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## The Spirit of DECORATION DAY Known Only To God?

The Unknown Soldier

By JO McKENNA CONLEY

It was growing dusk as the young man in the army uniform walked toward that hallowed spot marking the resting place of the "Unknown Soldier." His dejected air was apparent by his heavy tread and drooping shoulders. He sat down on a stone bench, put his elbows on his knees and wearily sank his head into his hands. There is a quietness here that seems almost unearthly, Marc mused . . . a quietness that soothed his uneasy soul.

A soft spring breeze occasionally ruffled the shadowed grass at his feet. "Why did I feel the urge to come here, of all places, tonight?" he pondered. "I'll be here with Mom tomorrow. There will be crowds of people . . . and me, I like crowds. Guess this thing has me stunned; but I do feel more at ease . . . this place has a certain something about it that makes a fellow think that he should walk on tiptoe.

### Etheric Presence

God! he moaned, and turned his head from side to side in his hands. "How I wish that I had the courage these men must have had! . . . these men with flags at the head of their graves . . . men like the one who is "Unknown" and like gmay . . . !"

A soft touch on his shoulder startled him. When he raised his head he saw what appeared to be a tall, broadshouldered man dressed in the khaki uniform of the Yanks wore in the first World War. It was torn and muddy . . . a dark reddish spot showed plainly on his chest. He stood quietly, appearing to wait for Marc to look him over . . . and then, when he was aware he was actually visible to Marc, he smiled and greeted him with, "Hello, soldier!"

"Good evening, Sir," returned Marc as he moved over to make room on the bench for the stranger. He could not smile for somehow this man disturbed him. He went on after a moment, "I didn't expect to meet anyone here tonight. I reckon we're both quite a few hours too early for the real tribute paid to those fellows over there. Going to be here? I see that you are dressed for it already."

### He Understood

"Yes," said the quiet man. "I shall be here . . . I always am; But what brought you here tonight, Boy?"

"I . . . I don't really know, Sir. I wanted to think and I suppose that it was this atmosphere that I needed. I came here to have it out with myself."

"What is troubling you, Boy? It may help to tell me."

"Well, Sir, as you see, I am in uniform, too . . . but I'm ashamed to say that I feel that I'm a coward!" The words burst from Marc's lips, then he seemed to go limp with relief. Here is a man who will understand, he thought . . . he felt his reticence leave. By that strange instinct given us to recognize a kindred soul, he knew that this tall man could put him straight.

"A coward, Boy? Why?"

Marc clasped his hands tightly together and looked off over the

Soldier . . .

Be Not Afraid!



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Picture above drawn specially for PSYCHIC OBSERVER . . . by Frances Conley, sister of the author of this story.

tops of the flags that moved gently above the graves. He swallowed the lump in his throat and started with, "Now that we are at war I shall be sent into active service. I'm here on furlough for a few days . . . and on my way as soon as I go back. I've prayed that I could leave those I love and go as bravely as my . . . !" Marc's voice was choked off.

"As whom, Boy?"

"My Dad! I never knew him but Mom has made his memory live for me. He was in France when I was born and soon after he was reported missing . . . he lies "over there" somewhere. Poor little Mom, she's been lonely with just me, I know. I've got a swell mother! She comes here each year on Decoration Day as a sort of tribute to Dad . . . she'll be here tomorrow."

"Yes, I know," said the man softly.

"What did you say, Sir?"

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"I asked if she knew . . . about the way you feel?"

"No, thank GOD! I wouldn't want her to know that her son was afraid . . . the son of the man to whom she gamely said goodbye! Imagine how she would feel if she knew what was troubling me!"

"Why do you think that you are a coward, Boy? Tell me."

"I didn't believe that I could tell anyone what I have just told you, Sir. It's been easy to talk to you." Marc hesitated . . . then went on. "How can I kill when I don't hate? When I think of how treacherous they were about Pearl Harbor, I got fighting mad . . . but it is the principles of their group that make me that way! How can I kill a man who also has a soul? Doesn't he love? Doesn't someone love him? Will I forget these things when I come face to face with him and it is his life or mine? Would I think of these things if I were not a coward? It has gnawed and stared at me like a grinning gargoyle for days! How did you feel? Can you help me?"

### An American!

"Boy," the stranger began slowly when Marc stopped. "You are not a coward. Your heart is true. Deep within every American is a love so strong and powerful that (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

## My Psychic Observations

by Juliette Ewing Pressing

### Mediums and Mediumship



J. E. Pressing

### HOW TO SIT WITH A MEDIUM

#### Are You Trying To Police the Spirit World?

There is nothing I would not do to give people the assurance I possess . . . the perfect confidence I hold about continued existence. The fact that I continue to write these little articles proves this.

It is unnecessary for me to say that I do not possess the ability to write, but many readers tell me that my experiences shared with them have helped them to find the way.

#### Considered Queer

Daily, I receive letters requesting me to provide names and addresses of good, honest, reliable mediums. I can truthfully state that I have never found but one or two mediums who were not honest in their work. I believe that mediums, on the whole, are doing their best to serve the spirit world and humanity. I do think there are many who are serving publicly who would probably ultimately render better service if they sat longer for development.

Often a medium fails to receive clearly, and too, they often misinterpret symbols. This is not dishonesty, but is due to lack of training. Mediums have a difficult life.

Until recently, the very words "medium" and "spiritualism,"

were little understood. Even now, in small communities, the spiritualist is considered queer. I do believe that within the next few years, we will see an entirely different attitude exhibited on the part of people in general.

I desire to share with you some of the experiences that I've had, so that you will better understand mediums, sittings and some of the points that evidently confuse the newcomer.

#### Judge Not!

It was only a short twelve years ago, that I became almost paralyzed and speechless when I attended a seance. At that time, I, too, was desirous of finding an honest medium. Since then, I have found that such an approach was, indeed, very silly.

Let us consider mediumship for a moment. . . . as a profession in relation to other professions. It would never occur to many of us to ask for a good honest doctor . . . a good honest singer or artist. Nor would we go to a doctor if we were filled with doubts that he would trick us. But, when we attend a seance, or have a sitting, we sometimes cautiously make our entree for fear "John Jones" might see us. And then if we successfully get inside, we sometimes give a fictitious name.

Assuming that all these carefully laid plans work out, we continue our peculiar attitude. Suppose it is a direct-voice seance. Sometimes we are so presumptuous that we want to dictate the conditions under which the spirit collaborators work. We want luminous hands on each end of the trumpet. We want to tie the medium. Perhaps, the medium's guides cannot or do not care to be tested by you and me.

#### The "Poor" Medium

We must not forget our attitude toward the doctor. Suppose it is a surgeon. It wouldn't occur to us to tell him to use such and such a knife. Would we want him to use a butcher knife? We are familiar with a butcher knife and know it cuts cleanly, but would not a surgeon refuse to operate with such an instrument?

But . . . the poor medium is usually asked to and is sometimes willing to sit under any proposed conditions.

And then what takes place? The seance proceeds under adverse conditions. Nothing startling happens. The voices probably are not so strong and clear. The aunt who spoke Dutch comes through expressing in the English language. You request that she speak Dutch. She does not reply. Why? For any number of reasons. Perhaps during war times, the guides deem it wise for all sitters to understand what is spoken, then again, perhaps your aunt is so distressed that you displayed so little court-

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With the exception of the first week of August, the Editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER will be at Lily Dale all summer . . . inviting the public to examine one of the largest displays of English and American Spiritualist book in The United States.

The official summer season of Lily Dale Assembly will begin June 26th and close September 7th . . . lecture and message services daily except Monday. There will be special classes for spiritual unfoldment and psychic study as well as public and private demonstrations of mental and physical mediumship . . . all under the auspices of the Assembly.



# "Dead" Airman Gives . . . ... Striking Spirit Tests Reported Missing In Battle of Britain

By MAURICE BARBANELL

He was reported missing. He was amongst the first batch to take the air in the Battle of Britain. For over a year his wife had wondered whether her husband was still on earth or had passed on. Now Estelle Roberts has given her what she regards as overwhelming proof that he is in the spirit world. And through her mediumship this airman returned and gave fact after fact which clearly established his identity.

This dramatic story of the spirit return of one of Britain's air heroes who made the supreme sacrifice to defend our island fortress gives added point to the statements recently made in *Psychic News* by Estelle Roberts.

She gave evidence to show that the war "dead" are not always aware of their passing and that, because of difficulties in spirit communication arising out of war conditions, Estelle advised mediums not to jump to the conclusion that because they do not receive a spirit message the person sought is still on earth.

## Medium Kept In Dark

The woman, Mrs. Robert Crombie, of Mornington Crescent, Hounslow, Middlesex, had been told by one or two mediums that her husband had not passed over, but she naturally wanted definite information. Estelle Roberts, when asked, at once arranged for a seance, giving her services without charge. The medium was told only the woman's name and the fact that her husband was missing. No other facts were given.

When Mrs. Crombie was informed that a sitting had been arranged with Estelle Roberts, a friend had applied to the Editor of *Psychic News* on her behalf. . . she said, I prayed I would have a sitting with Estelle Roberts. My prayers have been answered. Now, please, God, I will know for certain what has happened to my darling."

## The Evidence Comes

The first words spoken by Estelle Roberts at the seance last week were: "I am in touch with a gentleman who has been missing round about 18 months . . . your husband. He went across the water to France. Guns were firing. He was fighting, using guns. He was attached to the Air Force."

"Yes," immediately commented Mrs. Crombie, "he was an air gunner."

"His age was about 32," said Estelle . . . actually he was 31. "He is definitely on the Other Side. He tells me that you have two children about nine years." All these statements were correct, Estelle was told.

When she asked: "Who was John whom he called Jack?" Mrs. Crombie explained that Jack was with her husband in the aeroplane.

"They are both over," exclaimed the medium. "They crashed. You have been told that your husband is suffering from loss of memory and that he is in hospital, and a prisoner of war."

"He is distressed about all this and wishes to say that he is not a prisoner of war. He says he is a 'prisoner of death.' I do not know exactly what he means by that expression, except to suggest mate-

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rial separation. He says that you looked at his picture today and begged him to come."

"Quite right," said the wife. I did so before I came here."

The medium then spoke of the "dead" man's excitement at being able to get into communication with his wife, adding, "He mentions that David is with him."

"Yes, he was his great pal," said the wife.

Relaying the "dead" man's words, Estelle Roberts stated: "Three of us are over here, David, Jack and myself, Bob."

She went on, "He wants you to know he is looking after you and the little ones and that you must not grieve for him. His words are, 'It had to be.' He now asks that his love be given to Lily, who is waiting in the next room."

## Nickname for Mother

"Yes, said Mrs. Crombie, "that is my niece, waiting for me in the next room."

When Estelle added that the "dead" man also wanted his love given to Mary, Mrs. Crombie said that Mary was the nickname used for her mother.

Next came a series of messages that left no doubt about the identity of the spirit communicator. He gave the ages of his two daughters, said he always carried a snapshot of them and one of his wife.

Commenting that he was accurate, the wife said: "As a matter

of fact I missed my snapshot and suspected that he had it with him."

"Now," said the medium, "he is pointing to your ring, saying that he gave it to you and he is glad you always wear it."

"Quite right," declared the wife, "I always wear it. It is my engagement ring."

The wife at once said she understood the spirit reference when Estelle asked what she had been doing with the flowers by his portrait, for which he expressed thanks. The wife was also very touched when the medium said: "He has brought you violets, as he tells me he did before he went on his last journey. His words are, 'Here they are again on my first journey back as on my last journey away'."

Friends and relatives whom he had met since his passing were named and at once understood by the wife, and personal advice about problems were also given. Then to show that "death" had not really separated them, the husband referred to the fact that he had seen his wife put his photograph on the mantelpiece in the bedroom.

## Baby's Birthday Gift

"You spoke to your little girl about some shoes," Mrs. Crombie was then told. "He tells me that last week was Baby's birthday. That you bought her some shoes and you promised the elder one some on her birthday in April."

This spirit message brought from the wife the comment: "That is wonderful."

"He says that he heard you and wants you to get her some pretty ones. Now he is referring to her hair, saying, 'Don't let it get too thin.' She had short hair in his time and now it is long."

"I have had it done in two plaits just recently," explained the wife.

"He knows, Estelle answered. "He is glad that you have his last letter. He mentioned that he had two lighters. You have one and he had the other."

"That is true," said the wife.

## The Misplaced Parcel

Next came a reference to a parcel sent by the husband which the wife never received. The "dead" man said that it was sent with a portrait of David.

"He sends his love to you from Dave. He also speaks of Russ, whom he has with him." All this was understood by the wife.

The husband said that the three of them went exploring together, but he wanted his wife to know he was often with her. To prove this fact he referred to incidents in the home. These were what our critics call trivial messages, but to Mrs. Crombie they were highly important, for they proved her husband's spirit presence.

One touching message was, "He wishes you to kiss the children for him and says it is a comfort that they sleep with you. Please ask her not to grieve for me any more, as I never felt anything."

When Estelle declared that he had crashed over France, Mrs. Crombie said she had already been told his fact.

Asked why he mentioned "Pete, Sammy and Tich," the wife said they were some of the boys he knew. She promised, when asked, to convey Pete's love to his wife.

The "dead" airman still insisted on giving evidence of his identity so that there should be no doubt in his wife's mind.

"He says that he was the youngest of his family," averred the medium. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 7)

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## Dead Airman

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dium. "He has met his two brothers and his mother. The two brothers passed over in the last war. One of them, Jimmie, is here today and sends his love to Mary." Estelle explained that Jimmie, because of his longer experience on the Other Side, was helping her husband to communicate.

"He doesn't want you to look back on the past, except to remember the happy times," said Estelle. "He is glad that you have sent the little one to school."

### His Child's Name

Here the medium mentioned that the husband was speaking of somebody by the name of "Something Anne," but she could not catch the first name clearly.

"That is Baby's name, Robin Anne," the wife declared.

"Now he speaks of a book the

# I Am Not Dead

By

## H. Ernest Hunt

who advances the theory that "when death finally deprives us of our body we are essentially the same persons with intrinsically greater powers. The real centers of our perception are even now resident in the soul and potentially we are all clairvoyant and clairaudient; during life these senses work through the eyes and ear and are subject to many limitations. When the body drops off, so do the restrictions. Therefore when a person 'dies,' he is actually more alive than ever."

through the soul, as the sounds from our loud speaker are determined by the invisible etheric impulses.

Thus, when death finally deprives us of our body we are essentially the same persons, but with intrinsically greater powers. The real centers of our perception are even now resident in the soul, and potentially we are all clairvoyant and clairaudient; during life these senses work through the eye and ear and are subject to many limitations. When the body drops off, so do the restrictions. Therefore when a person "dies" he is actually more alive than ever.

### DEAD . . . and Don't Know It

This is the state of those who pass on. Necessarily they carry their memories with them, and usually all that they remember being taught about death is that we go into the grave and sleep there till the resurrection morning. A well-known hymn gives further inaccurate details when it suggests that soul and body are once more reunited, which, of course, they never will be. But when our friends find themselves infinitely more alive, it is clearly apparent to them that they are not dead. Then what has happened to them? They do not know.

Their state is very little different from our own when we find ourselves in unusual circumstances which are strange to us. We feel out of place, even lost; and how can we adjust ourselves to our surroundings if we do not even know where we are, or how we got there? The difficulty is that these people are dead, and don't know it. But what is more contradictory still, they are not dead; because the soul merely vacates the body, and does not die.

### The Truth About Death

Now all this completely unnecessary trouble is caused by our present lack of rational education with regard to the nature of death. All our training and upbringing, to say nothing of our religious teaching, give us ideas which are totally wrong.

But when the time comes and we pass on, our memories necessarily go with us, and we still have only those same muddled ideas about death; then we come up against the truth which is totally different. Those people who are able to get their facts right during life experience none of these difficulties. They realize what has happened to them; they know in general terms where they are, and they can interpret their circumstances, so they can go ahead at once without break.

The lot of the muddled and lost people is sometimes quite unhappy, for they are in a betwixt-and-between stage, neither here nor there, but hovering indeterminate, rather like the case of Ezekiel (Chapter VIII) where he says "then the spirit lifted me up between the earth and heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem."

Ezekiel was out of his body in the "betwixt-and-between" stage, and his soul-vision, described here as the "visions of God," came into action, or as we should say to-

day he became "clairvoyant"; his sight functioned at a distance, as it can now be made to do under hypnosis. If these good "dead" people had been brought up to understand their Bible, instead of fighting shy of anything labeled psychic, they would realize something of the nature of their own case. I am profoundly sorry for these victims of our own ignorant teaching, and the work that may be done by the dissemination of better-founded views through the press cannot be too highly commended and encouraged.

On one occasion I had the privilege of talking to four of these "lost" people at my own fireside through a non-professional medium. It was arranged that with each of the four I should have a quarter of an hour in which to talk with them and try to convince them of the fact that they were dead. I did my best, but in only one instance did I shake the individual's conviction that he was not still in this world.

They were completely satisfied that they were not dead, but in full possession of their faculties, even though they could not explain what had happened to them. At any rate, they rejected most vigorously both my explanations and my argument.

### Responsibility of the Church

One aristocratic old lady said she didn't know who I was; she hadn't been introduced, and wondered by what right I was talking to her.

As I spoke to her of what happened after death she said she hoped I wasn't one of those horrid Spiritualists, and anyhow John would be calling for her in the carriage shortly, and she wouldn't trouble me any more. It is all very pathetic, but very real, and from the psychological angle one can see the immense mental and spiritual damage wrought by the inculcation of inadequate or . . . worse still . . . complete wrong-headed ideas. That today constitutes the responsibility of the Church in that it refuses to make direct acquaintance with the facts of the case relating to death.

As soon as these good people are put right in their ideas a wonderful change takes place in their lives, a new light dawns, and they pick up at once.

It generally happens that a line of association, linking them on to someone whom they loved and know to be dead, is the key to the situation; and as soon as the wrong mental idea is dissipated, they accept the new situation as naturally as a duck takes to water. After all the only unnatural element is the wrong teaching which is carried engraved in the memory. The next world abounds in willing helpers who are only too ready to assist newcomers as soon as they can find a readiness to receive, and especially in this the case where a bond of affection between the two has been woven during life.

### Lost Souls

But there is another aspect which also has its serious side. These lost folk, being nearer to the state they have left than to the state whither they are bound, seek the light. Any person with a glimmering of spiritual understanding here appears to them as a light; literally, a light in their darkness, and the greater the spirituality the greater the light. It attracts them, and they endeavor to get near to the person radiating the light. Usually we have our "guardian angels" on the other side of

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life who act as doorkeepers and keep us safe from intruders.

But occasionally it does come about that perhaps from a lowered state of mental, physical, or even spiritual health, our protection may not be adequate, and these unhappy lost ones may come nearer to us in our aura than is good for us.

In such circumstances as these we may sometimes pick up unawares the sadness or depressions of these invisible visitors, and we may be troubled by them. In exceptional cases, finding a degree of comfort in being near a living individual, they may exercise quite an unhappy influence upon him. This is the root of those cases of obsession which we read about in the Bible and sometimes come across today. These souls are not as a rule evil, but they are generally ignorant, and nearly always unhappy; but we must realize that they are the product of our own wrong-headed teaching, and it should certainly spur us to know more and to teach better.

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# MY PSYCHIC OBSERVATIONS

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easy and love, she didn't have the heart to come again.

Then, again, in some instances, the sitters are open minded and perfectly willing to accept communication as a fact. Every condition has been made as perfect as possible. Naturally, a successful sitting is expected.

For some unaccountable reason, the communicators fail to register in a natural manner. Perhaps, unconsciously, the elaborate plans have caused us to be tense or overly anxious to convince some of those whom we have invited to share with us, the great truth that we so well know.

On the other side of life, perhaps this same anxiety exists. When one studies psychic science and has seance room experience there are many seances that we cannot understand.

Communication between the two worlds is proved to be a fact. All over the world there are records of messages from the beyond. Records that are vouched for by men and women of unimpeachable integrity and honesty. Human testimony certainly means something in every other walk of life, so why not give the same evaluation to testimony of people who communicate with the other world? One or two might be fooled or become imbecilic in a seance room, but surely not thousands.

## Proper Approach

Now, I'll tell you what I've found to be true. It has paid big dividends in happiness and has enriched my life more than mere words can express.

First—start on the premise that all mediums are honest until they are proved otherwise.

Second—be thankful that you have found truth. Be thankful that the opportunity is afforded you to communicate with those who have gone over there.

Third—When a spirit addresser, you, speak up! Carry on a courteous conversation, the same as you would here upon earth. Do not bombard the spirit with questions. Give them an opportunity to send a message which may contain the very evidence you so earnestly desire.

If after following these three simple rules, you are still doubtful as to the identity, immediately call the main guide of the circle. Place your problem before him. All of the guides whom I've met have welcomed this procedure.

The technique of communication is difficult. Sometimes a spirit is so confused, they almost forget their names. Haven't you been so upset at times that you cannot think? Of course you have. I have heard people say, "Well, if that was Aunt Emma, she most certainly would have said so and so." You don't know what Aunt Emma would say... if she hadn't talked to you for twenty years, and furthermore had never used a trumpet. It is equally as difficult for a spirit to adjust themselves to earth vibrations as it is for you to act normal in a seance room.

## Our Duty Is...

One of the saddest spectacles is to hear someone carry on a conversation with some poor spirit who failed to prove or give his identity. All the while the sitter knows perfectly well that the entity to whom he is talking... is living on earth. The honest thing to do... would have been to call the guide and ask about it. But, no, you are ever suspecting that you are going to be tricked... so you go so far as to resort to the very tactics that you so wholeheartedly condemn.

There is much chatter about impersonations. Occasionally spirits, in their eagerness to reach through to the earth plane, do pretend to be some relative of a sitter. This, of course is deplorable, but isn't it our duty to endeavor to help people?... and especially spirit people who have "lost their way."

It would be more fair to tell the



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MANLY P. HALL

## Manly P. Hall

By "J. E. P."

In the preface to the letter, it is stated that this lad is in a hospital. The address of the person to whom the letter was written was found on an old magazine which carried the original address stencil.

There are many lonely soldiers. I sent a bundle of PSYCHIC OBSERVERS to this chap. Perhaps some of you readers will write him a cheery letter.

I have always greatly admired Manly P. Hall's philosophy. Within his many books, can be found a veritable storehouse of profound wisdom.

It would seem impossible for one, so young, to have acquired so much knowledge in one life. He is a living example of the theory of reincarnation.

I called to visit Mr. Hall at the Barbison Plaza Hotel in New York. He is in perfect accord with the philosophy and truth... as presented by Spiritualism.

Evidently he has changed his mind about spiritualists' meetings and through experience... has

guide about it, instead of going to some other medium, to check up with the spirits who came through at some other seance. There is nothing to fear. Ask the medium! I am sure that the matter could be cleared up to your entire satisfaction.

Never interfere with the phenomena. You have gone to the meeting to try to learn and with the desire to speak to your loved ones. You are not there to police the spirit world. When you touch or pull the trumpet, you may cause serious trouble to the physical body of the medium.

I have personal knowledge of three cases where lights have been turned on... causing very serious illness to follow. In one case, a sitter pulled on a trumpet. This act caused the medium to have a severe headache for three days. There is a psychic link between the medium and the trumpet. This link is a part of life itself.

## Not a Business

As I review my early sittings, I can realize that mediums are angels... otherwise they would never have been so kind and tolerant with me. Never though, did I interfere with the phenomena. My guilt was doubt... Doubt of the medium and the spirit.

I have had people tell me that naturally I take the side of the medium because it is my business. I can assure anyone that if spreading spiritualism was a business proposition, I would never have gotten into it in the first place. Furthermore, if such were the case, I would most assuredly would stop right now.

I work ten to twelve hours every day. My sole aim is to help people to find their way so that they, too, can have the same assurance I possess... and can live more fruitful lives here and now. When one learns the truth of cause and effect, they begin to realize that life is eternal and that, one day, they personally will have to balance their books on the side of right.

become quite tolerant... because in 1937, he published "Questions Answered on the Problems of Life." On page 243, one would think that he was not in sympathy with our work. In five years, however, one can learn a great deal. A wise man is always willing to change his views.

In his "Words to the Wise," Mr. Hall draws a word picture of the seekers for truth, that, in my opinion is a masterpiece. I know, because I strained and struggled to find God... until I became anchored in my rightful place... Spiritualism.

All sincere seekers for light will be shown the way. All paths lead to the same goal. For me, Spiritualism's teachings are the "Alpha and Omega" because when one makes contact with the spirit world, there is no power in heaven or earth that can prevent you from receiving all of the truth that can be assimilated. The law of attraction will bring the right teacher and the proper teachings to anyone.

Psychic Science proves these laws are actual, not mere platitudes... by demonstration through mediums. After one has a theory proved... then it becomes a living workable law. After the proof is given, it becomes an individual matter as to what is done with the knowledge.

The most we can expect is a mere ray from the facet of truth one contacts. But we must use our knowledge in our daily life if we expect the ray to become bright and shining... here upon earth. Anyone can enrich their mind by reading the works of Manly P. Hall.

## Arthur Taylor

Arthur Taylor, 528 Shawnee, Breslau, Penna., volunteered his services to the army March 3rd of last year.

Mr. Taylor is stationed in Camp, 1301 St., S. U. Headquarters Co., New Cumberland, Maryland. He writes: "We have had three seances here at the post with officers

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## "Unknown Soldier"

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it cannot be denied. The truer his heart... the greater is his love for his country!

I, too, felt that same doubt that you feel now. There were times when I was sick with loneliness and the futility of it all. Then, as now, there was an unholy influence threatening us. Even when my brain was so tired that my body moved only mechanically, I was certain that there was a "right of things" and God would help us wipe that influence from the earth.

### Law of Compensation

I saw many things that made my senses reel with revolt. I saw strong men throw up their arms to God crying, Why? Why? I must have killed many men... for every death I have suffered death. He does not sanction war but He has implanted in us a knowledge of the rightness of things and a holy urge to make this world as He intended it to be. Some men mistake their own lust and desire for power for that urge. These men have followers who blindly fight their wars for them. The Law of Compensation will take

and men. They find a lot of comfort in the spiritualist seances. We do not charge, we have all that care to come but they must get a pass from the Captain."

Several years ago, Mr. Pressing and I sat with Mr. Taylor. He possesses very good trumpet mediumship. At that time, his materialization was not fully developed, but reports from sitters indicate that there is a marked improvement in this phase.

I trust that our readers will recognize the importance of spreading the message of spiritualism to the armed forces. I shall be pleased to receive your contribution, and assure you that your money will be utilized for the sole purpose of sending literature to the soldiers, sailors and marines—and perhaps to their families if the names should be submitted by some of our readers.

A list of men to whom literature has been sent will appear in every issue of PSYCHIC OBSERVER. It would be kind if some of you would write letters to them. It must be rather lonesome at times. Letters do add a bit of cheer.

## Gertrude Lawrence

I saw Gertrude Lawrence's play "Lady in the Dark." It deals with psycho-analysis and is most interesting.

The fact that playwrights are introducing four dimensional consciousness into their productions, is a step forward... for all of us who are endeavoring to teach the value of understanding mind. The theater is a great medium for educating the public.

Noel Coward's play, "Blithe Spirit," does not present Spiritualism as we would like, yet, the fact that after life is accepted and the dead people come back to those in the physical world... will provoke thought.

Any time the attention of the public is gained there is a chance that they will try to find out more about it.

## Floyd Thornton

Mrs. Mabel Henderson, 1229 Grand Ave., Apt. 202, St. Paul, Minn., writes: "Rev. Floyd Thornton is, in my opinion, a splendid trumpet medium. I have attended his classes for many months and the manifestations are of the highest order... devotional, spiritual and truly marvelous. I feel that the twin cities are very fortunate in having the opportunity to have access to such a splendid medium."

I have never sat in a seance with Rev. Thornton, but I do recall having met him at a convention. He is one of the younger mediums.

Author of the Spirit of  
Decoration Day



"Psychic Observer"  
JOSEPHINE CONLEY ("Jo"  
McKenna Conley), 4123 Cleveland Ave., Ashabula, Ohio. She was inspired by spirit to write the article... concluding on this page.

care of those men who have desecrated the souls of their followers! It will not be our gallant sons who are judged! We are fighting in a great cause... a cause that reaches beyond you or me... it is for your children and those after them. You must remember that!

Our country never has led US blindly in to war. We always have had a purpose that was honorable. To keep our country decent... is the only justifiable reason for war... We have that reason! That is the goal that is beyond you and your fear! We fight not for material gains but for spiritual gains for the entire universe!

### It Shall Be

Some people say that what we went through "over there" was useless and that men died uselessly. Boy, no effort or fight to right a wrong is useless. Even if havoc is left behind, the pattern of the complete whole is still a burning picture in the minds of men. Before men, even now, is that ideal for which men will fight and continue to battle till the hate that breeds war is no more! Such a world HE promised us! It Shall Be!

The man stopped speaking and moved his head to look at Marc. The young soldier found that words were inadequate to express what he felt. The steady, kindly gleam of the stranger's eyes was all that was now visible in the thickening light but Marc felt their brilliance and depth.

With the same gesture he had greeted Marc... a soft touch on the shoulder... the man rose, smiled reassuredly, and took a few steps forward. It was then that Marc knew... he sensed the significance of this timely chat with his etheric companion... it was necessary to say no more... and nothing more passed between the two... his erstwhile companion turned away and walked slowly... a silhouette enshrouded in rays of dazzling light... toward the tomb of the "Unknown Soldier."

### Carry On, My Boy!

Staring after him, Marc half expected to see him stopped on his journey... by the men who keep a constant vigil there BUT they did not seem to notice him... and then at a point where the guards met and retraced their steps, a strange fog-like substance seemed to gather slowly. Marc kept staring... the strange companion seemed to step into this substance... then the fog dissolved... and with it the tattered soldier.

Marc was overcome but he did not tremble for he knew... A wave of positiveness permeated his very being... he rose from the bench... faced the place where he saw the tall figure disappear... and stood at attention... THEN HE SALUTED! Tears blinded and unuttered sobs choked him but he managed to pant exultantly "I'm NOT afraid now! I'm NOT afraid!"

Coming apparently from nowhere... but yet directly in his ear... a deep familiar voice whispered: "I live, Marc, I live! This is Dad!... Carry on, my boy... CARRY ON!"

(The End)



# Mable Riffle

## MEDIUM EXTRAORDINARY

COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL EASTERN TOUR

Evidential Messages Received From

Dr. Henry Williams

By THE EDITOR

Names, names, names and more names . . . names of relatives, names of friends, names of spirit people as far back as three or four generations . . . all of which represents a typical MABLE RIFFLE demonstration of spirit communication.

If the spirit people do not know their names or if they do know and cannot give them out or get them through . . . then proof of personal identity has not definitely been established, says Mrs. Riffle. And she is right!

Of course, anyone who has made a study of psychic science and spirit communication knows that it is not always possible for a medium to receive perfect collaboration from the other side . . . nor is it always possible for the spirit guides to explain to the spirit entities the real purpose and need for specific personal identification. BUT whenever possible, the identity of the personality communicating should always be established at the very beginning and then much criticism . . . classed as IMPERSONATION, would disappear.

### Test the Spirit!

It is up to the principal collaborator, says Mrs. Riffle, to quiz the spirit entities that wish to make contact . . . ask their name and after proper verification . . . then and only then should the spirit be allowed to give their message or voice personally. This would eliminate the threadbare expression "motherly or fatherly vibration" . . . which in nearly every case could mean guardians, in-laws, grand-parents or any close family tie.

For over thirty years, Mrs. Riffle, has been a public medium. She, as secretary of Camp Chesterfield in Indiana, has worked night and day to build one of the outstanding Spiritualist Centers in the United States . . . and this has only been accomplished through her tireless efforts to promote only those mediums who, in her opinion were best able to present and teach the philosophical implications of Spiritualism as well as to demonstrate personal human survival through various phases of mental and physical mediumship.

### Dr. Henry Williams

Spiritualists in western New York and Pennsylvania had the opportunity to witness Mrs. Riffle's mediumship in the City of Buffalo last Easter. She made several public appearances in that city . . . the first in twenty years . . . the audiences marveled at her public clairvoyance. For over an hour she called dozens of names . . . names of spirit people, relatives and friends . . . all recognized in due time. Of the large group that had assembled in The Chinese Room of Buffalo's Hotel Statler, many received positive identification from "dead" members of their family . . . as far back as three generations.

In her lecture work, Mrs. Riffle is well qualified to cope with all of the objections offered by

### Chesterfield Leader



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MABLE RIFFLE, Secretary of Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana. She is a lecturer, message bearer, billet reader, mental and direct-voice medium.

The inimitable spirit voice of her principal collaborator is known to thousands . . . his evidential messages and seance room technique is remarkable.

the opponents of Spiritualism . . . no one is better versed in the explanation of the terminology used in the Bible. Her study and interpretation of the teachings of Jesus has enabled her to discuss and convince . . . many leaders of orthodoxy in the middle west. No one has been able to "trip her up" on the spiritual implications of any of the oft-quoted Bible sayings. In her home town, Anderson, Indiana, she remains one of the city's most influential citizens. Her son holds the office of Comptroller.

During her brief Eastern trip, Mrs. Riffle held direct-voice seances in Buffalo, Lily Dale, and Erie, Pa. At each seance, she sat jointly with Rev. Clifford Blas. As is usually the case, the spirit collaborators of the visiting medium "take charge." With Mrs. Riffle, it was DR. HENRY WILLIAMS, known in Spiritualist circles for his uncanny ability to ascertain each spirit's identity. The spirits, in Mrs. Riffle's seances, do not always use the trumpet . . . many times they speak independently.

### Test the Sitter

The direct-voice (trumpet) seance held at Lily Dale was most impressive . . . many of the sitters had never witnessed such a perfect demonstration. Thirty-six persons were present. DR. WILLIAMS did not close the circle . . . lasting five hours . . . until every person in the seance was reached . . . not only once but several times.

Several hundred spirit entities, proved their identity not only by giving their names but by relaying directly or indirectly sufficient evidence to prove that they were actually the spirits they claimed to be.

To explain the "modus operandi" of a MABLE RIFFLE seance is quite difficult but DR. WILLIAMS did dwell on this subject occasionally . . . as the seance progressed. First he speaks to each person in the seance individually and tells them who they may expect to hear from . . . definitely ascertaining whether or not there are any pervericators among the sitters because, as he says, "anyone who will give a fictitious name is not worth bothering with" . . . and then Dr. Williams proceeds to assist the spirit people through.

At times, he explains the difficulty he has from the spirit side . . . having to listen to what the spirit people are saying to him

and at the same time being able to concentrate on the projection of his own voice so that valuable time will not be lost.

Mrs. Riffle does not sit in trance . . . hence, the fact that the seance lasted five hours, does not mean she was under any noticeable tension whatsoever . . . Dr. Williams and the spirit chemists see to that . . . in fact, in her case, as with many other mediums, each seance, regardless of length seems to invigorate them and make them stronger.

Is it any wonder, then, that Mrs. Riffle is classed among the outstanding mediums in America and that her camp has earned the reputation of being one of the nation's greatest phenomenal centers. If you don't believe it, VISIT CHESTERFIELD THIS SUMMER!

## Life in the SPIRIT WORLD

By George H. Lethem

Why is it, critics ask — and ask quite fairly—that, if human beings survive death and come back to prove their identity, they do not also reveal to us the mysteries of life beyond the veil?

The answer is that they do . . . so far as they can and so far as those still on this side are able to understand them. They tell what they can, but, whilst that is a great deal, it is by no means all, for "all" means a stretch into infinity that is as much beyond them as it is beyond us.

The first thing they tell us is that their knowledge is not miraculously increased by the change called death. They know that they are still alive, although their physical bodies are dead. They know that they have spiritual bodies which are as real to them as our physical bodies are to us. They know that they have entered a life in which the possibilities of progress seem to be infinite. They know that their surroundings are real and full of interest . . . and all these things they tell us.

But there are many things they don't know . . . both as regards this life and the life into which they have entered, for they are still finite beings and alter slowly as regards outlook and capacity for knowledge. They have gone one step up the ladder of life and can see a little bit further than we can and that is all. They, like ourselves, have many steps yet to climb; and, as they climb, their view will be extended, but also it will be carried further away from the earth and its influences. All this they tell us.

### Help To Solve

They cannot solve for us the problems of life and death and good and evil . . . they can help us towards a solution, but in a very real sense every human being must solve these problems for himself or herself.

They can tell us, however, what we most need to know and they do tell us.

To begin with, we need to be quite sure, if we are to rise above blank materialism, that the grave does not end human life; we need to be sure that there is a spirit world in which, in due course, our life will be continued; we need to be quite sure that justice prevails in this life and in the next . . . and all these things they can and do tell us, and so provide us with a basis of knowledge on which a firm, intelligent faith in God and Truth and Justice can be built.

To prove their identity, our friends in the spirit-world tell us things which seem trivial, because these are the things by which identity can be established. But when we are ready, they . . . or some of them . . . can tell us many other things which are helpful and interesting and instructive. There are many books filled with such messages . . . books which prove that inspiration is continuous (as indeed it must, if it be real), and, if all were written that is worth writing, there would be many more.

## Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp To Open July 3rd

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The 55th annual convocation of The Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, will open July 3rd and close August 30th, according to Mable Riffle, camp secretary. The flag-raising service will be conducted by Clifford Blas, 10:30 A. M., Saturday, July 4th.

Lecture and message services will be held every week day at 2:30 P. M. There will be three services every Sunday. Special auditorium seances Saturday and Sunday evenings.

### Etta Bledsoe Day

ETTA BLEDSOE DAY is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd. On that day, Etta Bledsoe, in spirit, will come back to earth and deliver her message through the independent-voice mediumship of James Laughton.

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### Lyceum

In the Chapel, each morning at 9, the children assemble. These activities are under the supervision of Anna Dennis, Lyceum conductor. The children are taught the fundamentals of Spiritualism . . . they are taken into the Garden of Prayer at which time the value of spirit communication is explained to them. A well equipped playground is available.

### Music

Exie Hardy will direct all musical programs. In addition to the string orchestra, an electrical pipe organ furnishes music before and after the auditorium services; during the noon and evening hours the beautiful Chesterfield chimes will be heard.

### Study Classes

Throughout the season, classes on the religion, science, philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism, will be held regularly . . . each morning in the chapel at 10:30. These classes will be supervised as follows: REV. JOHN BUNKER, July 3 to 11; REV. CLIFFORD BLAS, July 12 to 18; REV. MAMIE B. SHULZ, July 19 to 25; REV. EDWARD LOHMAN, August 1 to 30.

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### Voice Medium



"Psychic Observer"

JAMES LAUGHTON, 9116 North Martindale Ave., Detroit, Michigan, one of the mediums featured at Chesterfield Spiritualist Association. Through his direct-voice mediumship, Etta S. Bledsoe's spirit voice has been heard hundreds of times . . . and again at Chesterfield, August 2nd, this marvelous demonstration is scheduled to be repeated . . . a lecture and message service of the late Mrs. Bledsoe to be transmitted, in public, through a loud speaker from an improvised seance room on the auditorium platform.

and Ralph G. Pressing will visit Camp Chesterfield, August 1 to 5, inclusive.

### Location

Chesterfield Camp is forty miles northeast of Indianapolis, Indiana, and eighty miles south of Fort Wayne, Indiana . . . on highway 32. The Pennsylvania and New York Central R. R. bring the visitor to Anderson, Indiana . . . then bus to Chesterfield.

### Mediums

Clairvoyant and direct-voice mediums scheduled on the official 1942 Chesterfield program: Clifford Blas, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mary L. Beattie, New Carlisle, Ohio; John Bunker, Eaton Rapids, Mich.; Evelyn Burnsides, Kansas City, Mo.; Jewett P. Clark, Chesterfield, Ind.; Alice Clark, Chesterfield, Ind.; Nellie Curry, Chesterfield, Ind.; Pansy Cox, Anderson, Ind.; Anna Dennis, Chesterfield, Ind.; Maud Fox, Detroit, Mich.; Elsie Fishburn, Columbus, Ohio; Fanchion Harwood, Chesterfield, Ind.; Mae Hibbs, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Nettie Johnson, Chesterfield, Ind.; Mary Murphy Lydy, Chesterfield, Ind.; James Laughton, Detroit, Mich.; Mable Riffle, Anderson, Ind.; Mamie Schulz, Philadelphia, Pa.; Edith Stillwell, New Castle, Ind.; Loretta Schmitt, Detroit, Mich.; Elton Hedrick Stouder, Muncie, Ind.; Lula Taber, St. Louis, Mo.; Oscar Thordson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Anna Thorndsen, Indianapolis, Ind.

Materialization mediums authorized by the camp board of directors: Mary L. Beattie, Nettie Johnson, Fanchion Harwood, and Lula Taber. Spirit Photography, Robert Chaney; Healers, George Johnson, Robert Chaney. Many mediums will arrive at Chesterfield early this year . . . as early as the second or third week of June.

### Programs

For the coming 1942 season, Chesterfield has printed two different programs, one contains the complete list of speakers and mediums and the days they are to serve . . . the other is an illustrated souvenir program with 24 scenes depicting Chesterfield's beauty. For either program write Mable Riffle, 204 West 14th St., Anderson, Indiana.



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# What We Stand For

Characteristics, Purposes, Organization and Administration of the SPIRITUALIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

By REV. JOHN BUNKER

Age upon age, man has ever sought understanding and truth. With each succeeding generation has come a greater knowledge of the mysteries of the Infinite plan.

Yet . . . man is still far from his goal. He still gropes in semi-darkness, searching for the key to a higher life. The Spiritualist Episcopal Church does not claim to have the key. Rather, it is one of the doors. Within you is the key, and it but remains for you to use it . . . loosen the lock, swing wide the door, and enter into a new phase of Life, energizing, soul-filling, and lit to a beautiful radiance by the ever-lasting candles of Truth.

## Characteristics

The Spiritualist Episcopal Church is a Spiritualist church, because it teaches true Spiritualism.

It is an Episcopal church because it is an Episcopacy, that is, it has an Episcopalian form of church government.

Religiously, the Spiritualist Episcopal Church is based upon a solid, modern foundation of principles and organization, providing for a growing and continued sphere of influence in the spiritual lives of men.

It is truly liberal in character, asking for the acceptance of no dogmatic creeds, seeking friendly cooperation with all Spiritualists and psychic students, its ministers exchanging pulpits with other Spiritualist organizations, and it pursues a policy of aiding all sincerely engaged in promoting the truths of Spiritualism.

## Purposes

Feeling that certain aspects of the religion of Spiritualism need emphasis for the benefit of mankind, the Church sets forth certain principles and practices for developing a truly Spiritual life, which is the purpose of all true religion.

The Spiritualist Episcopal Church was founded to promulgate the spiritual truths and to explain the psychic phenomena which have manifested on earth since before the time of recorded history.

Among its objects are the establishment of churches, church homes, schools, sanatoriums, orphanages, homes for the aged, Spiritualist Episcopal Church publications; and the dissemination of spiritual truths, as recorded in the Bible, as revealed by the psychic teachings of Jesus, and as manifested in modern times through physical and mental mediumship.

## Organization

All property is held by the church. This is an absolute guarantee that all contributions of money, property, or work of either material or spiritual nature, placed in the care of the church and its chartered churches, will always be used for the benefit of Spiritualism.

Every contributor to the religion is assured that his oblation will serve its purpose, and can never be used for any other means. These provisions also insure a permanency of each church, providing against disintegration with the passing or changing, of local leaders.

The constitution rigidly specifies the duties of the various off-

Associate Clergyman



REV. BIAS

# The Seven Precepts of the SPIRITUALIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Constituting the Axiomatic Teachings of the Church

The Spiritualist Episcopal Church teaches that great religious truths are revealed to the mind of Man by Spirit Teachers through inspirational and direct mediumship.

Presiding Clergyman



REV. BUNKER

## I. DEITY

God is Infinite; and being infinite, encompasses within His Being the activating principle of all life, all intelligence and all things. While a true and complete conception of God is impossible for finite minds, nevertheless, we may know much about His attributes, Life, Love, Power and Intelligence.

## II. WORSHIP

Man has a dual reaction to his environment, intellectual and emotional. His intelligence conceives the goodness and greatness of God, producing an emotional reaction which is reverence. The worship of God, and prayer, opens the mind and heart to higher spiritual knowledge and growth.

## III. UNIVERSE

The entire universe in both the "seen" and "unseen" phases is the manifestation of God. Man's knowledge of the universe in its natural phases is gained through the sciences and his five physical senses; his knowledge of the spiritual phases of the universe is gained through religion and his innermost spiritual faculties.

## IV. DIVINE LAW

Divine law, eternal, inviolable and immutable, governs the universe and all its elements, one with another. The law of cause and effect, the natural laws of physics and chemistry, and the laws governing psychic and spiritual phases are all included in God's Divine Law which maintain unity and order throughout the Universe.

## V. IMMORTALITY

Man is a spirit inhabiting a physical body for a limited period of time, whereupon that physical body is laid aside and his existence continues in the Spirit World. Death is but an incident in an endless life.

## VI. COMMUNION

Since mortals and spirits dwell in merely different phases of the one unified Universe, communication between the two, through mediumship, is a natural process operating in accordance with Divine Law. Every mortal is a potential medium, although certain individuals, because of natural gift or talent can develop mediumship to a more efficient degree than others.

## VII. PROGRESSION

From birth, man's spiritual development continues, perhaps retarded and retrograded, as he has complete freedom for moral choice, but deep within there is a constant and instinctive urge for betterment. Every soul will progress through the ages to heights sublime and glorious. Death merely opens the gateway to a fuller and more radiant existence where the spirit of man develops and unfolds in the spirit spheres.



Associate Clergyman



Appellate Clergyman

cers of the church. The secretary and treasurer are required to furnish bond for the faithful fulfillment of their duties, and for the care of the monies of the Church.

Ordained Ministers, Associate Ministers, Missionaries, and Divine Healers constitute the Clergy of the church. All members of the clergy are rigidly examined by the Board of Clergy, or its designated representative, as to their qualifications for the ministry.

Chartered churches are organized under a plan similar to the

Official Board of the greater church, or workers may be obtained for each service.

Geographically, chartered churches are grouped into districts. Each district is under the general supervision of an associate clergyman, who is elected to his office, yearly, by the Clergy at the annual conference.

The presiding clergyman is elected to a five-year term of office, and the appellate clergyman to a three-year term, by the clergy, at the time of the annual conference.

## Administration

Yearly the members of the clergy and the regularly elected lay delegates of every chartered church come together for an annual conference. At this time the officers of the church are elected, and all necessary business trans-

acted. The annual conference convenes the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday of September. Friday is devoted to the Clergy Conference, during which time all matters of religion are acted upon. Saturday and Sunday are devoted to the General Conference which decides upon the business affairs of the church.

The Spiritualist Episcopal Church is organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, and chartered by this State as an ecclesiastical corporation with authority to grant charters to churches anywhere in the United States or its possessions.

The Temple of the Mother Church is located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Rev. John W. Bunker,  
Presiding Clergyman.  
Rev. Robert G. Chaney,  
Appellate Clergyman.

# About The Leaders of the S. E. CHURCH

Before any Spiritualist, before any medium . . . either mental or physical, before any psychic, before any lecturer or teacher of spiritual philosophy, science and religion ASSOCIATES with any Spiritualist organization . . . they are obliged to know something about its leaders . . . their background, their ideals, their motives and lastly their qualifications for assuming such leadership.

The SPIRITUALIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH is not quite two years old but its leaders have been privileged . . . they have had an opportunity to attain vast experience along the lines of spiritual philosophy. They have not only witnessed but have been blessed with the gift of being able to demonstrate the many and varied phases of mediumship and psychic phenomena upon which rests the very foundation of their religion.

And so, each leader has been and continues to be a student . . . knowing that, in order to teach, continuous study is necessary and above all each leader also knows that all the spiritual philosophy in the world . . . regardless of how intelligently it is expounded . . . is absolutely meaningless . . . UNLESS THAT LEADER LIVES IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

## S. E. Clergymen

REV. JOHN W. BUNKER is the Presiding Clergyman of The S. E. Church. He is also the pastor of The First S. E. Church of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. This church is known as the Mother Church and has been designated headquarters for all annual conventions . . . the next convention is scheduled for September. Rev. Bunker is a Lecturer, Healer, Teacher, Mental, Trance, Direct-Voice and Apport Medium.

REV. ROBERT G. CHANEY is the Appellate Clergyman of The S. E. Church. He is the associate minister of The First S. E. Church of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. He is a Lecturer, Teacher and Mental Medium . . . also one of the few Spirit Photographers in the United States.

REV. CLIFFORD L. BIAS is one of the Associate Clergymen of The S. E. Church. He is the Minister of The Center of Psychic Science, Statler Hotel Buffalo, N. Y. He is a Lecturer, Teacher, Direct-Voice, Trance and Blind-Fold Billet Medium. On many occasions, various other phases of physical mediumship have been demonstrated by Rev. Bias . . . both privately and publicly (i.e.) Trumpet voices-in-the-light, Independent Writing, Flower Writing, Apport and Partial Materialization. He resides at 188 Hodge Ave. in the City of Buffalo.

REV. FRED L. FELIX is also one of the Associate Clergymen of the S. E. Church. He is the Minister of the Cold Springs Spiritualist Church, 1445 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. He is a Lecturer, Trance and Direct-Voice Medium . . . also one of America's outstanding Blind-Fold Billet readers.

## Plan For Future

Other members of The Board of Directors of The S. E. Church are the following Trustees: Ruth Walling and Maude Leonard, Eaton Rapids, Michigan; Bessie Darby, Huntington, West Virginia, and John Roberts, Lansing, Michigan.

Rev. Bunker, Rev. Chaney and Rev. Bias will serve CHESTERFIELD SPIRITUALIST CAMP, Chesterfield, Indiana, during July and August, 1942. It is possible that Rev. Felix will serve Chesterfield during the month of August.

At present, less than ten churches have affiliated with the Spiritualist Episcopal Church. Its leaders have expressed no anxiety as to its seeming slow expansion . . . they are forging ahead methodically . . . knowing that gradual growth is LASTING. In the past, each leader has made it a point to travel as much as is possible . . . serving their affiliated churches. They know that the future of their organization depends upon SERVICE.

Churches and Societies desiring additional information write: Rev. John W. Bunker, Eaton Rapids, Michigan. He will explain the issuing of Church Charters and the certification of mediums.

## You Can Find

The address of a Spiritualist Church or Society in your vicinity by looking in the Church Announcements detailed on Page 11.

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## Spirit Frees Roped Medium

Jack Webber, noted English physical medium passed away over a year ago. Since that time, he has been purported to have manifested through a number of American mediums. The article below, was submitted to the English weekly journal, *Psychic News*, by Edward Wood, author of "THE HOW OF DIVINE REVELATION."

Knots tied by a spirit communicator at an American seance, Leonard Stott of Philadelphia, the medium, were so tight that a sitter was unable to undo them and had to appeal to a spirit guide, who dematerialized one of them and released the rope which imprisoned the medium.

This is disclosed in a letter from the sitter, Edward Wood, a psychic author of Camden, New Jersey, to Harry Edwards. The tying, Wood says, was done by Jack



"Psychic Observer"  
JACK WEBBER

Webber, the well known physical medium who passed on last year.

Edwards says that when Webber sat at the London Spiritualist Alliance a rope provided by them was used. The medium's own rope was left lying loosely nearby. During the seance, unseen spirit hands used Webber's rope to tie up one of the sitters. There was such a maze of knots that the end of the rope was not even visible. The bonds had to be cut and the knotted rope was retained by the L.S.A. for exhibition.

### Amazing Speed

"I have heard this roping process in action," writes Edwards. "It is amazingly quick and the swish of the ends of the rope are heard as they are manipulated. At the end of the sitting the rope was found to be formed into a crochet design for half the length of the rope."

"At times the sitters would be gently roped in their chairs, the knots being tied in fancy ways which were often difficult to unravel. Some of the knots were very tight, indicating the strength used in the tying."

When a medium is roped normally by sitters, says Edwards, the process usually takes about five minutes. But when spirit operators do the tying in the dark, a far more thorough job occupies only a few seconds!

"Psychic News"

Heralded as THE outstanding book of its kind, "THE MEDIUMSHIP OF JACK WEBBER" (\$2.50) explains and pictures many phases of physical mediumship. Every psychic researcher who has not read this book is not qualified to voice an opinion. ED.

# WHAT WOULD YOU SAY . . . about the Truth of SPIRITUALISM IF YOU WERE GRANTED TEN MINUTES ON THE RADIO

The ten-minute radio broadcast, published below, is the result of an extensive poll of data . . . submitted by some of the best writers in England, where Spiritualism is banned from the "wireless" by The British Broadcasting Association.

In America, the situation is different. From time to time, many broadcasts have been made by Spiritualists . . . possibly not over nation-wide hook-ups BUT over local radio stations and these broadcasts, as near as can be ascertained, were neither edited nor curtailed.

If, in the future, leaders of Spiritualist churches have an opportunity to share some radio time, it would be well to use this prepared broadcast . . . or if not used in its entirety . . . to build a talk around the fundamentals expressed.

"The point in conducting this poll," said the Editor of *PSYCHIC NEWS*, "was to see what would be said IF the B.B.C. would lift the ban on Spiritualism . . . in short, WOULD THE SPIRITUALISTS BE PREPARED?"

Listeners, I have some important news for you. What I am about to tell you is not the fruit of my imagination, or merely my experience, but truth, proved scientifically by people of the greatest integrity.

Sooner or later you and I are going to die. I am here now to tell you something of what will happen to you afterwards. Do you know that our bodies are caskets that the real you and I inhabit for just as long as that body is in working order?

Our senses are attuned to the world we live in. Outside that range there is a wider field of each bodily sense. When the body fails and dies, the limitations of the senses are removed, and the wider field comes into operation.

### The "Dead" Tell Us

While still in the body, anyone sufficiently sensitive can use that wider field and become a medium between those in the body with the limited range, and those people out of the body with the unlimited range.

Those who have passed on tell us, by this means, what happened to them at death. Their experiences vary in detail, as the reports of travelers to different parts of the world vary, but fundamentally they are the same.

The process of death leaves such a slight impression on the mind that frequently people are not conscious that the change has taken place. The person thinks, and feels exactly the same as he did immediately before death; even the body he passed out of is still in view.

Then gently and gradually his senses awaken to the wider range, and he is in a new world. The old world and the old life fade out of his focus.

He finds himself met and welcomed by his loved ones, and they bear him away to his new home. This home is prepared for him according to the degree of righteousness he has exercised during his life in this world.

### Abiding Darkness

If he lived a selfish, evil life, he will find his home mean, and in a district where darkness, or twilight, are abiding conditions. If he has lived a life of service, unselfish and Godly, his home will be richer than anything he has ever known, where light and joy are eternal qualities.

In this new life he finds his senses are opening, which enable him to see a wider range of colors than he was ever able to register with his material eyes, and hear sounds that were outside his powers of registering while in his old body.

He now lives in a place which is fashioned of perfect material which is indestructible, and, therefore, perpetually clean, as no disintegration takes place with wear.

In this new home, he is nursed to health, not bodily health, because his body has been left behind. He is nursed so that his mind can adjust itself to new conditions, which include the spirit body he has built for himself while on earth, and which grew with his material body interpenetrating it.

He finds he built his spirit body by the life he lived. Every inflexion of his character went into its growth, and, here it is, revealed for the first

time. In that new body he must now live.

He soon realizes that physical suffering does not belong to his spirit body, and so the memory of that fades.

He is now free to begin with greater possibilities than were ever his before . . . a life where money has no place, and where social status does not exist. The ruling factor throughout is spirituality. By his spiritual degree is his whole existence determined.

The average person finds he has much to acquire, and many duties to perform. If he so wills it, and can rest content, he can with ease while away his time and enjoy peace and leisure. Sooner or later, he will tire of this and seek new interests which will lead him upwards.

He may feel the need of righting a wrong he has done to another, and put himself out of their debt. He may want to come within the range of those he has left on earth, who still love him, to keep them on, and so acquire experience which will help him develop his character in its weak places.

He hears the call of those he has left behind on earth, and his heart answers. He returns to earth to tell them not to mourn or grieve for him, for in his new freedom he has found more than compensation for the physical life which he has lost.

### None Can Escape

Now, friends, you and I are going to be that person. There is no escape and it is of the greatest importance to live with the knowledge of the purpose of life.

We poor humans are now only beginning our existence which dovetail so completely through the whole of nature and every eventuality that we must realize the presence of a Supreme Being.

The world's suffering is due to breaking laws which govern life. From those who come back to us from the next life we are learning what these laws are. By working with the law we can be healed of disease. By keeping the law we can achieve heights quite outside our normal capabilities.

Spiritualists are investigating and teaching the cause and effect of consciously blending our lives with the great underlying principles which support life. Spiritualists, too, have discovered that the greatest force in the universe is love. Love cannot be destroyed. Love is stronger than anything else. With love any height can be gained.

### Love Cannot Die

Have you lost your loved one through the gate of death? Don't fret or grieve, for love is indestructible . . . it cannot die. Your loved ones are safe in God's promised land. There they wait for you while you continue to develop your character here in the world. It is of the utmost importance that life should be lived here as long as possible. Early death must be deplored because it cuts short experience.

So labor on, you who mourn, you will join your loved ones when your work here is done. Meanwhile their love for you brings them to your side.

Have you seen your loved ones since they departed? Have you heard from them? Perhaps you have not given them the right conditions to manifest. Perhaps you do not know that a medium is required to link up their condition with yours.

Give them the use of a medium, and invite them to visit you. You will realize then, perhaps for the first time, the greatness of God, Who made the law that there should be no separation in death.

A hundred facts I have set before you, any one of which can be verified and enlarged upon by the one who has courage to seek.

If life were merchandise, which one could buy, The rich would live always, none but the poor would die.

This world's a city fair, each life a crooked street, Death is the Market Place, where all must meet.

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## Earthly Funerals are Spiritual Birthdays

"A funeral here is a birthday on the other side of life," says Ernest Hunt.

"The souls of those we love are not far away," declares Hunt, "not lying in any grave, and neither lifeless nor cold. They are warm in their former affections, and pulsing with the vitality of a new and finer life; the sad and hopeless trappings of death apply only to the body, and never, never at all to the soul. Souls are not sad . . . unless our present grief makes them so; they are not hopeless . . . for greater joys are already theirs."

### The Inner Body

Ernest Hunt stresses that the "dead" are more alive than we on earth. Death could not alter the character. It could only destroy the physical body. Even so, the spirit was not disembodied, for it was clad in the etheric body. On the destruction of the physical body, the inner body was revealed similar in shape, form and feature.

"Do the 'dead' remember?" asks Hunt, who continues: "Yes, their memories and affections are part of them, and one of their first anxieties is to return and make themselves known to those whom they have left. But their delicate mental and spiritual promptings are too faint to impress us, and thus are mostly unfelt and unnoticed. This is their first grief."

"Very often those left behind are wrapped by their sorrow in an atmosphere which no spiritual influence can penetrate. The mourners lament that they are left alone, but the solitude is of their own making."

### Untouched By Disease

Explaining that the newly-arisen body is no longer subject to disease, old age or any other infirmity, and has new powers as part of its normal equipment, Hunt declares:

"In the new world, with these greater powers and opportunities, our friends begin a more abundant life. They never go into any grave; they are not in heaven or hell, but only a stage more advanced on life's long journey. They are just the self-same men and women, now grown a little wiser through their experiences; and we need not feel cut off from them if we know that they are living in an inner world of finer wave-length, to which perhaps if we are quiet we may tune-in."

"Put away your grief, take off your black, and cease rebellious thoughts," urges Hunt. "These can only harm yourself and distress your loved one. Accept what is inevitable, but know beyond all question that death means expanded life. Communion of spirit and soul are possible even now, and the silver cord that unites the worlds is the link of love."

"Death has unhappily been weighted with many fears and misconceptions, and the simple facts should be as simply taught. We change our form, we change our state, but we cannot cease to live. All is natural, and the dropping of the body is the mode of our promotion into the expanded life of God's greater world."

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### OBITUARY

E. P. FERGUSON, son of Jesse and Ellen Ferguson, passed away February 15th at Ponca City, Oklahoma. Rev. Edna L. Bacon, Ponca City and Rev. Bessie M. Bellman, Winfield, Kansas, officiated.

Mr. Ferguson was a charter member of the First Spiritualist of Blackwell, Oklahoma . . . serving as Trustee since 1908. He was 82.

BRUCE CLARK CONWAY, philosopher, writer and scientist and former President of The National Association of Free Psychics, passed away February 16th at Niagara Falls, N. Y. Special services were held at The White Rose Center of Free Psychic Truth in the city of Niagara Falls, according to the church secretary, James Dryden.

### SMITH-AMMANN

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Corrine Smith of the War Department and daughter of Mrs. Lydia E. Smith of New York City to Paul F. Ammann of Akron, Ohio, took place at the Temple of Wisdom Spiritual Science Church & Health Center, 800 East 39th Street, Baltimore, Maryland, Reverend Carl D. Boynton officiating.



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## Passes Away



REV. ERNEST WILLIAM STEPHAN, 1931 East 86th St., Cleveland, Ohio; Died March 27, last; Born Wheeling, West Virginia, January 24, 1856. He was 86. The funeral services were conducted by his wife, Rev. Elizabeth N. Stephan, Pastor of The Stephan Spiritual Church, Inc. Following the funeral, his body was cremated.

For over fifty years, Rev. E. W. Stephan, lecturer and direct-voice medium, was associated with the religion of Spiritualism. In 1922, he organized the church in Cleveland which bears his name. His wife will carry on his work.

## Dedication Services

According to Rev. Lena DeVoe, Secretary of The Texas State Spiritualist Association, The Light of Truth Spiritualist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, held their dedication services March 29th.

The church was organized in September, 1922, by Rev. J. W. Elmo... only four of the charter members survive... two in Fort Worth, F. W. DeVoe and Rev. Lena DeVoe. At the time of organization, the President was Dr. J. S. Maxwell and the Secretary was Maggie Slutter.

In 1927, Rev. Lena DeVoe was appointed Pastor of The Light of Truth Church... preceding her, Rev. Elmo and Clara Butcher. In this present day remodeled church, located at 418 College St. in the City of Fort Worth, Rev. Evelyn Muse gave the dedication address... assisting on the program: Mrs. Willie Warren, Lily Campbell, Mrs. Ollie Barrett, Eleanor Sue Muse, Jessamine O'Neal, Mrs. Claude Folsom, Mrs. Alma Dalton and Rev. Isabella Powell, State Trustee.

## Lily Dale Seances

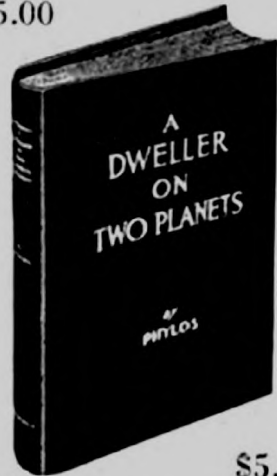
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By W. H. EVANS

More people are spoiled by success than by failure. It would, however, be a mistake to imagine because of this that failure has a greater value than success.

Before one can succeed in any course of life one must have the elements of success within, and these must coincide with outward conditions. Neither success nor failure is due to one factor, but to a combination of factors.

When I say that some men are spoiled by success I mean that their success reveals the flaws in their characters. Success often belongs merely to one's reputation, which must not be confused with character. Reputation is what people think of us; character is what we are.

### Learning From Failure

Every student and researcher knows that in considering any subject which may be put to the test of experiment he often learns as much from his failures as from his successes.

When the work is completed we hear about its success but the steps which lead to it, with their many mistakes and failures, recede into the background. Of course, the general public is not usually concerned with developments, but rather with the finished product.

The reports of healing work that from time to time appear in the psychic press generally deal with the outstanding successes. But for one spectacular cure there are dozens of commonplace ones which are not mentioned, and a fair percentage of failures.

### When Jesus Failed

No healer, and no system of healing, produces one hundred per cent success. Even Jesus was not always successful. In his home town, Nazareth, "he could do no mighty work... because of their unbelief."

He was a familiar figure amongst his people and they could not imagine him being gifted beyond themselves. "Is not this the carpenter's son?" they asked. And others said, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

These sayings reveal how Jesus was regarded by those familiar with him. Hence, in his healing, the psychological factor of a live faith was wanting in Nazareth and "he could do no mighty work" there.

### Factor of Faith

Amongst those who were not familiar with him and to whom he was a new teacher the factor of faith was strong, and his success in healing proportionate thereto. Where such a great healer occasionally failed we lesser healers need not be ashamed to admit that we do also at times.

To claim invariable success or even the appearance of it, may do great harm, not only to those patients who may not be responsive to this form of healing, but to the cause of spiritual healing generally. We have our successes to cheer us, and our failures to chasten us.

Last year, I dealt with some of our successes in absent healing. It brought me a large number of inquiries. Just now I am not concerned with our successes, which are as great and consistent as ever, but with an endeavor to discover the causes of failure.

### Cause of Non-Success

Broadly speaking the causes fall into three groups:

Those in whom disease has made deep inroads into their sys-

tem and has become entrenched, so to speak.

Those who are unable to respond to the healing rays; they are psychologically impotent.

Those who may have to learn some lesson through suffering and who cannot be relieved until they have glimpsed the meaning of their trial. This latter also depends upon some psychological factor. It is, also, open to dispute and I suggest it with some diffidence.

It must not be supposed that people in any of these groups cannot be healed, for experience shows that they are. But they prove the most difficult cases and account for the greatest number of failures.

### "Miracle" Cures

We know that in the first group, despite the progress of disease, cures of a "miraculous" nature are sometimes effected, even where no healer has given treatment. But such cures depend upon the temperament of the one healed, and it is usually people of a deeply religious nature who are restored by the direct interposition of the spiritual world.

If the spiritual nature of the sufferer can be brought into relationship with the fundamental wholeness of being, recovery is rapid and complete. It is the establishment of this equilibrium for which the healer, direct or absent, works.

### Cause and Effect

We must bear in mind that health and disease are conditions which have definite causes. They are not accidents. If one consistently infringes the laws of hygiene there will inevitably be ill-health. We reap what we sow.

Remember, disease is not inherited, only the tendency to it. And it does not follow that because one has a tubercular taint that one must become consumptive. Given proper conditions, right food, clean, pure air, rational exercise, the child of T.B. parents will probably escape the disease.

Unfortunately our mode of life in civilized communities is not as good as it might be, though on the whole much better than it was. But with the streets of our cities filled with petrol fumes, its skies filled with smoke, and with dark rooms and basements, health is not always easy to maintain. But we are learning and things are gradually improving. The expectancy of life is very much increased.

We should not despair when a case of long standing comes to us for help. We must give that help, and give it hopefully. Patience will be our great asset here, not merely the patience of the healer, but that of the sufferer. I am convinced that some patients give up too quickly. They look for a miracle and cannot stay the course when it means quiet plodding.

### Human Wave-Lengths

Next, the unresponsive ones. With these it is a question of

wave-length. We know that if we want a certain station on our radio we have to tune into it, and to get clear reception we must have accurate tuning.

Many people respond, but not accurately; the benefit received is small, or nullified by other frequencies. But in some cases the mentality of the patients is such that it constantly gets in the way, and neutralizes whatever healing power the healer endeavors to give them. They thus become psychologically impotent and cannot receive.

### Help From Hypnotism?

Such cases would probably benefit by hypnosis. This would enable the healer to get by the normal mind and in direct contact with the fundamental creative powers of the patient. The deeper self would then respond and co-operate with the healer. If, however, hypnotic treatment is not available it is sometimes possible with patience to wear down this curious resistance to the reception of the healing rays, and make the patient able to accept and make use of them.

The last class, those who may have some lesson to learn, also depends upon some hidden psychological factor.

It is impossible to know just what goes on in any other soul. We are not always aware of what goes on in our own. Therefore we must not jump too quickly to conclusions. When we realize that disease is the result of an infringement of law, it is obvious that every sufferer has a lesson to learn. But are there moral lessons as well as lessons in hygiene to learn through suffering?

### Lessons To Learn

One curious thing is that some sufferers are so kindly, so sweetly patient and considerate of others that one cannot see what may be the lesson they have to learn. If we believe in the love and justice of God we cannot think of such souls suffering without some adequate reason for it. I confess I do not know. I stand here before a mystery. I have faith to believe that out of it some great good will come, not only to the sufferer but to others.

### Healing Ministry

As I reflect upon the many who have benefited by our ministry, and also those who, reluctantly I have to confess, we have apparently been unable to help, I feel there is much to learn from our failures, more perhaps than from our successes. These are cheering and we are encouraged and blessed to note that where we have one failure we have four successes.

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We do not pray to Thee on bended knee, cringing with fear, ashamed of our inheritance, but we pray to Thee with knowledge and in the light of all that we have received, knowing that we are part of Thee and Thou art part of us. We stand before Thee, children of Thee, knowing that Thy spirit is within us, always seeking to rise higher in expression and to fulfill Thy law through us all.

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## Cosmic Rent

Men will always agree more quickly if a better reason is given to them, and our reason has been undisputed for years. Even Oscar Wilde, whose psychic qualities were never doubted, claimed that people only believe the incredible or try to accomplish the impossible except of course in Spiritualism where it is possible to arrive at a proven fact.

Let us take a quick digest of the universal laws and how they apply to us. Let it be understood that if we know the basic cause of things we need not bother about results for good breeds good, evil breeds evil, positive breeds positive and negative breeds negative. It is the universal rule that if you are true to yourself it will be impossible to be untrue to others. Service to others is the cosmic rent we pay for the privilege of living. To live in the fourth dimension is to live in guided completion. When you sow unselfishly you will reap definitely a lasting reward.

Many Spiritualists today are shaken in their beliefs concerning the actual workings of these simple laws because they fail to put into practice the greatest law of all, the keystone of the whole struc-

ture of wisdom itself, and that is the law of passing time. Time is a great healer and mender; you have out-distanced all of your troubles, trials and tribulations or you would not be here at the present moment, so heed well this law of passing time.

Today we witness entire nations praying to God . . . to get on their side. Wouldn't it be easier for the nations to get on God's side?

There are records of religious creeds six thousand years before Christ and all have incorporated the Golden Rule as a basic fundamental in their creeds. Can our fine, noble, glorious civilization improve upon that today?

I submit the following affirmations for a Spiritualist who may need bolstering in this Karmic Age.

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### SUNDAY

I am the child OF THE SPIRIT and nothing is too good for me, too good to happen, too good to last, or too great for me to accomplish in this spiritual and material world.

### MONDAY

Lost opportunity does not affect THE SPIRIT within me, for as one door shuts, another door opens.

### TUESDAY

I shall never be weary of THE SPIRIT, for when I least expect it, I shall reap.

### WEDNESDAY

I listen to the magic voice of THE SPIRIT and find myself in my promised land.

### THURSDAY

My Spiritual guidance can more than solve any mortal situation.

### FRIDAY

When I attain the right Spirit . . . people will stand by me. I must be SPIRITUALLY AWARE.

### SATURDAY

INFINITE INTELLIGENCE is my Shepherd, I shall NEVER want spiritually or materially.

# Intellectual Belief vs Belief of The Heart

## ATTENTION ATHEISTS

Specially Written for Psychic Observer

By

Palmer Emerson

Many, whose hearts agree, are held apart by words. This is because most human creatures are afflicted with a kind of psychic disease which might be termed "wordophobia." Wordophobia is a very prevalent mental derangement which, in the realm of mind, corresponds with those ailments of the body that are consequent upon deprivation of fresh air.

The mental "fresh air" whose lack causes development of wordophobia is *straight thinking*. That is: a penetrating discernment which apprehends underlying realities hidden beneath misleading words. Two such misleading words are "atheist" and "atheism."

To a healthy mind, one of the most interesting exercises is to get beneath prejudicial words . . . discover what it is that causes the other fellow to disagree with that which we believe . . . find out just how he gets that way, and learn how it feels to think the way he does.

### Instinctive Recognition

And do you know, friends, if we would all devote more of our mental and spiritual energy to this wholesome and interesting exercise instead of to heated wrangling over labels . . . we should be amazed to find how closely we should be drawn together in mutual tolerance and sympathy.

Percentages, of course, are largely guesswork; but my guess would be that, in at least seventy-five per cent of cases of atheism, the basic cause is a real goodness of heart . . . in the atheist.

I believe that far more than half of these people, who regard themselves as atheists, do so because, way down deep inside, they have an *instinctive* recognition of the basic truth . . . so simple, so *axiomatic* that it needs no syllogistic proof . . . that infliction of unnecessary suffering is evil *per se*; that prevention and amelioration of suffering are goodness *per se*; and that all evil and all other good are *relative*, deriving both their moral quality and their degree from their relation to this *essential* evil, or this *essential* good.

### Process of Evolution

They feel this at the very core of their being. They may not think it out like that in words, but the *feeling* of this truth is there. In the most violent possible contrast to this is the unutterably awful cruelty that is prevalent in the world at all times. It is probably safe to say that this is why seventy-five percent of atheists are such.

It is a curious paradox, however, that this very basis of their atheism is itself a most powerful *refutation* of atheism. This deep feeling which they have at the very core of their being . . . *WHENCE COMES IT?* It is the UNRECOGNIZED God-spirit within.

God is a spirit . . . a spirit of goodness . . . and here they have it right inside of themselves! This God-spirit is continually striv-

ing to work out into fuller, clearer manifestation in the lives of human beings. Each is under the individual responsibility to foster this God-spirit within himself and bring it into clearer and ever clearer expression in his own life.

This is one of the aspects, or phases, of Universal Evolution. There has long been a faint yet distinct tendency in the world toward a gradual lessening of cruelty. This state of mind increases slowly but actually; and that means a slow increase in the *principle of essential good*, as minds of this higher grade pass from our present plane into the next.

Thus, inevitably, the power of Good in the universe is increasing . . . evolving, under stress of universal experience, to greater and greater expression of God, mightier and mightier power, more and more farseeing wisdom. AND EACH ONE OF US IS A PART OF ALL THIS PROCESS OF EVOLUTION.

YOU, with your highest aspirations and struggles, are an ever growing part of this increasing universal Good . . . which is God. When you are untrue and unfaithful to those high ideals, you are *opposing the God within you* in the most direct way possible. But when you are doing your utmost to rise to those high aspirations, you are *serving the God within you* to the limit of your power.

Nothing can stop you. The seed of Good has taken root in your soul . . . which is YOU . . . and it will grow resistlessly. And at the same time you are making, by the inner urge of your own being, your contribution to "that stupendous Whole, whose body nature is . . . and God, the Soul."

Already, these truths are dimly perceived in the world. Out of this recognition, conscience is born. In proportion to the clearness and firmness with which these truths are seen and grasped, are the keenness and truthness of conscience.

### Do Right for Right's Sake

It is important to recognize a distinction between two kinds of belief, which in the present article we may distinguish by the use of the capital initial in the one case and the small letter to denote the other sense. One of the numerous errors of the so-called "Christian" church has been in failing to make this distinction.

There is an *intellectual* belief which is a far different thing from the Belief of the heart.

There are a great many people . . . not excluding our seventy-five percent of the atheists . . . who do not see their way clear to an intellectual belief in many of the dogmas which have been falsely sailing under the flag of Christianity; but who, nevertheless, do cherish a deep heart Belief . . . an *intuitive recognition* of that true way of divine living which the Man of Galilee taught and exemplified.

One may, with the *intellect*, believe in nothing regarding a religious system . . . yet have a passionate clinging to the heart to goodness purely for the sake of goodness, without any reference whatever to either reward or punishment . . . may "do right for right's sake; be true for truth's sake"; and that heart Belief . . . that essential spiritual life according to this highest conceivable ideal . . . by all the power of psychic law necessarily MUST ensure to such a soul . . . one of the brightest places in the Beyond of Continuous Life.

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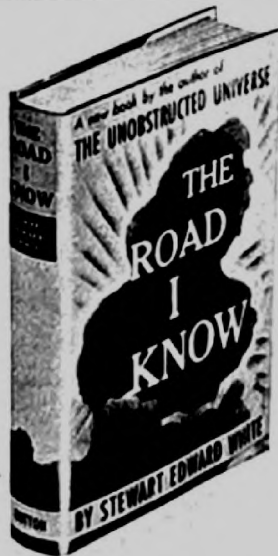
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