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## Give Us Mediums ... Not Scientists

CONSOLING MOURNERS vs PSYCHIC RESEARCH

PSYCHIC RESEARCH SOCIETIES . . .

. . . They are Doomed!

The A.S.P.R. Refuses  
To Recommend  
Mediums

By  
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They call the latest one "The Universal Council for Psychical Research." None of its founders know the first thing about psychic research. All they are interested in . . . is getting their names in the newspapers.

For three-quarters of a century they have been founding those. They have always borne high-sounding names. They have always arrived at no conclusion . . . or, merely their own . . . or disagreed miserably.

When, a few years ago, the late Dr. L. R. G. Crandon and Margery, his medium-wife, both Americans, were in London . . . I met at lunch several of the scientists whose names have been used in connection with certain research societies.

"Why do you waste the time of our mediums?" I asked. "You never discover anything. You usually only quarrel among yourselves. The perfect scientific approach is Dr. Crandon's. He is here . . . in London right now! He will tell you what he did. He formed, in his own home, a home circle. It went on for years. Why don't you form yours?"

### Procrastination

Well, most Psychic Research Societies have come to an end. Their members always disagree . . . usually setting forth on their own, in twos and threes, to start a new one.

They have got "names." They have got money. They have got degrees. They have got everything . . . except mediums. They leave out . . . WHAT MATTERS MOST.

That is the trouble with all the others. There is only one thing that matters . . . mediums. Even the pious American Society for Psychical Research refuses to recommend mediums.

New Institutes usually start off in the orthodox way . . . saying: "We do not like the word 'Spiritualism'!" at least, so says Professor D. F. Fraser-Harris. No, of course he does not. They never do.

Some so-called psychic investigators say: "It has nothing to do with Spiritualism." It never has . . . but every sane person should know that the mediums are Spiritualists. That is why they are mediums. They are mediums because they are Spiritualists. They are Spiritualists because they are mediums.

Now, how on earth can scientists honestly believe that the spirit world is going to worry about them . . . when they start off

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For Spiritualism



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by hating the very word on which it is all based? After all, it only means the "science of spiritual things."

If it is the science of material things, let them call it Materialism, and have done with it. I object to the time of our mediums being wasted on a lot of scientists who only want to find a lot of words. Once they discovered one. They discovered the word "Cryesthesia," which, I suppose, means "It is easier to be in a crypt."

Writing in the *Psychic News* not long ago, Professor Fraser-Harris spoke of his dislike of the word "medium." So he invented a new word, "teledynamism."

"The essence of the tests will be that they are cold laboratory tests," says one of the founders of a new Institute. Yes, they get nowhere. They never have . . . and they never will.

### The Other Side's Concern

The spirit world has, for over 90 years, been proving its existence . . . regularly, consistently, methodically. It has been doing so, by getting into contact with people who were in trouble . . . people who had lost loved ones . . . people who needed comfort. It is not concerned with scientists, or important people, or superior people, or people who think they know it all before they start.

Where are the mediums to come from?

Will the new Institutes get Mrs. Osborne Leonard, Britain's best-known trance medium? No!

Can they persuade Estelle Roberts, the best all-around medium in England, to give up her healing and her comforting of mourners, so that she shall become Exhibit A? No! Will America's Frank Decker, noted test medium serve as their guinea pig? No! Will Jack Kelly, blind-fold billet reader al-

low them to bind silver dollars over his eyes? No!

Shaw Desmond has been sitting, during the last few months, in the Red Cloud direct-voice circle. He has had more scientific proof of Survival than he would get if he assembled all the wise men of the East and the West and sat in a laboratory surrounded by test-tubes, for the rest of his life. In my own flat, I have received more evidence in one night than most researchers have received in 20 years.

### Why Has He Not Printed It?

Dr. W. J. Crawford obtained his evidence by becoming a member of the Goligher home circle.

Sir William Crookes obtained his evidence by inviting Florence Cook, the materializing medium, to live in his house for months. He had a home circle of his own. That was why he got his evidence. Besides, he was a man who, the spirit world knew beforehand, would publish his evidence . . . when he got it. AND HE DID . . . most of it anyway.

### The Crandons' Success

In the case of Dr. Crandon, there was the perfect combination of a calm and honest enquirer . . . a charming, self-sacrificing, and cannot-be-worried wife possessed of great psychic powers, and Walter, a spirit guide with a great sense of humor, who did anything he was asked, and who was bound to the circle by deep ties of affection. There must be some power of attraction in all spirit contact.

People do not understand the real attitude of scientists towards anything new. They are the most prejudiced people in the world. They oppose everything that is unorthodox. They fought Lister and Simpson and Pasteur and Jenner. They have minds that live in watertight compartments.

Remember the terrible trouble the committee appointed by the Dialectical Society got into years ago? Asked to investigate psychic phenomena, they committed the offense of believing in them! Then there was a row!

### Must Unlearn

When, three or four years ago, one of the scientists I met at the Crandon lunch, was asked to go to Marylebone House to study ectoplasm, which was pouring from Dorothy Henderson, he said, "Why, you ask me to throw on one side the scientific teaching of 40 years."

Even Schrenck-Notzing, who knew better in the end, once remarked, "It is regrettable that these phantoms resemble deceased persons."

Although Sir William Crookes was the greatest chemist of his time, he, when he invited Darwin and Tyndal and Huxley to take a twopenny bus ride to see the Florence Cook phenomena, merely met with three refusals. Darwin went so far as to say that, even if the phenomena were really happening, it did not interest him!

Still, on the other hand, Science has quite an easy task.

Dr. Nandor Fodor, former executive head of a large Research Institute, was at one time quite optimistic. Producing a new theory which, in his own words, simplified "the miracle of materialization," he said:

"Science will only be asked to believe that, in the presence of certain people, with an unstable (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

## TALLULAH BANKHEAD'S PSYCHIC EXPERIENCE

SENSES "DEAD" FATHER'S PRESENCE

Noted Actress says Public will have  
to recognize truth

Spkr. Bankhead Impresses  
His Daughter who says  
'HE WAS THERE'

By

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The truth of communication was once again voiced through theatrical avenues when Tallulah Bankhead, well known actress, told a New York World-Telegram reporter that she was certain her father, the late William Bankhead, still lived. Miss Bankhead was eager to review, for the benefit of the staff writer, the occasion upon which personal survival was forcibly demonstrated to her.

The psychic revelation occurred when the actress was driving from Philadelphia to Atlantic City, where her physicians had ordered her for a rest. As she was riding along, she naturally pondered over the horror of the Pearl Harbor tragedy which had occurred only the previous day.

### Knew He Lived

As she dwelt upon the Japanese treachery, she unexplainably kept thinking silently but urgently the thought . . . "I wish Daddy was alive." She felt her father, as Speaker of the House of Representatives and as a great national figure, was greatly needed by his country, now!

Too, she realized that now at last the public would have to recognize the truth of the things President Roosevelt and Speaker Bankhead had said long ago.

In the midst of this trend of thought, Miss Bankhead turned on her automobile radio to listen to the Washington ceremonies which were taking place . . . as President Roosevelt's request for a declaration of war was awaited. As she listened, and in Miss Bankhead's own words, "as the radio announcer kept describing the scenes it came to me that my father was there . . . he was there now stronger than he had ever been before. He was all over that place and I knew it."

### She is Satisfied

Hardly had she affirmed her conviction when, suddenly, the voice coming over the ether announced, "Here comes Speaker Bankhead." Surely it was a mistake! Surely the announcer referred to Speaker Rayburn! Yet . . . yes, there . . . again the name was spoken.

The incident lasted only an instant, but it lasted long enough for Tallulah Bankhead to realize that the spirit of her father could and did manifest itself. If it were a mistake, and indeed Miss Bankhead does not believe that it was, it was a mistake which went uncorrected and perhaps took radio precedence. For it is a rare occasion when a mistake, as such, is allowed to go unheralded on 'he radio, and it is even a rarer occasion to have occurred twice

She Knows . . .

. . . About Survival



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TALLULAH BANKHEAD, Noted Stage and Screen Star, who says that she knows her famous father has definitely made his presence known since his passing.

. . . and then remain uncorrected.

So assured was Miss Bankhead that her father had actually made his ethereal presence known that she was forced to stop her automobile in order to suppress her amazement. Partially overcome by the remarkable way in which he had demonstrated his personal survival, she knew that "he was actually there." And then again, a short time later, she said, "He was there. I know he was there."

As Tallulah Bankhead acknowledges the return of her beloved father, so is added another member of the theater to the long list of "believers." With consistent rapidity, more and more psychic demonstrations are occurring amidst theatrical people. More and more, proof of personal survival is finding its way on the stage and screen.

### Psychic Plays

Evidence supporting psychic manifestations can be found in old manuscripts, including those of Shakespeare, whose works literally reek with pointed phrases. However, it is today that Spiritualism is gaining dramatic support.

Recent years have seen audiences enthralled by such plays as "The Return of Peter Grimm," "On Borrowed Time," "Our Town" and the current "Blithe Spirit." Even the comic "Topper" series were not without spiritual significance.

Too, it is of importance to realize that, of necessity, authors of such works must have some knowledge of psychic science in order to authenticate their writings, so that students of spiritual phenomena cannot be listed as their severest critics.

### Spiritualism Gaining

Undenably, the truth of communication is gradually being accepted by the creative world . . . since such persons as Ida Lupino, Jean Harlow's mother, and Lionel Barrymore reveal their belief in spirit return.

Perhaps the fact that it is a creative world . . . is one explanation why increased psychic occurrences are possible in the theater. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

## "Dead" Officer Visits "Dark" Spheres

"Anything that a newly-arrived spirit desires . . . is his for the asking, without money and without price . . . merely by means of constructive thought."

### EARTH PEOPLE ARE TOO CRITICAL

By MARGARET VIVIAN

In this article, F. R., an Army officer who "died" 40 years ago in the Boer War, describes life in the spirit world as he has found it. During the 23 years that F. R. has regularly communicated with Dr. Vivian he has constantly proved his identity.

The division of the world-to-come into spheres or belts is purely artificial. There is no fixed line of demarcation. They merge one into the other, and so there are countless grades of happiness.


The story of the "great gulf" between me and thee" is purely a metaphor. The gulf consists in the barrier formed by the state of progress of the soul. Just as I should be like a fish out of water in a higher sphere, so the ignorant but self-opinionated prelates, when they come over, would be out of place here. Everybody goes automatically where he belongs; nothing can alter this.

Yesterday I visited one of the dark spheres. It made so deep an impression on my mind that I feel I must tell you about it. The most difficult to help are those who have had the opportunity of learning the truth, but have deliberately rejected it.

Those who are either ignorant, or what you call wicked, are not so difficult, because they reincarnate very soon and so pass through another stage of evolution. They are little above the level of the animals, and must evolve before they are capable of learning very much over here. But those who know the truth and deliberately reject it are very hard to deal with.

#### Former "Share-Pusher"

I met one of these men who, when on your side, suppressed every spiritual instinct and made those around him unhappy and discontented. He was rich and prosperous, but his wealth came from the sweat of labor of the poor and from what you call "share-pushing." I found him sitting alone in a wretched little hut, very angry because he could not understand where he was or why he could not enjoy the pleasures that meant so much to him.



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## Passes Away Suddenly



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MARCELLE DeCOU HICKS, one of the Directors of DALE NEWS, INCORPORATED, passed away 3:30 A. M., July 15th at the English District Hospital, Oakley Creek, AUSTRALIA.

Before her passing, Mrs. Hicks served as Assistant Editor of "The Harbinger of Light," Australia's only Spiritualist Magazine.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Hicks moved to Lily Dale several years ago . . . where she resided at the Home of PSYCHIC OBSERVER before she was called to Australia on an important business venture. She is survived by two sons and her mother, Mrs. C. A. DeCou, 356 South 9th St., San Jose, California.

ETERNAL VERITIES, one of Spiritualism's outstanding books, was written by Mrs. Hicks.

by first going very short distances, just out of sight, and then sending him a mental message to follow me. The dog was puzzled at first, but soon learned to travel short distances by the power of thought.

Then I went further off, until the dog could come any distance. Now I merely have to say: "I am going on a journey," and the dog understands perfectly, just as yours know the meaning of the word "car."

We set off for the dark spheres. The first time we were accompanied by one of the guides, as he did not know what to expect, nor had we any knowledge of the best way to help the man we were to visit. There are various grades of the dark spheres, some more depressing than others. In the lowest parts the inmates do not stay long, but so degraded and blind to all but their evil desires that they are soon sent back to matter in order that they may learn their lesson over again.

#### Scene of Desolation

The man we was visiting was not a background of this description, and he was in one of the less dreary parts. What struck me most was the absence of flowers and birds and sunshine. We found ourselves on a desolate stretch of sand by the sea, that was rolling up in sullen, leaden waves.

There was a high bank of rocks cutting off the mainland, just as you may see on your coasts. Among the rocks were dark caves, and at the entrance of one of them was the man we sought. He stood looking out to sea, and when he caught sight of us, he came forward. Frank greeted him cordially, and introduced me as a lover of dogs.

Many people were wandering along the shore, and some tried to throw stones at our dog, while others were rowing in small boats. They all seemed unhappy and gloomy. Frank's relative had little to say beyond complaining of the conditions in which he found himself. He had not been over here very long, but he realized that he had shed his physical body. His main grievance was remorse that he had not done more with his earth life.

#### Grumbling Neighbors

"This is a dismal hole," he said, "and I do not like my neighbors. They grumble all the time and are in no way companionable." I asked him whether he had many visitors from other spheres. "A few," he replied, "but they never stay long, as there is nothing to attract them here. Would you like to see where I live?" and he led the way to his cave home.

As caves go, it was not bad, but I should not care for it as a perm-

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ament dwelling. There was a bed made of moss and seaweed. Our host was beginning to learn how to obtain what he needed by the power of thought.

"Where is our guide?" I exclaimed, realizing for the first time that he was no longer with us. "Here I am," replied a familiar voice, and to my surprise, our friend walked beside us as we climbed the slope.

"I purposely made myself invisible," he went on, "because your friend is not yet ready for the help that I will give him later. You are puzzled because he apparently enjoyed his cave dwelling. It is a good illustration of the power of thought.

"The earth people were very critical of similar remarks made by the son of a well-known scientist, Sir Oliver Lodge, when he declared that he was able to enjoy things of earth soon after his passing. But Raymond spoke the truth. Anything that a newly-arrived spirit desires is his for the asking, without money and without price, merely by means of constructive thought."

## Pioneer Spiritualist



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## Mary T. Longley ANSWERS A QUESTION

Why are mediums in the cause of Spiritualism so reluctant to demonstrate their powers before the psychic research societies? Why are mediums so unwilling to accept the challenge and conditions of people who put up hundreds of dollars for such, to win by proving their mediumship?

Answer: Mediums are sensitive; they feel keenly. Many times even the thought-waves of critics and scoffers strike the sensitive mind like a blow from a freezing blast. Mediums as a rule are as honest and justice loving as are any other people; they have a natural pride in their honor and character; and to be questioned, sneered at, regarded as frauds and mountebanks, a priori, give them pain. Their indignation and antagonism aroused, these sensitive know they cannot give the spirit workers fair conditions and helpful opportunity to prove their claims and, in the circumstances, they are very wise as their spirit helpers also, in refraining from accepting a challenge, competing for a prize or in any way consenting to appear before self-constituted judges and pre-opinionated observers who are more bent on discovering fraud than they are for proving the truth of immortality and the power of intelligent communication between the denizens of mortal and spirit worlds.

A merchant would not care to be met by a shotgun and the demand to prove the reliability of his wares; and a medium does not aim to grant favors to a belligerent (or a committee of such) who demand with the weapon of sarcasm or distrust that he prove the genuineness of his calling and power. As to the psychic research society, it has but little use for accredited mediums. Its ignorance of the publications on Spiritualism and of the authentic works of mediumship, is colossal. It affirms that genuine mediums for occult demonstration are not more than ten or twelve; it clings to old dried and dusty methods and can only find joy mostly in puerile stories and obscenities of "occultism" that, as a rule, are far removed from the life-giving works of Spiritualism.

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Our Standards of Value  
Are Preposterous

By ERNEST OATEN

Many people are puzzled by the claims of spiritual healers to have overcome the ravages of disease without recourse to ordinary medical practice. Religion and healing have been associated throughout history. In fact, in ancient times the therapeutic and sacerdotal offices were always combined in one person.

The primitive witch doctor was at once the priest and physician of his tribe, whilst the founders of all the great religions, Buddha, Zoroaster, Mohammed and Jesus, were all reputed to have effected miraculous cures. The combination of spiritual teacher and healer, in the person of the Christ, is no exception, but is rather in accord with all history.

This is characteristic, too, of all human experience. If primitive man wanted a meal he hunted for it; if he needed a crop he raised it; he built his own house, made his own clothes, fought his own battles, and said his own prayers.

### Truth Overlooked

The growth of civilization has fostered specialization and we recognize that the best is only attainable where subdivision of labor enables every unit of the human family to concentrate on one job, and make himself the master of it.

Today therefore every activity has its specialists, and currency as a means of exchange enables all to benefit by the specialization of each. We have only to look at life, however, to find that all is not well, for the modern system has led to inequalities which give

English Editor



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rise to unrest and a sense of unfairness in our social system.

This is due largely to the fact that excessive individualism has caused us to overlook the truth that whilst each of us may be a separate entity, we are all units in a nation, or a company of nations, and our interests, far from being opposed, are, or should be, co-operative and mutual.

We are increasingly recognizing the fact that, as individuals, we each have faculties and powers peculiar to ourselves. Not all men are capable of developing the same abilities. Each of us has some faculty upon which our specialization depends, and whilst such faculties can be heightened by special training, they are themselves inherent and individual.

Nowhere is this point more apparent than in the realm of healing. Some men are born healers, and, though their best labors can only be gained by proper training and practice, yet they often produce remarkable results in the absence of either.

### Standards of Value

We still persist in the silly idea that we can take any man, send him to college, let him walk the hospitals, and make a doctor or healer of him. One of the results is that disease is steadily increasing.

A growing number of hospitals have long waiting lists, whilst panel doctors are overwhelmed and nearly 20 per cent of our population is under medical treatment. If the incidence of life has increased, this is largely due to the fact that we keep alive for a few more years people to whom disease has made life a burden, and public lack of faith in the powers of the medical man are steadily increasing.

This is evident by the tendency to fly to patent and much advertised remedies and to consult unregistered practitioners, who frequently produce better results than the college trained medic.

Now I do not deny the medical faculty. It contains many real healers of undoubted ability who are doing excellent work, but the faculty also contains a very large proportion of individuals who might make excellent engineers, good artists, splendid architects or accountants, but whose chief function today is to provide work for the undertaker.

For years I have been acclaiming that our standards of value are

preposterous. The truly qualified doctor is the man who can heal or prevent disease . . . that should be the standard of valuation. Instead we grant certificates to people who can pass examinations, and are masters of technical terms.

Some day when we wake up we shall recognize that only by selecting the men who have natural aptitudes, and training them to the efficient use of the same can we get a healthy nation.

One of the weaknesses of the medical faculty is the tendency to treat diseased bodies instead of patients. Proof is overwhelming today that behind the body of the patient there is a second body, and behind that . . . a mind. Health can only be established when the "triune man" . . . body, soul and spirit . . . is functioning as a composite entity.

### Vested Interests

There is strong ground for believing that the etheric body may be just as truly the seat of disease as the physical envelope. And this means the bringing of psychic and spiritual powers to bear, to purify those streams of vitality without which the health of the physical man cannot be maintained. What's the use of cleansing a polluted stream if the source of the pollution is continuously being discharged into it?

"Life is more than meat and the body more than raiment." It is by such considerations that hundreds of healers, often untrained and sometimes not too intelligent, are effecting cures in cases which have defied doctors. Vested interests are bringing their influence to bear upon a materialistic government to restrict the activities of the natural healer, despite the fact that the orthodox healer is failing in his task.

The natural healer is already prohibited from treating certain diseases, despite the fact that he has often effected cures. Other diseases will be scheduled shortly, and people must be allowed to suffer and die when health could be attained. When shall we become wise and take the trouble to train those naturally endowed people, whose proper training would enhance the health of the people and heighten men's respect for the medical faculty?

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"In the next world, we know that children grow up to become adults; but what about those guides who remain children for many years on earth, and also children who have been 'dead' for 18 or 20 years who still return as children?"

When this question was put to Silver Birch, guide of Hanne Swaffer's home circle, the spirit replied: "I will come to the defense of the Tossies who never grow up. Your hard, bitter world condemns those who go on being children, and claims all the time that it loves the innocence of the child. Yet it objects to them when the child chooses to persist in that form of evolution solely to help them."

"The advantages are very easy to understand. The child does not suffer from the inhibitions of the grown-up. It has a naturally fresh outlook on life. It is not beset by the many problems that perplex adults and therefore is the best channel for communication."

The child can naturally perform this task because it has not so many of the intolerances and prejudices of the grown up people to conquer.

"It starts off as a fresh, radiant being, willing to help, and is not troubled by all the problems that belong to the adult life. Because it is not worried by them, it can quickly hold on to those elusive vibrations that make for the success of spirit communication."

### Motive of Service

"But that child personality is only a personality voluntarily adopted in a large number of cases with a sole desire of aiding your world. If at any time it chooses to surrender its task, it can return to a higher sphere, there to take up its thread of the larger consciousness in which the child had lived."

Do not condemn them, they are most lovable instruments of the Great Spirit whose only desire is to serve, a service they give willingly and freely because they think they can help those who are hurt or crushed by your world."

"In the case of the ordinary child who comes back after many years still as a child, this is for recognition. When you are concerned with identification, you must remember that children would not be recognized unless they showed themselves in the form and with the characteristics and habits by which they will be known to their parents."

### Television from Beyond

"But that is only a picture drawn for the medium to transmit. It is like the television thrown on the screen. The medium sees the picture that is thrown on to the screen of her mind and transmits it."

With a voice medium, it is the same, except that instead of the process being a visual one, it is an oral one, moulded out of the ectoplasm. The voice which is moulded reproduces, as far as conditions allow, the voice the child had on earth."

"How would a child who had been brought up to be cruel to animals be treated on the other side; would it be given animals to look after?" was the next question. The guide replied:

"We would have to undo the earthly teaching by showing how animals have rendered great service throughout many years. The child would be taken to the varying animal spheres to see what they are really like when they are allowed to have contact with those who love them and understand them."

Gradually, the false teaching

would be shed as greater knowledge came to the child. And it would be shown that the effects of cruelty are not only to be observed on the animals, but on the one who performs the act."

Another sitter introduced her question by saying, "Many people when they pass on have no knowledge of the after-life. They are in a sort of daze and do not know that they have passed on. Does that apply to children or do they accept the new life instinctively?"

"It depends on the child's knowledge," Silver Birch replied. "If it has not been too tainted with the ignorance and superstition of your world, then its natural understanding, based on its natural psychic powers, will enable a natural appreciation to occur."

"Did the Great Spirit intend that some human beings should 'die' before they fulfilled their plan of life?" was the next question.

"The plan is always that you should enjoy a full expression on earth so that you shall be equipped for the greater life of the spirit," said the guide. "If fruit drops from the tree before it is ripe it is sour. All life that is forced to quit its body before it has achieved its maturity on earth is unprepared for the world of spirit."

"If a child 'dies' of an accident, was that intended by the Great Spirit?" the guide was asked.

"That is difficult to answer, because always I have to say 'yes,' with qualifications," was the spirit's answer. "The whole of life is controlled by law and the Great Spirit is responsible for law. But law works through human beings. Ultimately everything comes back to the responsibility of the Great Spirit."

### Man's Responsibility

"You can argue that if you do something wrong you are not responsible because the Great Spirit made you like that. But that is fallacious reasoning. It is true to an extent that He ultimately is responsible for the whole universe, because His power created it and His intelligence endowed it, but you have your reasoning. If you choose to put your head under a train it is no use blaming the Great Spirit."

"Will you explain 'infant prodigies'?" was the next query.

"There are three kinds," said Silver Birch. "Some are incarnated souls with a memory of past experience to help, others are mediums subject to spirit influence, albeit unconsciously, and therefore receptacles of much learning, wisdom, knowledge and truth from our world. In the third category are the geniuses who are the advance guards of evolution."

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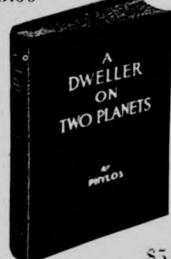
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"A Last Day of Judgment"  
"An Angel Will Blow  
A Trumpet"

By GEORGE RULF

How often have we heard these texts quoted? They are read at practically every burial service wherever Christians gather together. And how many people understand them? And is there a clergyman, priest or bishop who can give us a reasonable explanation without getting himself hopelessly entangled in a theological mumbo-jumbo?

There are still millions of people, who believe . . . or are taught to believe . . . that in a nebulous future there will be "a last day of judgment," when an angel (or the Archangel Gabriel) will blow a trumpet, at the amplified sound of which all the gravesones in the world will be lifted and the decomposed skeletons (whatever is left of them) will form themselves into perfect human beings. The tale is often altered to suit local conditions. But what would happen to people who have been blown to bits, or eaten by fishes or dissolved by chemicals, or burnt to cinders, is wisely left out.

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Religious societies and various sects have no hesitation in publishing tracts and books with illustrations depicting this scene. No doubt, most of you have seen a picture of that description. It represents a churchyard with a winged figure in the corner, blowing vigorously a flourish on a bugle, at the sound of which every gravesone is pushed up by robust men and women, clad in Grecian style, obviously none the worse for having been in that dilapidated grave for hundreds (or thousands) of years, and smiling at each other.

I assume you do not believe that the old decaying bones will at some far, far distant day be miraculously raised at the sound of a trumpet. Yet that is what the orthodox creed wants you to be-

## **Tallulah Bankhead**

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"Psychic Observer"

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The picture above shows the new rostrum of The First Episcopal Spiritualist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana . . . dedicated last October by Rev. William Walt and Rev. Fred Felix. Regular services, including healing, are held every Sunday, 7:30 P. M. and every Tuesday, 2 and 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Felix, who served the church several months last year, has been reengaged for the fall and winter months. He will take over the pulpit Sunday, September 6th and devote much time to additional church activities, i.e., open a Lyceum and Classes for spiritual unfoldment.

Aside from being a lecturer and teacher, Rev. Felix possesses various phases of mediumship . . . Direct-Voice, Trance, Clairvoyance, Clairaudience. His Blind-Fold Billet (Psychometry) is outstanding.

Donna Walt, new president, founded the church in 1933 . . . at which time it was known as the Tiger Lily Spiritualist Church. Today and since the church was organized, all services have been held in The Blue Room of The Randall Hotel, 604 Harrison St. March 29th of this year, the name of the church was changed so as to be identified with The Mother Church . . . The SPIRITUALIST EPISCOPAL of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, of which Rev. John Bunker is the Presiding Clergyman.

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unexpected death in the village, much as we would today toll a church bell.

## **Scottish Lament**

The famous lament of the Scottish pipers springs from the same source as the custom of blowing some plaintive notes on this ceremonial ram's horn and even the notes are identical.

There are in Europe two sections of Jews, the Ashkenazim, or Occidental Jews (comprising the Middle and North European bloc), and the Sephardim, or Oriental Jews. The latter comprise the Spanish-Portuguese Jews who came to Spain about the year 700 (in the wake of the Moorish conquerors), because the Mohammedans offered them more freedom and a greater development of their artistic qualities than the intol-erant Roman Church.

These Jews eventually migrated to the Netherlands and also to London, especially after 1492, on account of the notorious Inquisition. A portion of them came from the old Byzantine (or Eastern Roman) Empire, of which Corinth, in Greece, was a town of importance. They were thus the very descendants of the Corinthians, to whom Paul sent his famous epistles.

These Orientals Jews still perpetuated the old custom of blowing a ram's horn trumpet at the death of a member of their congregation.

"The Last Post" (the "authorized" Bible translation makes Paul say, "The Last Trump") by a squad of trumpeters on the occasion of special military funerals is again the same old biblical custom.

Paul wrote about the simple things of his days. He did not allude to any future blowing of trumpets, but referred to a well-known death-chamber custom prevalent at the time and period in which he was living in Palestine, Syria and Greece.

Apparently, the strictly orthodox Jewish people of his day were just as bigoted and misinformed as they are today. They imagined that they would sleep until the Messiah came to wake them by means of the shofar, when the rising of the dead" would take place. Similar notions are enter-

tained by many other denomina-tions.

## **"We Shall Be Changed"**

That is why Paul lays such stress on these words: "We shall not all sleep but we shall be changed." We shall be changed but not so very much so.

Then he repeats again: "We shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

At so-called "death" we are changed within a second, at the sounding of the lament of the "Last Post," as was the custom in those days.

"For, when that ram's horn trumpet of your good priest is sounded" . . . are the amplified words of Paul . . . "the dead person is raised within a second, incorruptible" . . . meaning, into an imperishable or "celestial body."

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cellular balance, under the application of an unknown extraneous suctional force, tissues break down, stream out as an invisible cloud, and become absorbed by an invisible body, filling it out and rendering it solid and palatable to our senses."

After explaining it, you see, so that even I could understand it, he added: "Many people may find the simplicity of this hypothesis striking." The scientists must start with that. The rest will be easy.

No, these institutes are all wrong. They are based on a misconception. You would think that Science was the last word in knowledge. Most of it is merely the latest theory. Much of it is even more a contradiction than is theology.

One day, light is caught bending. The next day it is seen running straight home to Auntie.

One day, the universe is running down. The next day it is running up.

Actually, Science behaves like a Loch Ness monster in disguise.

No, if these scientists are sincere, let them start at home.

Let them sit in their own circle, as, very humbly, the Crandons did, around a table.

Let them do what the Crandons did . . . put their hand on it.

Then let them do what the Crandons also did . . . follow the instructions which the spirit people give them.

## **The Only Way**

Then, perhaps they will get evidence. It does not sound clever . . . but that is the only way.

All these high-sounding degrees do not impress anybody except the newspapers. Spiritualism would rather have one medium than the enquiries of a thousand scientists. We do not want buildings . . . we want mediums. We do not want psychic research societies . . . we want mediums. We do not want high sounding approval . . . we want mediums.

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## Psychic Observations

by

*Juliette Living Freeman*

Dr. Leo Charles Donnelly, 290 Westminster Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, writes:

"We are going to stress White Cross classes. Years ago, I was one of the original instructors in Red Cross classes. I am capable of carrying on these classes on a material plane and, God helping me, I will carry on in a spiritual plane with White Cross Stations and the White Brotherhood."

Dr. Donnelly's efforts are splendid. I am in perfect accord with his plan for serving the spiritual need of people. It would be a great step forward toward stabilizing civilization, if the truth as is proved through well developed spiritualist mediums could be placed before the general public.

I received an order for a trumpet. The customer writes:

"You will know the trumpet that will give us the best results."

There are many people who do not understand the purpose of using a trumpet. The power of psychic force that produces the voice is developed from the spirit side of life by unseen helpers. The trumpet is used to magnify these voices.

In the band or group of spirits . . . who assist with psychic development are doctors, teachers, chemists, Indians and exalted souls who sometimes manifest as children. These spirits perform their duties just as a group of people would do . . . here upon earth. Each has his or her own work . . . to accomplish a given task.

Many reports are given through from spirits concerning the number of helpers that are necessary to bring forth the development of a medium, either mental or physical.

From these reports, the consensus seems to be that seven or more spirits work in what is called the inner band, or group. From this nucleus, more and more helpers are added as the need for service expands.

### Spirit Services

One analogy, given to me by a spirit teacher, was that of a telephone system. The ground has to be cleared, the holes dug for poles, wiring set up, a switchboard and operators obtained, managers, etc. . . . before one can make connections over a telephone. And so it is with seance room technique . . . on the spirit-side.

This seemed to clarify my mind as to the great amount of preparation that is necessary for the development of a physical medium. Little do we realize the indefatigable service rendered us . . . after we express the desire to be an in-

strument through whom messages and teachings will be given to humanity.

The real purpose of earth plane life is to learn the lessons of the soul while in the physical realm. The soul should proceed in evolution. This is the Creator's plan.

When the vision can be caught as to the why of life, then each person instinctively sets about learning and practicing the laws of life. These laws have been given to humanity since the beginning of time.

Today, many look to our beloved Master, Jesus, as our leader. Some study the teachings of the New Testament . . . written down by His disciples . . . still others, with deep concentration, His simple words. In any event, most of us realize that He left us a manual to live by. If followed, these teachings will make for us a life of purpose and profound peace.

Furthermore, a certain degree of mediumship will automatically develop when we unfold spiritually . . . by living the life, according to these teachings.

### Modus Operandi

If you especially desire the direct-voice or trumpet phase, sit in complete darkness, with a congenial group of people. Why the need of darkness? Simply because the ectoplasm or effluvia, withdrawn from the medium's body, out of which the voice or sound box is produced, is dissipated when rays of light touch it.

The purpose of the trumpet, as previously stated, is to magnify the voices that come from the spirit.

Frequently the guides and more experienced spirits can produce their vocal expression independently. This method is termed independent voice. But the spirits, even though accustomed to speaking to the earth plane, sometimes voice rather low and weak, hence the need for something to magnify the sound.

The trumpet does not necessarily contain the voice, nor is one kind of trumpet more likely to produce the voice. In certain climates it is said to be advantageous to use trumpets made of fibre. Some trumpets are heavy . . . some light in weight. Some are three section . . . some four section . . . some all one piece. In any event, trumpet mediums are being developed in many home circles . . . according to daily reports that reach my desk.

Mrs. Mary Elwell, New Hamburg, N. Y., writes:

"Some time ago, I ordered some books from you and have become deeply interested in Spiritualism. There doesn't seem to be a Spiritualist church around here. We used to go to Yonkers but the church is now closed. My mother-in-law has recently passed on. She promised that she would return to help us. Though we haven't seen her, she comes about the same time each day and knocks in the same place. I have received many messages through the Ouija board." The spirit forces are manifest-

## Cosmic Prayer

*Our Eternal ONE which art in Cosmos,  
Praised be thy works;*

*Thy consciousness be realized in us,*

*Thy understanding be realized on Earth, as it is in Spirit of the Universe.*

*Let us this day gather strength from thy bountiful ether,*

*Let us mind our own realization HERE and NOW . . . WHY we*

*are different one from another . . . in thought and ideas*

*. . . And, learn to respect our differences,*

*Lead us not into the ways of the illiterate, but to possess en-*

*LIGHT-en-ment of the Soul and the Body.*

*For yours, and ours, is the Kingdom of the SPIRIT of LIBERATION.*

*And the Power, and the Sustenance, for ever*

*So IT is!*

By Carl J. D. Nordell

March 16, 1942

Dedicated to THOMAS PAINE  
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ing in thousands of homes all over the United States. I receive letters daily from people relating their personal experiences. I am always pleased to render any possible service to these dear souls who are so earnestly seeking truth.

I did have a church listed in or near New Hamburg. Should any person know of a medium or center where Mrs. Elwell could attend, please write directly to her.

Mrs. Ellen Peterson, 312 West 85th Street, New York City, writes:

"During the first five years, I have received very lovely spirit paintings. Though I have displayed my work to many people. I feel that when God all of a sudden gave me the gift of painting, there must have been a purpose behind it and that there ought to be a way out to let the world see the work which I so obviously receive from spirit. I have at present about forty paintings, some very large, and I know, of course, whom they represent."

Mrs. Peterson enclosed a snapshot of one of her paintings. I have never seen the originals but apparently, she is producing some very fine work. I shall visit her studio at my first opportunity.

I am always pleased to hear of the development of any phase of mediumship. These manifestations add further weight to the vast accumulation of evidence that proves personal survival and communication between the two worlds.

Bert Walker, Salmon, Idaho, writes that he had a very interesting experience recently.

One afternoon, seated alone in his little home located in the foothills of Salmon River Mountain Range, Mrs. Smith, medium, accompanied by her husband, called to visit him.

Mrs. Smith delivered a message that she received from spirit, a peculiar message written on a piece of paper.

"Get a lily bulb and set it out in a can."

Three days later, Mr. Walker

searched for the paper, but was unable to locate it. He immediately drove to Mrs. Smith's home to obtain a copy of the message.

To his amazement, Mrs. Smith said that she had not visited his home, but stated that, three days before, she had received a message for him, but she could not make the trip over the trail.

Mr. Walker writes:

"True as truth, I received that message, brought by the Smiths. Were they sent as spiritual messengers? Although they did not come in the flesh, I saw them, I talked to them. I followed the instructions about the lily bulb. Now, as I write on April 10th, a lovely wax, pink cream, six division lily fills my little secluded home with its dainty perfume and a wild honey-bee is getting his breakfast from the delicate, oozing moisture."

One cannot be lonely when the door is opened between the two worlds. The astral bodies of the Smiths may have visited Mr. Walker. There are many records of such cases.

Elizabeth H. Dennis, pastor of Temple of Wisdom Church, Baltimore, Maryland, writes:

"Some time ago, we moved into our new church home and health center. Attendance is increasing so rapidly, we will have to build a larger lecture hall."

"For two years we have broadcast over WCAO and have several reports from people who have been healed. Many are accepting the truth of survival . . . which brings joy to those who heretofore feared death"

T. B. Sears, Elburn, Illinois, writes:

"I am pleased to say that my clairvoyant (clear vision into spirit realm of vibration) has developed. One morning recently, my father appeared. He was dressed as he was on his wedding day in 1840. We have a photograph that was taken at the time of his wedding. My wife appears to me frequently."

It has been prophesied that in 1943 the veil between the two worlds will grow very thin. I receive hundreds of letters in which visions are described. I do not have the time personally to answer all communications, but I am intensely interested in all spiritual unfoldment. I am also very willing to share with others, any little knowledge that I have gained through experience.

I have not been associated with spiritualism and spiritualists so very many years, but in my work it has been necessary for me to study and sit with many mediums. Through contact with the spirit guides, I have had much valuable information given to me.

These teachers endeavor thoroughly to explain and demonstrate much phenomena . . . not ordinarily witnessed in a seance. I believe the reason for this is that I try to give as much to others . . . who are students.

## Youth Speaks

So youth is forsaking the Orthodox Church and joining the Spiritualist Church. And you're wondering why. Will you let me, a youngster of twenty, try to explain?

Let us first of all make it clear that I'm one of the few young people who has forsaken the Orthodox Church but has passed into the Spiritualist Church. Many times, however, I have considered forsaking that also, yet some unconquerable force within me refuses to let me go.

For the most part, the youth of today seek facts in a broad-minded attitude. It wants to play an active part in the Drama of Life, and will not content itself with sitting passively, listening to a lecture on what and what not to do, sung in a lifeless monotone by a long-faced elder.

### Some Churches Condemn

It is admitted that the youth of today are the mediums of tomorrow, but why wait until tomorrow before you teach us. Tomorrow may be too late. Some other field of activity may have claimed us.

New ideas are the life-blood of progress, yet our Churches are often controlled by methods of many years standing. Could not these occasionally be revised? Fashion has to keep pace with the times; why not the Church also.

Another controlling factor in our straying from the fold is the fact that youth today realizes what a hard struggle it must make to provide for life in future years. The Church condemns our desire for personal comforts and high positions as "storing up goods on earth," yet does it not realize that a higher standard of living for all is the only way to national contentment and peace.

Teach us about life on this material plane and we will seek for facts concerning the Spiritual plane; help us to obtain the bread to sustain our physical body and we will seek for bread for our spiritual body; aid us in our search for all knowledge and we will seek diligently for knowledge of Spirit.

### Little Social Life

Another bone of contention with me has been the absence of facilities for teaching children. The Orthodox Sunday School would provide me with that opportunity but I cannot forsake my Spiritual beliefs to obtain that desire. I want to teach children in a Spiritualist Church.

Perhaps another factor contributing to the discouragement of youth is the lack of social activities. Young people like to make many friends, and what better way is there than combining social events with Church activities?

The Orthodox Church would give me ample provision for social work (Girl Guides, Youth Group, etc.) but would deny me the truths I seek.

The Spiritual Church provides me with the opportunities for seeking truth, but deny me any chance of social activity? Do I choose either or neither?

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## Character

The quality of character is governed by the quality of the aim. Character serves whatever aim calls it forth. Through strength of character, a selfish man achieves financial success, while another selfish man, lacking in character, fails.

Unselfishness, without the support of character, succumbs to the hard practicality of the world; while unselfishness, organized through character, achieves good and prospers in all doing.

In this fact, lies the explanation of "the bad" so often prospering . . . "the good" so often failing. It is not a question of good or bad, but of character or lack of it.

The "Right will win out in the long run," is largely balm to the pious nature. Virtue and right win when backed by the character to make them win.

Aims, goals, ideals, determine character. Your design of life, or plan of achievement determines your character. But most important is spiritual faith. "Nothing succeeds like success" is no truer of special walks in life than of life in full. Where the effort is put forth to utilize life's full powers, the result is success and ever-increasing success.

Of course, this effort must be backed by spiritual faith. For that which is spiritual is everlasting and eternal. It is not subject to change. You have all the aids of

nature with you when you accept the belief of your spiritual heritage.

## Utopias

The trouble with political and sociological Utopias is that they are always going to be . . . always coming. Times will ripen; circumstances will converge. But it is never a time never a day . . . rather it may be associated with periods of time. That is different from saying it is the product of slow growth and time. The true prophet always sees the kingdom at hand, within man . . . never a contingency.

All this has a vital influence on your spiritual life. Here is a world for exploration! Unfortunately, most people embark on life with a stock-in-trade which has cost them nothing. Someone else has done their thinking for them. What may seemingly be infallible in reality paralyzes faith. Old worn-out beliefs put a fence around spiritual inspiration. These old beliefs deny the freedom which they suggest.

Spiritualists have been the adventurers into the Holy of the Holies. A Spiritualist is a divine experimenter. He believes God . . . the Ultimate Reality. A Spiritualist pushes into those realms . . . where man may experience that which no human language can express. He ventures into the unexplored and brings back an experience.

This experience of the spiritual explorer has a common result. It creates new values for life. It makes him a lover of all. He sees the part in the light of the whole. He becomes an impregnator of good. He brings into practical existence a new world of spiritual values. He is no longer the sport of time and circumstance . . . rather he is the force . . . moulding, shaping, designing every cir-

cumstance, so that all may live a happier existence.

There is much work yet to be done. It is the new world which invites one and all to greater conquests. It is in this new world, in the making, where man shall find his greatest leap forward. There is nothing static and final about this new world.

Utopia, here on earth in this present day and age, is only possible when the concerted unity of all are regulated to the right tonal pitch which "sings forth joyously" . . . that all men are equal and all are divine in origin.

## A New Universe

In the world of constructive thinking, lies a new universe. Get a prejudice in the mind, feed it, read literature which nourishes it, associate with men of a like prejudice . . . you will find all the facts you desire to correspond with that prejudice . . . whatsoever that prejudice may be.

That is simply the mind working according to the law of its own constitution. The world will always be a reflex upon your own mental states. Sunlight takes on the color of the medium through which it passes. That medium determines everything.

It not only determines your viewpoint about the universe, about God, about everything; it is all the reality you can know with our present medium.

It is certainly a great achievement if a man can live outside of himself occasionally . . . it helps him check up on his own personal equation.

Your reactions to a great and final cause is in your own creation. You can create a new world if you wish to. It will be a world brought forth by the dynamic, creative spiritual will within you.

## Too Many Possessions

Contentment is not in possessions. Men are cursed with the mania for things. The evil genius of desire, lures men to destruction like the sirens of old legends. The young man begins life . . . desiring many things. If he could only have a raise in pay . . . how happy he would be! But he gets successive raises with but short-lived satisfaction.

And so do men seek fame. The ambitious man yearns for place and power. At length he is elected to public office. But his joy is yet far off. He would be happy if only he could go further politically.

He realizes his dream only to see the butterfly of happiness escape his grasp. He goes on further. He hanks for a brief day in the sunshine of public favor and then feels the sting of criticism, envy, suspicion. He becomes disillusioned and he is buried in oblivion.

A rich man may be infinitely happy if he sees clearly and places his reliance upon the deeper spiritual values of life . . . rather than on money. No material fame can bring the same happiness and contentment than he who knows his Father in Heaven.

Happiness cannot be conditioned by place or thing. Only through spiritual illumination can one glimpse the silver lining . . . the inner freedom that gushes forth, like a bird who is in happy flight to the Sun.

## Lure of Life

The lure of life is instinctive. What is termed "Self preservation" may be rightly termed "will to live" or the "lure of life." You desire to live because you are an infinitesimal part of the great stream of life. Life slaps and laughs at you, but still you love it . . . cling tenaciously.

Some factors which constitute the lure of life itself, the mere mad, wonderful joy of living; love, the crowning, exquisite and re-

# TO THE . . . Great Spirit

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Silver Birch

Oh, Great White Spirit, Thou art the Law behind all life. Thy spirit permeates all the universe. Thou art in everything, whether it registers consciousness in the planes of matter or whether it only registers consciousness on the planes of spirit. Great Spirit, Thou art in all things.

Thou art in the song of birds, Thou art in the rustle of the wind through the trees. Thou art on the mountain top. Thou art in ocean depth. Thou art in the ripple of brooks and streams. Thou art in the wind, the air, the lightning and the thunder. Thou art in the sun, in the moon, in the stars and in the sky. Thou art above and Thou art beneath.

Thou art in love, in wisdom and in goodness. Thou art in hate, in envy and in jealousy. Thou art in every human spirit. Thy great spirit fills all Thy universe.

Through the operation of Thy laws we have been enabled to re-

deeming factor of being; play, the zest and thrill of life; friendship, the warmth and enrichment of life; and accumulation, the investment and industrial productivity of life.

These are yours. Whether you are prince or pauper, Nature gives you these gifts. Bury them not in the ground but use them, exult in them, increase them, and life will become for you . . . ever more alluring as the years roll by and the western slope is reached.

The lure of life is to live free, unfettered . . . a joyous, productive being. Live largely. Put zest into the business of life. Do and dare. Be and become. All is yours if you believe in yourself and play the game.

## Trial By Fire

Do not fear the furnace of affliction. No one ever goes through the fire and keeps himself unmoved. The flames have a purifying effect. In the moment that looks darkest, when clouds hang heavily, when there is no fragrance of flowers, and the sym-

veal to the children of matter some of the greater glories of the realm of spirit. We have sought to teach them laws through the operation of which they may learn to have a greater understanding of Thee, the Great Spirit of all life.

Throughout all the ages, through all the future yet unborn to the world of matter, Thou art the Great Spirit of all life, the center of all love, king of kings, more majestic than dreamed by the children of matter. Thy love surpasses their understanding. Thy wisdom crowns the greatest heights they are capable of appreciating. Thy love sustains all things and all life moves because of Thee.

Here in this house we seek to erect a temple filled with Thy power, love and might, that it may radiate into the world of darkness, sending forth streams of light and truth, so that those who are in darkness may be illuminated by the light of Thy divine truth.

May those whose hearts are sad find, in this place, strength, and those who are weary in spirit or in body find a new strength of spirit; that those who are sad may find comfort and those whose backs are bowed down with care and trouble may learn through Thy laws to seek that new power to guide them.

Oh, Great Spirit of all life, of all love, of all power, of all light and of all goodness, teach us to reveal to the children of earth that Thou art within them, that they may realize how Thou canst shine through them.

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pathy of life turns to a dismal dirge of despair . . . forget not that it takes the hottest fire to refine the purest gold. It requires the strongest pressure upon iron to produce the strongest steel.

In the hour when things seem to be worst for you, it may be you are building your purest happiness. If you refused to be crushed by adversity, or let any events in the external world disturb your own tranquility of mind . . . you have already found the key to the garden of happiness.

If you cannot have what you want why cry like a child? Begin to cultivate optimism. Look for the bright side of everything. You can't worry much when the corners of your lips turn up. Contrary to the opinion that we cry when we feel bad, in reality we feel bad because we cry. Mental states tend to follow physical expression.

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What is the occupation of spirits in the spirit world?

Each spirit is occupied somewhat differently from all other spirits. All the various occupations that are known to earth are also known and are in action in the spirit world.

The artist finds employment with us, the mechanic . . . all the arts and sciences are fully represented with us as with you, only on a larger and grander scale. Do not suppose that when you lay off your earthly bodies you will cease to be active as spirits, for I tell you you will not.

There are no drones in the great hive of the spirit world. All are exceedingly active. Yes, the mechanic finds occupation there. All that the soul enjoys to be occupied upon, it will find ample means to reach in the spirit world.

Are those who were teachers here teachers there, or do they change their occupations?

That depends upon whether the teacher here was a teacher in spirit or only in the external. Many are teachers here simply from the force of circumstances. Such abandonment the occupation when this life is done, and take up some other that is more congenial. But if such from natural inclination, you may be very sure they continue it beyond this life.

What is progression? Could man's spirit have been progressing through all the infinite ages of past eternity, and still understand so little at its entrance into our world?

Progression, to me, is simply another term for change. The soul progresses in cycles, as does all life. It repeats itself again and

again, ever revolving around its center, God. At each revolution it takes on newer life, exhibits some more perfect attributes, stretches out further into infinity, becomes wiser, becomes, in the external, holier.

Why do coming events cast their shadows before? Can it be accounted for?

Yes, upon scientific principles. Everything that lives in forms, of which your human senses can take cognizance, lived in a form which the spirit senses are able to take notice of before it entered the merely external form.

Everything lives in eternity, is governed by the eternal law, has existed in the past, lives in the present, and claims an existence in the future. To my mind, immortality is the gift of all things.

The old adage that "coming events cast their shadows before" is eminently true. Those sensitive persons whose internal lives are in close communion with the other life, are able to behold these so-called phantoms, to recognize their presence.

You call them apparitions, forewarnings, and you suppose, sometimes, that they are specialties, sent by God to inform you of danger. This is not so. It is simply the exercise of a scientific law, and as you come within the sphere of law, you recognize it.

Millions of unseen, unrecognized worlds exist, beyond the reach of the eye or the telescope. When one after another is brought within the range of human vision, science does not think of saying, "This is a special interposition of divine providence."

The time of such folly has gone by. Everything that has existence at all, even in the most phantom-like shape, exists by law. There is nothing like imagination, not as you define it. There is no un-systematized vagary in all God's realm.

Everything that is, is by virtue of natural law. In so far as you understand the law and can come into communion with it, so far you sense that which in the ex-

ternal you cannot see, cannot hear.

How, and for what purpose, are spirit lights produced?

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Is it possible that an internal disease can be cured by simply laying on the hands externally?

Certainly it is possible; for the magnetic currents or healing magnetism that is used in the laying on of hands, passes more than over the surface of the animal life . . . it permeates the inner being.

Why do we not have better mediums, when it is so essential that we should?

Because you do not know how to take care of those you have. When these are properly cared for, and not pampered in the wrong way; when they are properly understood, and educated by you in the recognition of the divine life, then, doubtless, the spirit world will exercise its power to develop more.

Now you cannot well care for those you have. Therefore, do not ask for more of the same, or of a better sort.

You would not care for them any better.

Were the Jesus of other days to return, exercising his power tangibly over humanity today, would humanity recognize that power?

Are all that were most pure in life and character here, and consequently most exalted in spirit life, agreed with you in seeking to propagate the spiritual philosophy? If not, why not?

Jesus has said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." It is my belief that they who are truly pure in their inner lives cannot fail to see God everywhere. As the soul advances in purity and perfection, it perceives more and more of God's truths, those which he had heretofore called hidden, mysterious.

It becomes more and more fully acquainted with the science of life, not only the life that is, but that has been, and is to come. Purity, goodness, perfection are to me one and the same. They are only terms used to express God's attributes through humanity.

Those intelligences that passed from this earth with pure thoughts, with holy desires, with their inner being elevated above the darkness of human life, cannot fail to perceive this angel, Spiritualism, in its true light.

Seeing and understanding it to be the voice of God to the children of earth, if they are loyal to their purity of soul, they will do all in their power to roll on the car of progress, so far as Spiritualism is concerned. The ranks are well filled in the spirit world.

That vast army who seek to benefit earth's people know that Spiritualism is to be the saviour of this age. They know it to be the light by which the soul shall understand something concerning the mysteries of godliness, and knowing this, they will labor zealously in the cause.

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By E. F. BENTLEY, M. A.

I claim that the boy and girl of today is saner in his outlook on life, fairer in his appraisal of grown-up people and more serious in the consciousness that he has a place and a mission in the world than the young people of former generations. Youth is demanding a religion which it can follow.

This religion must be realistic, true and able to inspire enthusiasm for all the things for which it stands. Have we got such a religion? Have we got leaders to win followers for it. The answer is "yes." Most certainly today, as never before, there is this faith, founded on certainty, that men and women do not die and that young people have each a definite path to tread on earth . . . an honored place for each in that World of Tomorrow.

## Know Your Mission

As a master at a large Public Day School, in charge of the careers of some hundreds of boys, going out into the world, I find that there is great perplexity over the details of each career.

The uncertainties of the war atmosphere at home, all the make-shift, temporary life which we have now to endure, creates a feeling of instability; but underneath it all I have always found that youth knows instinctively that the time will come when life will give it an opportunity to rectify the muddles, the blemishes and the short-sighted mistakes of its elders.

## We, Who Know

We, who are in touch with the Beyond, must tell the boys and girls of today how you, yourselves, have come back to this world on missions of service.

We who are the spiritual parents of new generations, can harness the feelings of discontent, bewilderment and uncertainty, into definite lines of energy in which they will train their minds to think on terms of spiritual realities, translated into social and international service.

Above all, the teacher must let you see that you are standing on the threshold of a new world, that there is glory and adventure in the work that you will have to do, that post-war reconstruction will give you the posts for which you are fitted; that those in the Beyond, guiding and protecting you, will not let you drift away from your destined paths.

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Going through our files — we were looking for salvage — we came across a letter from Randall saying that he had written his memoirs, which were not to be published till 50 years after his passing, because he thought the world would not be ready for all his psychic experiences till that time. He enclosed one chapter from which we have taken the extracts that follow.

Randall, who "died" in 1935, attended over 1,000 seances in 30 years. He specialized in holding rescue circles, where earthbound spirits were helped by him. Some of his experiences in this connection formed one of the most fascinating series that we have ever published.

By  
Maurice Barbanell

The return of Samuel to Saul is one of the earliest records we have of communication with those in the after-life through mediums, who must have been common in that early period to have been so persecuted, maligned and destroyed.

The next medium of which we have authentic record was Jesus of Nazareth. And "Lo the Heavens open unto him and he saw the spirit of God descending." And "Lo a voice from Heaven saying: This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased."

Here is evidence of his clairaudient and clairvoyant powers. He heard the voices of the living dead and saw them, just as mediums do today.

## Continuous Persecution

One of the things charged against Jesus was that he was in touch with the supernatural, which force planned to overthrow the government to the end that he

should become King of the Jews. In blind rage they crucified the greatest medium the world has ever known.

But mediumship peralst and in time mediums were called witches. The persecution practised by Saul continued. The tales told of them all through the Dark Ages stagger the imagination, and were believed up to about two centuries ago.

The mediaeval witch was described as somewhat eccentric but a kindly old lady, shrewd and perspicacious, with a knowledge of healing herbs and simples, ready to advise and aid her neighbors who were duller-witted. She fell an easy prey to ravening inquisitors, who tried her, tortured her and burned her at the stake.

## "A Hideous Convoy"

The following is a fantastic historical record of ancient lore:

"This the Eve of St. George, a dark wild night, the pale moon struggles thinly through the thick massing clouds. The witches are abroad, and hurtle swiftly aloft, a hideous convoy, borne headlong on the skirling blast. In delirious tones they are yelling foul mysterious words as they go: Har! Har! Har! Altr! Altr! Altr!"

"To some peak of the Broken or lonely Cevennes they haste, to the orgies of the Sabbat, the infernal Sacraments, the dance of Acheron, the sweet and fearful fantasy of evil. Hell seems to vomit its foulest dregs upon the shrinking earth; a loathsome shape of obscene horror squats huge and monstrous upon the ebony throne; the stifling air reeks with filth and blasphemy; faster and faster whirls the witches' lewd lavolts; shriller and shriller the cornmuse screams; a wan grey light flickers in the Eastern sky; a moment more and there sounds the loud clarion of some village chanticler; swift as thought the vile phantasmagoria vanishes and is sped, all is quiet and still in the peaceful dawn."

## Borne On Brooms!

Julian Cox (1664) said that one evening when she was in the fields about a mile away from the house "there came riding towards her three persons upon three broom-staves, borne up about a yard and a half from the ground."

She saw two men and one woman "bestriding brooms and leaping high in the air. They were, in fact, performing a magic rite, a figure of a dance."

So it is recorded of the Arab crones that "in the time of the Munkh the witches rode about naked on a stick between the graves of the cemetery of Salzar."

In 721 during the triumvirate of Octavius and Anthony, more than 2,000 popular books of spells, both in Greek and Latin were discovered in Rome and publicly burned. In the reign of Tiberius a decree of the Senate exiled all traffickers in occult arts.

In 840 a law was enacted in Scotland making punishment for witchcraft no less than the cutting out of the tongue, and by the law of Aethelstane in 928 witchcraft in England was made a capital crime. Witches continued to be punished during the reign of Edward the III and Henry the VIII.

By the statute of Elizabeth passed in 1562 it was ordained that for the first offense the punishment was restricted to standing in the pillory with severe inflictions to follow.

Barrington estimates that in the 200 years during which the greatest severity against supposed witches prevailed in England 30,000 judicial murders were committed under the guise of legal punishment for such imaginary crimes. During the continuance of the Long Parliament alone 3,000 persons were sacrificed because of supposed connection with witchcraft.

## First German Purge?

Five hundred witches were burned at Geneva during three months in 1515. In the diocese of Como 1,000 witches were burned within one year. Nine hundred were burned in Lorraine in a period of fifteen years, and upwards of 100,000 were executed in Germany. Persecutions against witches raged with great fury in America in 1648 and 1649. In New England in 1692 nine per-

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sons were hanged by the Puritans for witchcraft.

The last person put to death for witchcraft in England was in 1682; in Scotland, it was in 1722.

Reginald Scott taking an enlightened view of superstition says:

"The Fables of Witchcraft have taken so vast a hold of and deep rooted in the heart of man that few endure the hand of correction without attributing the chastisement to the influence of witches. Such people are persuaded that neither hail nor snow, thunder or lightning, rain or tempestuous winds come from the higher powers but are raised by the power of witches and conjurers. If a clap of thunder, or a gale of wind be heard the timid people ring bells, cry out to burn the witches."

The inquisition murdered thousands of men and women who possessed some psychic powers—largely undeveloped and probably not understood by the so-called witches themselves. They were charged with being in league with evil spirits, and condemned to death. History records many martyrs who like Bruno refused to retract.

The persecution of so-called witches stayed the development of

the human race a thousand years. If they had been encouraged and developed mankind would now know why we live—the plan and purpose of the creative intelligence, and something of the journey's end.

In our own America, land of the free, the record of the killing of witches stains the pages of our early history.

All alleged witches are now called and known as mediums, and have the same powers as the witch of Endor had when at the request of Saul she called, and the spirit of Samuel spoke.

Mediums are born and have lived on this earth since the dawn of time. Mediumship is natural and the gift of God.

It was not until about 1848 through the mediumship of the Fox Sisters in Hydesville, State of New York, that evidence came through that established beyond question that those in the after-life could communicate with the inhabitants of earth.

This discovery in 1848 was in the beginning crude, but from a simple rap has come the independent voice and trance state, both of which I have developed in two psychics or mediums to almost perfection, and been able to speak to and with spirit people when conditions were right, as freely as I talk to earth people.

Many years ago a large fund was given to Girard College, Philadelphia, to establish a "Chair of Psychics," but after getting the money the authorities arrogantly contended that there was no truth in the philosophy and used the fund for other purposes.

W. W. Stanford, of Australia, with whom I was in communication for many years, received from the Far East through the powers of a psychic a vast collection of ancient documents and tablets, known as apports, which he bequeathed to the Stanford University, founded by his brother in California, with a large fund to establish there a "Chair of Psychics."

In 1928, while in California, I went into their museum to see these apports and was told that, being worthless, they had been destroyed. Going a little further in the grounds I saw a great administration building, which I would estimate cost at least one million dollars. Over the door was engraved "Gift of W. W. Stanford." I made further inquiry and found that a "Chair of Psychics" had been established there, but the professor in charge devoted the said fund and his time to other things.

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Ah ah, hands off the dial . . . let's be fair, just for a few moments, one with another. Bargaining into your home, in this manner, perhaps is altogether "out of order" but I know before I leave you . . . I'm going to relieve you of a suspense . . . something which you've thought over many, many times.

Like certain trouble zones in the Balkan States where the smoldering fires of racial animosity burst forth into flames, so the viewpoint maintains there are definite areas along the lines of religion . . . of science . . . of philosophy, where a great deal of antagonism flares occasionally into open warfare and bitterness.

The trouble zone here, around which, there has been a great deal of discussion, is centered around Spiritualism. Again, please, be patient. Perhaps it's true, you have your likes and dislikes. That's your opinion too, your favorite religious programs. That's your right. Perhaps, my dear listener, you're amongst, the very few, who have been poisoned against the Cause of Spiritualism.

Haven't you investigated its truths? Haven't you had demonstrated the facts which are so vital to you . . . that the Soul lives . . . that communicating with your loved ones is a possibility? No! Just as I expected, and yet, you'll sit in judgment against the Great-est of All Truths. One man's position . . . one man's attack, perhaps too, one man's writing has put you in a state of fear . . . prejudiced you against something supported by millions the world over.

Spiritualism like all great truths, has faced persecution, yet, definitely it is in its ascendancy.

## "A Great Day is Dawning"



"Psychic Observer"  
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Every knock against it has been a boost. It stands out as a Great Force, greater than man's creeds, ritual and the like . . . greater than his "organized religions." Its truths have been distorted by theologians . . . truths, the perception and the representation of things as they are (1) that there is no death; (2) that the continuity . . . the individuality of man's consciousness—his soul life, is never lost . . . that he survives the change called death, possessed of these characteristics that make possible his identification through the instrumentality of a medium; (3) that the soul and I can communicate with this living, throbbing, individuality . . . with those already passed into spirit. How? As stated, through the instrumentality of a Sensitive . . . better known as a Spiritualist Medium.

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Spiritualism did not originate in some miraculous manner . . . it was born . . . rather it is the life of the Great Soul of the Universe . . . reaching with its Great Truths far from the remotest age to the present time. India, Egypt, China, Ancient Greece . . . the History of the Old World and the New . . . bear witness of it. Its

Truths have awakened Great Minds . . . Scientific and otherwise, whose support of it . . . merits your interest.

What was that you said? Your Bible . . . what? Listen, I'm not interested in your church affiliations . . . whether you're Catholic or Protestant . . . whether you're Jew or Gentile . . . whether you're an unbeliever or not. All of this is beside the point. Spiritualism draws no line here. With respect to your Scriptural records, I merely want to add that the references of all the records of man's "Organized religions" testify and support spirit intervention in human affairs.

What was that? Really, I'm sorry, but not altogether bitter that you raised that age old cry of witchcraft . . . the epidemic of the Middle Ages . . . for it brings to light the persecution of this age . . . however, it bears this out "the evidence that there were those in this period, as there are today, psychics . . . capable of communicating with Spirit.

Therefore, the spurious injection of this thought again proves little and it is most unfortunate that the time allocated will not permit my delving into the real facts with respect to this "theological injection" into Scripture. How unfortunate, the thought, especially in these times of terrible atrocities, in the name of religion, ascribed to Jehovah—the God of the Mountain . . . the God of Hate . . . the results equally as unfortunate because the fact remains thousands have turned their backs upon all religion.

Two thousand years have come and gone and we still have the fundamentalist and the modernists. We still, as far as Truth is concerned, are as far away from understanding the Religion, the Science and the Philosophy of Jesus of Nazareth, as we were at the beginning of the Third Century under Constantine. Jesus Christ stands out more today, amongst the Great Teachers of Time, as one, a Great Psychic.

Unfortunately, the ignorance, the superstition, the fear of the Christian Church especially, coupled with the cruel edict ascribed, allegedly to God . . . the God Jehovah "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live," caused thousands of sensitives to be burned at the stake, thus with all the attempts of the Church as a whole . . . plus now, her unethical attacks, Truth still prevails, for the Spirit of these and the spirit of others since, still live. Spiritualism is going forward. Truth cannot be destroyed.

A Great Day is Dawning! The God of the Mountain is dead. Isaiah preached the funeral sermon over Jehovah. Daniel with all of the other prophets sang his requiem. The entire mosaic dispensation with all of its sacrifices . . . with all of its ceremonies were buried with him.

A Great Day is Dawning, with it a consciousness of God as a Spirit of Love and Wisdom and Brotherhood. Peace lies ahead . . . "a peace on earth . . . good will to all men." Through it an understanding that life holds something more than that which the materialists have held forth . . . something more assuring than that which the Church has given us.

Concluding, and here I'm speaking to the little mother whose son so valiantly has fought and died over there. No, he'll not return as we witness the marching of victorious feet. Somewhere he lies, but not forgotten by you, Mother. Therefore, becoming prejudiced against something unknown to you, is not fair. Why not seek through your tears . . . through your heartaches . . . to know "he is not dead" but seeks to communicate with you through the instrumentality of a Medium.

There may be others whose losses are not amongst those of our dead over there . . . whatever the conditions . . . whoever they be "seek until you've found, something the church has not dared to bring forth" . . . Truth, the truth being . . . there is no death.

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# Physical Manifestations BACKBONE OF SPIRITUALISM

It appears to be the object of a certain party of Spiritualists to ignore and speak disrespectfully of the physical phenomena of Spiritualism. While we detest pretenders and deceivers as much as it is possible for any one to do, we confess to little sympathy with those who would thus disown the elements of our philosophy. We had supposed that the essential benefit of Spiritualism was its bringing forward facts in place of theories, and substituting knowledge for blind belief, or faith.

The facts thus produced are the phenomena, divisible into two classes . . . the physical and mental; the first of which, once accepted, forever sets at rest all doubts of our immortality. The mental phenomena are secondary, and dependent on the physical. Even the theories of those who ignore the latter are based on the facts they furnish. Say what we will, our knowledge rests on the rappings and the movings of inanimate objects intelligently. We could better dispense with all our books and lectures than with these living witnesses; for with them our philosophy surely develops itself: but without them, where are we?

## Hair-Drawn Theories Must Go

It is said that the physical phase is receiving less attention than formerly. This is entirely erroneous. Less publicity is, perhaps, given to the result of seances; for the people are becoming accustomed to them, and no longer regard them as wonderful and supernatural. The deep interest which has made such so common as to pass without exciting astonishment is mistaken for the loss of interest.

Few Spiritualists are so "highly developed" that they would not prefer a series of physical tests to a lecture on their philosophy. What, then, is the claim of those who are just awakening, or are yet unawakened, to Spiritual truth?

It is scarcely a score of years since the rappings began. Let us not commence the cant of the metaphysicians, and attempt again the solution of immortality by vain array of words and hair-drawn theories. This can not be, were it desired: for the rappings are not dead prophets of the past; their oracle has not deserted, but is ever with us, ready for consultation. However exalted the science of Spiritualism may become, the physical manifestations will necessarily remain the ever-present witnesses of its truthfulness.

MILLO A. TOWNSEND . . . in his "YEAR BOOK OF SPIRITUALISM," dated 1871.

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**KANSAS CITY**—Thirteenth Spiritualist Church, 2301 Van Brunt Blvd. John Dennis, President.

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