overly disturbed at the condition of this room—perfect order will be restored."

"Try not to take things quite so seriously."

And another sample from my mother, after an affectionate greeting, "The electrical condition of the coming storm makes it favorable for us to show you some of our power. You see we are as human as ever, enjoy jokes, though this may shake up a bit some of your orthodox ideas about those passed on." There were many other notes.

Down stairs again I reported findings to the little brother who was not at all surprised or even interested. From time to time terrific sounds were again heard overhead. I assumed the spirit-visitors were replacing the overturned furniture. In about a quarter of an hour or less, little brother told me that order had been restored and that I might go up and see for myself—he had not been interested in going with me either time. Again, upstairs I opened the door of the nurse's room. Everything was in perfect order! This was a new type of physical phenomena which I learned more about during the several years I lived in India.

Many of the spiritualistic phenomena that I witnessed in India and in other foreign countries are almost identical and closely parallel those in America, though these people know nothing of the psychic history of the West. For example and very briefly, when an Indian wonder-worker or "fakir" comes to our door in the Orient, he offers freely to entertain us in the sunlight on the ground in front of our dwelling, on our verandah, inside, or anywhere we choose. He asks no pay but will accept a small donation for his Temple.

In our Indian houses we have earthen-ware, stone, or bronze water jars so heavy that a man can scarcely move them when they are empty, and when filled it would take three or four men to move them. Such jars filled with water, one may see the wonder-worker, with the help of the "Pitris" (spirits) move across the floor, without any physical contact, merely by a word or by stretching his hands toward the jar.

Sometimes the wonder-worker would allow me to suggest which way objects would move, and they would obey.

Often, such a one, at the end

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## SHEPHERD AND SAILOR

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tered for the one who was a mountaineer of note in his younger years. As for the late Pope, it is enough to say that these beautiful words have come down the centuries to speak so truly of him; PASTOR ANGELICUS.

And now to the new. When the announcement 'We have a Pope' was made to the assembled multitude in the piazza of St. Peter's, the world learnt that the Most Eminent and Most Reverend Lord Cardinal Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, Patriarch of the seashored city of Venice, would be taking the name of John XXIII. Malachy said he who would follow Pastor Angelicus, PASTOR ET NAUTA, Shepherd and Sailor. In his book written in 1942 James Laver said did that mean the possibility of an American Cardinal from over the water? Others thought of Cardinals from South America, Armenia, and even the Far East, for it was generally taken that it would be someone from across the water.

However, from the water, i.e. over the water, would surely be DE MARE, and the strict interpretation of Nauta is Sailor. Now it is really quite beyond normal possibility to expect any occupant of St. Peter's Chair to have been a professional sailor, for those who have risen to the purple and possible choice have entered the Church in their very early years, or even studied therefrom from childhood. Thus one can quite legitimately suggest that to Malachy the word Nauta when used in relation to a future Pope would mean 'One who has sailed upon the water,' and in all probability with a deal of frequency. Certainly Pope John XXIII must have done much of 'Sailing upon the water' in his term as Patriarch of Venice.

Malachy gives but five more Popes to the end of the world; that is, presumably, the end of the world as we know it. The next is to be FLOS FLORUM, and after him DE MEDIETATE LUNAE. Now could this latter mean that the next Pope but one will come to reign in the Vatican in the midseason of moon flights? The first stages are already here, and who knows what the next two decades may bring in space travel.

After him there will be DE LABORE SOLIS, and DE GLORIA OLIVAE, from the glory of the olives. Olives, they grow all round the Mediterranean, and that leaves a wide scope for conjecture. But, 'From the glory of the olives' would seem to relate to the olive groves of the land that was called Palestine, and even more especially those of the Mount of Olives. Again, could this be a pointer to the raising to the Pontificate of one who had been the Latin Patriarch, the Papal Representative in Jerusalem?

A long way ahead, this last, and so we should leave it and turn to he who shall be Pope at the finis; Peter II. For Malachy gives him as Peter II, and there has been no other Peter all the way down the line of the Supreme Pontiffs since the day of Petrus I. But now Malachy makes it not a cryptic two or three words only, but a whole sentence, leaving no doubt as to what he knows is to come. "In persecutione extrema sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae sedebit PETRUS ROMANUS qui pascet oves in multis tribulationibus, quibus transactis, civitas septicolis diruetur, et Iudex tremendus iudicabit populum." And the translation...

"In the extreme persecution of the Holy Roman Church shall sit Peter the Roman who will feed his flock amidst many tribulations, which things being done, the City of the Seven Hills will be removed (i. e. no more) and the Great Judge will judge the

people."

To come back to James Laver and his excellent summing up, when drawing a comparison between the prophecies of Nostradamus and those of St. Malachy. He says, and this was in 1942, that between PASTOR ANGELICUS and PETER II Malachy placed the five others and so this, taking an average or mean for the periods of the Pontificates, should bring us roughly to the end of the present, or Twentieth Century. He then goes on to show that Nostradamus, Provençal Jew, physician to the Valois, and personal astrologer of Catherine de Medici, made his 1999 and seven months, giving much more of exactitude. But then this was not out of keeping with one who in 1555 could write these words of an event nearly a hundred years ahead; and something completely impossible for the average cultured man, be he of Britain or of France, to imagine... 'Sant de Londres mettront a mort leur Roy (Roi).' That the Senate or Parliament of London could put to death their King; the King of England, how utterly absurd! And one can imagine those of the time who read his Centuries saying "That's one that won't come off!"

Now to another coincidence, one more parallel between these two great seers. Nostradamus also foresaw the elevation of

Pope Leo XIII to St. Peter's Chair, announcing it in one of his quatrains that

'The long-haired star will appear in the north and darkness will be dispelled by a new 'Light in the Heavens.'

This was after his mention of the Great One of Rome, and his death, i. e. that Pope Pius IX who was always affectionately known as Pío Nono.

For the record, Pope Leo XIII when he was known as Cardinal Gioacchino Pecci was archbishop of Perugia for an exceptionally long term, and Perugia is absolutely due north of Rome. So there is the 'In the north,' whilst as for the 'Long-haired star' how beautifully poetic is this turn of phrase to describe a comet, his family coat of arms as already told. Finally, that new 'Light in the Heavens,' Malachy's LUMEN IN COELO; is it all there.

Laver is carefully neutral. He says 'Pure superstition, or a mystical truth escaping our rationalizings? The Older may not see it: The Younger can only be counselled to wait and see.' But he does suggest Nostradamus may have got the main of his Centuries through automatic writing, even if only the outline, thus enabling him to work up such essential bases into the verse form of his Quatrains. In both cases, and to man or woman of Spiritualistic views, the mystical truth would seem to be nearer home.

in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ or not; 16 — "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

Genuine men of God acknowledge Him as their only authority; aren't hidebound by man-made doctrine or public approval. In Colossians 1:25 this is made manifest: "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you to fulfil the word of God; 26 — "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 — "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 — "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man per-

fect in Christ Jesus."

Those who profess belief in the Bible should adhere its warnings against false prophets. If you go to a medium and your only reaction is a momentary sense of well-being without any guidance for constructive living then you'd better evaluate your reasons for going.

In Lamentations 2:14 we have: "Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee; and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of bandishment."

Other notable Bible passages admonishing us against false prophets are Ezekiel 13:3 "Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing."

Jeremiah 29:8 "For thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed."

## Psychic Phenomena

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of a demonstration will take an umbrella from the corner or a small walking stick and touching it to the ground will levitate himself several feet into the air and remain several minutes suspended that way with his legs, sometimes crossed under him, yogi-like. This is a feat known to the yogis and others like Swami Shri Purhoit who have demonstrated it before many reliable witnesses.

It will also be remembered that Dr. Alexander Cannon, Ph.D., R.E.C.S., M.D., etc., of London who levitated himself across a gorge in the Himalayas, a gorge 300 feet deep and through which flowed a swift, impassable river. In the party was a Tibetan sage who decided that they could and must cross by levitation. We are told that in a moment's time they were both landed on the other side of the gorge. This is much like the Bible testimonies of many levitated characters, such as the prophet Ezekiel who writes: "Moreover the spirit

lifted me up and brought me into the East Gate of the Lord's house."

Thus one is ever learning through physical phenomena. So, to live wisely, to progress, to evolve, to attain, it is necessary to observe and study phenomena. Thus we learn more about the world we live in here and about the worlds we shall later live in. Unless we wish to stagnate, by ceasing to learn, and so remain ignorant, we must observe, gather, and study phenomena.

Without an ever increasing flood of phenomena, science of any kind comes to a standstill.

If Spiritualism is to hold its place in science, philosophy and religion, then its basic requirement is phenomena, in ever-increasing quantity and variety. A densely material and unbelieving world has to be aroused by such phenomena that will puzzle and astound it; there is no other way to get its attention. Long ago, the Master Jesus said,

"Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe."

## LIFE IS REAL

The words of the poet Longfellow, that "Life is real; life is earnest; life is not an empty dream;" are full of eternal truth. Sometimes, when reflecting on the past, one thinks of the unavoidable troubles, sorrow and pain that will come in varying degrees upon every human being as he journeys thru life. These thoughts bring a clear perception that life is very "real" and "earnest", and that everyone must grow and progress mentally and spiritually, according to his innate ability, by means of the various forms of suffering that visit him thru life.

When a man's environment is found to be completely unpleasant, then only does he turn inward fully toward his Creator in spirit. The more an individual finds happiness in material things, the more he looks away from God. What determines a man's true attainment in this world, is that which he still possesses when everything in the material realm has been taken away from him.

If one believes that life is a "joke" as some people say, he should visit the hospitals, drive an ambulance, visit the morgues, visit the prisons, or visit a battlefield. Such opinions arise from having too pleasant a material environment; one which will soon disappear. God has no favorites. He has created all men equal, and the troubles and unhappiness that come to one individual must sooner or later come to an equal degree to every other person. Material existence is only the very beginning; the world of spirit, in which man dwells, forever is, contrary to the teachings of orthodoxy, similar to material existence, differing only in intensity. Those few to whom a full realization of the imperfection and unsubstantiality of earthly

existence comes quickly in life, because of adverse circumstances, become the "saints" who have acquired the wisdom necessary to lead and teach others in spiritual things.

Most of the people in the world, never have to undergo the suffering that makes them spiritual while on earth. These persons never perceive the spiritual essence of life, and as a consequence they have a rude awakening shock awaiting them at so-called death. Because they are unprepared for life in the spirit realms, their suffering then really begins. They still desire material things which they can no longer have. If their hearts had not been immersed in material loves while on earth, they would have been prepared for spiritual things. When they entered the tent of death, they would have found spiritual light there instead of material darkness.

Like war, which in the past has been necessary under the Divine Providence because of the ignorance and impulsiveness of human nature, so also is written law an evil thing. Our Creator governs the universe by love, not written law, and dispenses perfect justice and the correct degree of mercy. When man becomes more advanced, mentally and spiritually on earth, he will have a government based on love toward others, rather than a complex system of written laws, designed, to a greater or lesser extent, to protect man from the hate in other men. A hate born of love for temporary material things instead of eternal spiritual realities. It is self evident that it will be a long time before a government based on trust and love, rather than by an increasing number of complicated written laws, will be established. Un-

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## Bible Predictions — False Prophets

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Prophets have been the forerunners of all great religions. A true prophet is one who interprets the word of God. His prophecies deal with Divine utterances. His psychic and spiritual gifts are used only for the welfare of man, the benefit of humanity.

The true prophet caters to God.

The false prophet caters to man.

The latter are apt to develop tremendous popular followings, acquire great wealth, become famous.

The former will meet with struggle and strife, opposition at every turn, persecution from many quarters.

He's the prophet that makes one feel uneasy, forces us to look within, see ourselves as we really are.

The false prophet is too clever to ever come out with the truth, even if he knows it. To do so would mean his financial ruin.

In Jeremiah 5:31 we find: "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" This passage could have been written today: so aptly does it describe the false mediums and their public, the ones who want to be deceived. And again in Jer. 10:21: "For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the Lord: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered." Which is inevitable when the opportunistic preacher is exposed. Jer. 23:11 states: "For both prophet and priest are profane: yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the Lord."

Concerning the many self-dubbed prophets, the self-deluded visionaries, the schizophrenic so-called psychics we find the following in Jeremiah 23:21: "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."

22 — But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil ways, and from the evil of their doings.

25 — I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

31 — Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues and say, He saith.

32 — Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not

profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

In the light of modern psychiatry, with its understanding of the subconscious mind and its motivations, the above deserves re-reading. For how can the people profit when all they receive are false or fatuous messages? Readings which only serve as an ego-booster, a crutch for the moment? Prophets under one guise or another who only cater to their vanity and neuroticisms? Millions who attend the various churches out of habit but who feel something is missing?

In Matthew 7:15 it warns: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." The many "psychics" who pretend interest in their troubled client but who are really more interested in their bank accounts?

Despite its many discrepancies, mis-translations, and tamperings, the Bible is still one of the most profound books ever written. The philosophy contained therein is just as applicable today as it was centuries ago. What better logic than in this passage from Jeremiah 23:16 "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord." And this holds true for the many yearly predictions purporting to come from spirit guides or space or what have you!

The story of John the Baptist is well known and in Luke 3:15 it states: "And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused