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EVERY LIVING SOUL, LIFE, OR EXISTENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED HIS, HER, OR ITS MITE TO ADVANCED THOUGHT, THE RELIGION OF CIVILIZATION. TO PREFER ANY ONE OF THEM WOULD BE TO DESTROY HARMONY—HEAVEN. YOU, MY DEAR READER, ARE A MEMBER IN FULL STANDING.

TO STUDENTS:
GO, TRANSMITTED SPIRIT IN STORAGE, TO FULFIL THY MISSION.
ADVANCED THOUGHT.

PRIMITIVE MAN.—Primitive man, with his idea of a small flat earth, and the sun rising in the east and setting in the west, naturally philosophized that there was something greater in the world than himself. He naturally worshiped the sun. As he grew wiser, he watched the sun by day and the stars by night, the moon and its phases, without the aid of science or education, and that alone inspired him to advanced thought. This advanced thought has continued until it has proven that electricity is in one unit volume of voltage, which evolved the thought that spirit is in one unit volume of voltage, and a superior force.

CATECHISM.

Question.
What is a catechism?

Answer. Questions and answers.
Question.

What is spirit and electricity?

Answer. Spirit and electricity are two units in volume of voltage, and are invisible forces; or, in other words, spirit and electricity are independent of each other, each of which is a unit volume of voltage of invisible force, existing in and through all space and matter. Electricity is a material force. Spirit is a spiritual force of supreme power, to intelligence, omnipresent God.

Question.

What is matter?

Answer. Matter is a condition caused by spirit; it is better known to the finite mind as activities of life, mind, memory, words, flesh, earth, vegetation, sun, moon, stars, air, fire, water, electricity, and all that which is not visible to man, all of this is controlled by spirit—God.

Question.

What is man?

Answer. Man is matter, a condition caused by spirit; of the animal species, a mammal, carnivore-
rous, superior to his brethren of the animal creation because of his having a larger and better developed brain, the cells of which are numbered by billions; they are susceptible of being inspired to intelligence by spirit, which is in voltage and omnipresent. The human brain is superior in refinement to all animated creatures on earth, with spirit inspiring them all.

Man exists to-day on the earth as a cannibal, and in his primitive state, with all the gradations to the most intelligent in civilization. God made man in his own image. It was a spiritual image of spirit's inspiration to the cells of the brain.

Question.

What is religion?

Answer. Religion is a problem to solve, of how it is best to live on earth in a social condition and in equality with our fellow-man,—the solution of a future existence, and our present life to attain it. In other words, how to live without reproach.

Question.

What is the religion of civilization?
Answer. It is the conglomerate ultimate existence and finality of all life and activities during the present and future, in perfect equity, the ultimate of philosophy.

In other words, How can we live day after day and in succeeding ages, socially, to produce the best results for ourselves and our fellow-man, in perfect justice? The world’s progress is doing this, and has been in all vocations in life. This, too, is advanced thought, the religion of civilization. It began with the mental activities of life, and will continue as long as life exists. It embodies the inventive, commercial, scientific, philosophic, religious, and all other phases of thought, and is moving onward to the acme of wisdom, inspired by spirit to peace—harmony—heaven.

Question.

What is God?

Answer. God is an omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, silent, invisible element of force, occupying all worlds, matter, and space, and is manifested by spirit to all life and existence, to activity and intelligence.
Question.

What is spirit?

Answer. Spirit is a silent, invisible element of supreme force to life, activity, and intelligence. It is the manifestation, and, in its concrete, is voltage of existence—God. Or, in other words, God is the only unit of supreme force in existence to life and intelligence; God is a spirit, and spirit is a manifestation of God.

ANALOGIES.—As water is manifested in power by steam, as electricity is a manifestation of magnetism, as spirit is a manifestation of God to intelligence, all of which are similar invisible forces, we are enabled to see and declare the supremacy of spirit—God.

CONCLUSIONS.—We deduce from the above analogies the following: That there is no evil steam, there is no evil electricity, there is no evil spirit; all is good—spirit—God.

COMPARISONS.—If a high pressure of steam could not produce power, the cause would be a de-
fective engine, or an incompetent engineer. If electricity cannot propel a car, the cause would be in the motor, motorman, or machinery.

If spirit cannot inspire brains to intelligence, the cause is defective, diseased, or atrophied cells of brains. As there are not two brains alike in the world, we can note the diversity of man.

There is no evil spirit, therefore spirit—God—is supreme.

**Question.**

What is the brain?

**Answer.** The anatomy of man’s brain clearly demonstrates the subdivisions, their uses and quality, showing how the gray matter is the seat of intellect. An injury of the one part will cause paralysis of the limbs, but not the intellect.

The gray matter of the brain must be more refined for the work it has to do, and contains an infinitesimal number of atoms or cells to receive spirit from spiritual voltage, by which they are enlightened. The disturbance of said brain matter, by a shock or pistol ball fired through the gray matter, destroys its power of intellect, which also causes
instant death of body; or a slight shock may produce unconsciousness or insanity, either permanent or temporary, should the vitality of the body survive the shock. This fact is so well known that it is mentioned only to demonstrate that brain is flesh and matter, not mind nor spirit. It makes no difference whether it be the brain of a mastodon, man, or a glow-worm, an insect or a microbe, the component parts thereof are composed of water and phosphorus, in proportion of about eighty to eighty-five per cent. water, and about ten per cent. more water than is contained in a beefsteak. This stuff, or refined material, makes up the average human brain, and is divided into units, called atoms or cells, the latter name, for the want of a better one, is generally adopted to express the extent of its diversity in composition and size; for instance, the substance not only is concentrated in the cranium, but extends to the extremities of the body, and to all parts, from the toes and finger-ends to the cranium, thereby we may say constituting an intelligent nervous system, including the marrow, not excepting the bones. This is the brain, that man
says does his thinking. *The brain does not think.* It is only the substance composing the brain that receives the impression of a thought on a cell to intelligence by spirit. The atoms—cells—are numbered by billions, and some are atrophying, dying, dead, others renewed, maturing, by the health of the body, and millions remain good during life, with strong, healthy people, to be inspired by spirit to intelligence.

**Question.**

*What is amplitude?*

*Answer.* Amplitude is the extent, degree, or largeness of a vibration, from a central point, like the pendulum of a clock, a large clock having a larger vibration than a smaller one. The word is used by electricians, and is applicable in explaining spirit, as both are invisible elements, and especially spirit's induction upon the cells of the brain of man.

The cells of brain with a small amplitude would be less able to comprehend spirit's inspiration. The larger the amplitude the greater the capacity of the cells of brain to be inspired by spirit.
Question.
What is syntony?

Answer. Syntony is harmony, tone, or in tune; hence syntony may be in tune with a large or small amplitude. Perfect syntony would be the largest amplitude that might be attained with spirit—God. Or, in other words, if a human being had perfect cells of brain to receive spirit and comprehend it, he would be in perfect syntony with, and he would then be equal to spirit in a spiritual sense, and he would thus be created a perfect image of God. Or, to be more definite, if a man had all perfect cells of gray matter in his brain, his inspiration of spirit would be perfect and all of his thoughts would be good, in tune and in harmony with spirit.

BRAIN IS MAN'S RECEIVER.—The refinement of the brain and the inspiration of spirit thereon has produced such a wonderful and manifold religious and scientific thought to the present time, in such a way that the inventions in a mechanical brain of a day equal all the told miracles of the past, to prove the induction of spirit into man, through the medium of his brain, from the unit volume of spiritual voltage. Thus bestowing
upon man, a chosen medium, the power to utilize spirit and all the elements of nature, so far as the refinement of his brain will be in amplitude and syntony with spirit, thus to enable him to conduct his business, his scientific or religious thought.

The history of the world to-day is the record of the past, and the daily press and publications all over the world are daily records of the continued process of the refinement of the brain, and the action of spirit thereon, and its amplitude and syntony with spirit, trending toward a higher evolution and civilization that is comprehensible to the present refinement of man's brain.

The brain as a unit is material, and its cells of gray matter are all different, and if some of these are affected by disease or decay, so as to cause insanity, and spirit is by inspiration received by these diseased cells of brain, then we must expect corresponding results. Transmitted thought, or spirit, orally spoken to this diseased brain, would meet with the result of insane replies, and so with brains in every phase of life, there being no two brains alike, cannot be, and never will be; therefore, we
have the versatility of man, from the insane object of pity to the wise, in every vocation in life, to the most refined brain in existence. Thus we find in the child and man, that one thought expressed to a cell of gray matter by spirit, will cause laughter and in another the same thought will produce anger, and that which will make one man laugh will cause another to weep. One and the same thoughts expressed in public will convey different meanings to those present, which is the cause of contention, often bitter strife, and each will charge the other with having an evil spirit coming over him. It is the condition of the brain, the defective brain cells; the fault is not the spirit, for the reason that spirit is good, and good is God, and spirit is always with us, and a part of us—that means God. The question with us, individually, to answer is this: What is the amplitude and syntony of my brain with spirit? Some call this self-examination. If a man's brain could be in perfect syntony with spirit, he would be good—God. It all depends upon the refinement of his brain, its development and its susceptibility of receiving impressions and enlighten-
ment. We call it temperament, but when a person is alone, no one near him, the natural inspiration of spirit continues to be received by the brain cells, his receivers, and this we call an active mind. If our thoughts dwell upon God, we call it a heavenly spirit, and if they dwell upon earthly pleasures, man calls it a devilish spirit. So we philosophize in this way: If any member in our body is used constantly, the stronger it becomes, and the less it is used the weaker it grows. This demonstration of strength can be noticed in right and left-handed men.

Now, as our brain is in amplitude with spirit, and habit has caused us to be constantly dwelling on spiritual matters, it is natural for more of those brain cells to be enlightened, and increased according to the law of nature. Hence, the spiritual life of the possessor of such a brain can be expected to be in larger amplitude and syntony with spirit. And on the other hand, if our thoughts are dwelling on earthly matters, whatever they may be, (large business brain cells are generally refined,) society or love, all of which are brought into action according
to the refinement of the brain, and as the amplitude of said brain is, and as it is also in syntonv with spirit, so will the result be. Man can change this only by refinement of his brain, which is subject to the most wonderful evolutions by business, vision, transmitted oral thought, and by literary publications, books, oratory, sermons, and the company he keeps, which includes the language used and transmitted. His close attention to business will animate millions of cells, and the character of this will raise or lower his amplitude and syntonv with spirit. If it is good, the brain is being refined by more cells of gray matter enlightened. If bad, the brain is degenerating, becoming defective or atrophied and in lower amplitude with spirit, which man calls an evil spirit, which is man’s consciousness of his defective cells of brain in amplitude and syntonv with spirit, which controls his actions; and his fellow-man, having had the same experience and having no other way to account for his waywardness, calls it an evil spirit. It is defective cells of brain. There is no evil spirit to cause insanity; it is man’s defective cells of brain.
Does not spirit enlighten the brain by inspiration? The new-born babe is the most helpless creature on earth, void of thought or mind, yet it lives and can survive, though the mother dies the next moment after birth. The babe grows in strength, and the first smile upon its face is the first dawn of pleasure that he conceives. Is this not spiritual inspiration? As he grows to manhood, his knowledge increases according to his brain's maturity and amplitude to receive spirit, and the more perfect the brain he has, the nearer he is in perfect syntony with spirit. As the little child was asked the question by her teacher, "What is spirit?" she answered, "It's the think." The more imperfect the brain, the smaller the degree of amplitude, the less intelligence, and the less power to receive inspiration from spiritual voltage to a degree in lower animal species, so low that no thought of spirit or God enters their brain, save instinct and intuition. These two extremes give us all conditions of the human family and animal existence on this earth, as to their spiritual condition. The instincts and intuition of animals, birds, fishes, and microbes are from the same
spiritual voltage which gives life and intelligence to man.

Question.

What is language?

Answer. Language was the first fruit of social existence expressing thought, which was the development of those expressive actions into words, a lullaby, grunt, with gestures and monosyllables, having been evolved from sensibility and feeling. Words are but impressed memories of the brain and the oral expressions from tongue to tongue solved the mystery of speech and mind, producing the wonderful strides of the intellect, by the inspiration of spirit upon the brain cells of man. The development and refinement of which from ages past to the present is an evolution of breeding and advanced thought beyond his design and at spirit's command.

Question.

What is thought?

Answer. Thought is spirit's indelible impression on a cell of gray matter in the brain, by inspiration to intelligence. As the cells of gray matter
live during the vitality of the body, the same as the finger on your hand, which you can see, or any member thereof, then the life of this cell of brain lives and is the foundation of memory of the same thought. If spirit inspires another cell of brain to the same thought, it reinforces memory. Photographs of scenes in life by vision are indelible impressions on the cells of brain, which reinforces memory. The sound waves through the ear are indelible impressions on the cells of the brain to reinforce memory. The sense of smell is an indelible impression on the cells of brain to reinforce memory by a recurrence, and the sense of taste as well. The nervous system is the most sensitive to communicate to and from the cells of brain and body, with spirit acting on defective cells of brain, all of which form a combination and a degree of intelligence and nervous force.

Question.

What is memory?

Answer. Memory is the retention of a thought inspired by spirit, upon a cell of gray matter in the brain, and as long as the cell of gray matter is alive
that has been inspired by spirit with a thought, and in a healthy condition, which in many instances continues through life, then the same thought exists in memory. Spirit inspiring the same thought on other cells of gray matter, reinforces memory. Transmitted oral thought, by another of the same thought, will reinforce memory.

When the brain is young and the vitality of the body is in full vigor, the cells of brain assume a vitality of health that may continue through life, unimpaired, and spirit inspiring the cells of brain in youth, under favorable conditions, leaves the most enduring indelible impressions of memory during life. I distinctly remember of being scalded sixty years ago, and the cells of brain upon which spirit recorded the incident are alive, also the scars on my body are indelible.

This life of the cell of brain accounts for the memory of any unworthy act we may have committed to the injury of another. It is ever alive in our memory, to annoy us during life, and as long as that cell of brain is alive so long will the memory of the act exist with us. This is called conscience.
To repair the injury offers its own condonation, or balances the account of spirit inspiring both defective and refined cells of brain to peace and harmony with spirit—God.

**Question.**

What is mind?

**Answer.** Mind is memory collectively or in concrete expression dependent upon many cells of gray matter in the brain, on many different subjects. If the cells are good and healthy, so they can be inspired by spirit, then we call it a sound mind, and if they are diseased, we call them defective, which sometimes leads to insanity, and we then call it an unsound mind. Spirit inspires the cells of the brain in man to various thoughts on different lines of subjects. He may be a farmer, yet be well versed in history; he may be a mechanic, yet well educated in scientific thought; he may be a laborer, but well up in politics; he may be a lawyer and a student of religious lore; he may be a merchant, but a great student in literature; and these diversities broaden a man's thoughts and give him a refined mind through inspiration of spirit upon his refined cells of brain.
Question.

What is voltage?

Answer. Voltage is a unit volume of force; a volt is a unit of voltage. There are two—spirit and electricity. Spirit is supreme by inspiring cells of the brain of man to intelligence, enabling him to utilize electricity for mechanical purposes. The activities of life are also manifested by electricity, it being in our bodies, but all are controlled by spirit. Both are in voltage, but are two distinct elements. Electricity is an element of force. Spirit is an element of life, intelligence, and a unit of supreme force.

In our daily work and vocations in life, we are worshiping this spirit in truth, and according as our cells are refined to be inspired by spirit, so will our words, actions, and the result of our life's work be known. This is the religion of civilization.

Question.

What is spiritual and electrical voltage?

Answer. The only way that we know that electricity exists is by its application and results, which
we see in daily use; and the only way we know that spirit exists is by its application and results upon the human brain of man, in all of his activities. The senders and receivers, to utilize electrical voltage, demonstrate that space and matter are filled with a unit voltage of electricity, and to disturb it by a sender causes a wave around and through the earth in a few seconds, and this acts upon the receiver in a distant locality, or any locality, so that it can be read the same as we see daily in every telegraph office in the land. If they fail to record a message, electricity is not charged with the fault. There is no evil electricity; it is the instrument or machinery that is out of order, not evil electricity. That spiritual voltage, also as before stated, exists in all space, is in evidence with us every moment of our existence, and go where we will, to the utmost parts of the earth, we find it ever present with us, and with all people on the globe, enlightening the brain cells of man, and those who have had no religious teaching, by all they see around them in nature and their own existence, leads them to believe the omnipresence of spirit. If we cannot
think, it is not the fault of the spirit; it is the brain. There is no evil spirit.

Question.

What is spiritual voltage?

Answer. Spirit is a unit volume of voltage, occupying space, all worlds, animated and inanimated matter, and is more incomprehensible to man than electricity, because it is supreme. The atmosphere, the earth, the elements, and all living creatures, and all that which pertains to life, and all worlds and space are at spirit's command. This is a broad claim, and all life and existence prove it. Spirit is all being; it is immortal existence. Its contact with the brain creates life, thought, intelligence, memory, intellectual faculties, and the consciousness of its immortality.

The lower animals and all life are animated and derive their instincts, intuition, and existence from the same spiritual voltage, on their brains, that actuates man to control the world and all that therein is.

We have in the explanation of amplitude and
syntony the evidence of how spiritual voltage, in space and existence, is utilized by man, with his own brain as receiver. Man thinks he is the ego, soul, the great I am. Man’s thoughts are not his, but spirit inspiring the thoughts to his cells of brain, and his words are but the expression of his thoughts from the source of spirit. If man could have a perfect brain receiver, he would be in perfect syntony with spirit—God.

MARCONI.—Spirit acting on the brain of Signor Marconi has demonstrated, by wireless telegraphy, that electricity is a unit volume of voltage in and through the earth, water, and space (in this year, December 14, 1901). He has mastered the waves and vibrations of electricity, and so separated them, at will, that no other can read his messages, unless they possess and use instruments adjusted to the same amplitude. He said, in an explanation: ‘If you take two tuning forks of the same length of vibration, (or amplitude is a better word,) one will act on the other if it is sounded or tuned, and the other is at rest, and it will have no effect upon
a fork of different amplitude; and that which is true of sound waves is true of electricity. A sender and receiver must be tuned, so to speak, or within certain limits, or one will not act on the other. It is toward narrowing these limits of sympathy that all electricians are striving.” Signor Marconi has solved the problem. This will prevent the mixing of messages and secure secrecy. In order to steal a message, it will be necessary to know the vibrations of the sender, and at the same time have an instrument which is syntonized. This illustrates man’s secrecy; no one can divine his thoughts, unless their cells of brain are in syntony. You meet thousands of people on the street; each one is a sealed book to you. No one knows his brain’s syntony with spirit, neither its amplitude. He alone can transmit his thoughts or spirit’s inspiration by his acts or oral expression to another. Man thus naturally dwells alone with spirit—God. This solemn unity is that which inspires all life to intelligence and activity, and impresses man to confidence of his importance and dignity which is manifested by ego, soul, I am.

These are the fundamental principles of all ab-
stract theories of religious beliefs, hypnotic and mesmeric influences, all of which are well known to science and are based on natural fundamental laws in existence, and ever have been.

Question.

What is spirit for all thought?

Answer. Man's brain must have required many years to have attained a refinement or development sufficient to be in its present amplitude and syntony with spirit, judging from man's lowest state of intelligence, to the highest known to the civilized world; and the remarkable part of it is that the two extremes of ignorance and wisdom exist on the globe to-day, (see the daily papers,) and the same spirit is supplying spiritual intelligence to all, according to the amplitude of their receivers—the brain, fully demonstrating that spirit fills all space and is a more potent power than electricity, as spirit has harnessed electricity to do its bidding, proving its supremacy and independence. At no time in the world's history could this spiritual voltage have been explained in a philosophical manner
until Signor Marconi succeeded in establishing wireless telegraphy across the ocean, and the explanation of amplitude and syntony in connection therewith.

Thus, step by step, the scientific world leads in advanced thought, deriving its enlightenment from spirit, and from the same spiritual voltage that enlightens the brain of man in the religious world with facts as wonderful as the miracles told of old, to establish a foundation for true faith in spiritual inspiration for all thought, mind, and action in all created beings.

**Question.**

What is woman?

**Answer.** Woman is man's opposite sex; with this exception, both are one. When speaking of man, it means either sex, dependent upon inference. A woman has a brain more refined by nature than man, to be inspired by spirit to a sense of peace, love, harmony—heaven. She is spiritual, blending with spirit—God. Woman in simplicity is a typical child of nature; were it not so, her child (man)
would be a brute. The name of "mother" makes this manifest to man.

Question.

What is spirit's direct inspiration to man?

Answer. Every new thought a person has on any subject, whatever, that he has never heard orally expressed or read, is direct inspiration from spirit. It cannot be otherwise. No sane man ever lived who has not thus been inspired to thoughts of intelligence direct from spirit. The new and startling inventions of a day are enough to convince one of this fact.

Man's religious thoughts are from the same source as business thoughts, and all thoughts are spirit's inspiration to his cells of brain to intelligence. If man's cells of brain are good, his thoughts will be good. If man's cells of brain are imperfect, then his thoughts will not be good. The same spirit inspires both the good and defective cells of brain to intelligence in the same cranium. The educated, sane man, when he becomes insane, is an example. It may happen at any moment to any man.
Question.

What is transmitted spirit?

*Answer.* Transmitted spirit is an oral thought or expression revealed to another in ordinary conversation or by the reading of a book, which was spirit's inspiration to the author. The reading aloud in the presence of an audience would transmit the intelligence. A letter, telephone message, Marconigram, or telegram are all transmitted spirit to intelligence.

Question.

What is spirit in storage?

*Answer.* All printed matter was inspired thought, at some time, by the author. When written or printed, it becomes spirit in storage to be inducted or transmitted to students or to the reader at pleasure.

Question.

What is heaven?

*Answer.* Heaven is harmony. It is spirit inspiring the cells of brain to happiness, or healthy cells of brain in syntony with spirit—God.
Question.

Where is heaven?

Answer. It is where happiness and harmony exist. When we are happy we are in heaven. When we are in harmony with others we are in heaven. When we are in love we are in heaven. Try it. If you want to be in heaven, be good to-day. Yesterday is past, to-morrow may never dawn upon your vision. It is now, this minute, to enjoy heaven to be in syntony with spirit—God. If you are not in heaven, then refine your cells of brain.

Question.

What is hell?

Answer. Hell is discord. It is spirit inspiring defective cells of brain to thoughts of discord. A good musician could produce only discordant notes on a defective instrument, and these discordant notes would be "helled off," set apart from the orchestra by the director; hence the word "hell." The mystic thought of the past added fearful forebodings to the word of eternal damnation and punishment by burning with brimstone and fire forever
and ever, accompanied by devils to superintend. To be in hell is to possess diseased, defective cells of brain that cannot be inspired by spirit to harmonious thoughts. No living creature has all perfect cells of brain, and defective cells in our cranium cause discord—hell.

Question.

What is man’s spirit?

Answer. Man’s spirit is that element which has inspired his cells of brain to intelligence, life, and activity. In connection therewith, and similar, the same as man’s food, which he assimilates to sustain life, or man’s electricity in his body, the water he drinks, and the atmosphere he breathes, each independent factors. Without either of these elements, man could not live an hour. While he was utilizing them to sustain life, man called them his; but at his death each element remains in its constituent existence to supply his successor, and this is true of all animated life and existence. Man is not a preferred stockholder. Even the wealth man has accumulated on earth unto himself remains on earth,
and the only value that blends his existence with spirit—God—is the result of his life's work, which is eternal. Man on earth lives an average of only twenty-two and a half years. Man's spirit, as he calls it, at his death, remains in its concrete existence spirit—God. This is the religion of civilization moving onward to harmony, heaven. Every religious belief, with its leader of the mystic past, blends with the present progress of advanced thought, and all are stepping-stones to love.

Question.

What is love?

Answer. Love is affinity, harmony, heaven. It is spirit inspiring like cells of brain in harmony in two or more craniums to intelligence; they are then in affinity—heaven. All atoms, cells of brain, are in activity—motion; those that are in affinity, when inspired by spirit to intelligence at some supreme moment, harmonize, and those that are not in affinity or in syntony are discordant and are "helled" apart. Hence those that are in affinity are inspired by spirit to love, and those that are not in affinity
move independently of each other; but the discordant ones in one cranium may have larger inspirations, say of literature, logic, business, religion, or a scientific trend to embellish the world of thought with inspirations to indelible fame, instead of sexual love, or affinity for momentary pleasure. Hence they do not mate. (See poem.)

LOVE.

Amoritta:

O Love! why hast thou so deftly placed
Beyond our human ken the power of thy divinity?
Come, tell us what is love?
Is it to delve down deep into the ecstasy
Of morbid pleasures sensual?
To twine around our lives a dream of bliss?
To look upon our mates as if their presence alone
Answered the sequel?
To soothe, comfort, and pander to the flesh?
   Do tell us—
Is it to alleviate the pains of others,
To strike the chains of slavery from our fellow-man?
To stretch out the hand of charity to the poor?
To soothe with words of comfort to the fallen?
To chastise ourselves with penance?
To release the criminal from his cell?
Or, is it a messenger of peace?

**Love:**

Yes, a messenger of peace;
A solace to the young and comfort to old age.
My laws are well defined in all that nature
Strews before the mind,
Though, to some, it, in homely garb, is disregarded,
Yet by others it is most esteemed.
A flower, by one, is much applauded,
While to another a rock is far more beautiful.
Yet each hath found admirers, to his taste
And culture, and sees in them great mysteries—
The spirit—and the great beyond.
A source of happiness is thus engendered,
And happiness is peace.
Two strangers meet,
In each, the lines of care hath set its seal;
And the throng doth pass them by, not even worth
A furtive glance. He, coarse, uncouth; and she,
most homely.
Yet they see that which others cannot see,
And the affinity that draws them close in contact,
Finds in them admirers, too.
And this is happiness, and happiness is peace, and
peace
Is love.
The cooing mates do see the shading of a somber hue in each
Most enchanting to their eyes.
And this is happiness, and happiness is peace, and peace
Is love.
If thou wilt know the secret of my abiding,
Go hence and study nature's laws;
Not in a commercial sense, lest the getting for a
Price doth its value lessen, and render it a source of Vulgar hate.
But, look! and thou wilt find a chalice near to thee,
Filled with happiness to the brim;
Partake of it, by portioning out
Thy time, wrenched from gaining bread or gain,
In thoughtfulness to others—
And the reflection
Thou wilt soon possess is happiness, and happiness
Is peace, and peace is love.
And thus beyond the human ken thou canst not see,
But to know that I abide with thee.
Go forth and strew the flowers during life to those
Most needing, according to thy ability, looking through
The lenses of happiness and peace, and then thou canst
Feel, not see,
The power of my divinity—Love.

Question.
What is marriage?

Answer. Marriage is a declaration between the parties involved to produce a state of harmony—heaven. Wisdom, which is the experience of the past, instituted marriage after the people became corrupt, to prevent disease, and to refine the cells of brain by selection to be inspired by spirit to superior intelligence, and to control inheritance of property. Or, in other words, to improve the race. When the laws of genealogy, intelligence, selection of mates, and the breeding for distinct purposes of intelligence become paramount to love and greed for gold, then the race will have evolved to a higher civilization. This will take ages. It exists to-day, by chance only. Whatever is true in the breeding of stock is true of man. An insane ancestor will breed several generations of defective cells of brain, causing many crazy, queer descendants. This is the origin of what is called "original sin."
Question.
What is evil?

Answer. Evil is only a comparison of man's conduct gauged by the environment of man's conditions of existence and dependent upon the refinement of his brain, to be inspired by spirit—God.

Question.
What are devils?

Answer. Devils are imaginary elves, so named in the mystic past; and angels are their antipodes.

Question.
What is the soul of man?

Answer. It is his conscious thoughts, memory, and mind in harmony with spirit—God.

Question.
Will the soul live after the death of the body?

Answer. Its resultant reflection by transmitted spirit to others during life will live to eternity. Or, in other words, all of which man has taught to others during life that was in harmony with spirit—God—will continue to be taught, and will live to
eternity. All that was not in harmony with spirit—God—cannot exist eternally.

Question.
Will the soul be damned?
Answer. No, never as long as spirit—God—exists.

Question.
Why should man be good?
Answer. The reward to be good is the immediate repose to the realization and reflection of peace, harmony, heaven, spirit—God.

Question.
What is sin?
Answer. Sin, as a word, means bad, imperfect, the opposite of good.

Question.
Was man born in sin?
Answer. No; not unless by inheritance his parents transmitted imperfect cells of brain by breeding, which is of daily record. The monument
erected on Copp's Hill, Boston, to "infants damned" is the result of spirit inspiring imperfect cells of brain to intelligence. It is a monument of the mystic past, but establishes the fact that the people who erected it thought so.

*Question.*

What is a strong character?

*Answer.* To say *yes* when you want to, and *no* because you can. A diplomat can say both without saying either.

*Question.*

What is dual mind?

*Answer.* Dual mind is spirit inspiring defective and refined cells of brain in the same cranium to intelligence in sequences of moments. Or, in other words, when a person has about an equal number of good and defective cells of brain in his cranium, which are in constant motion, spirit inspires them alternately, or one after another, which produces either good or bad thoughts. This accounts for some people who never can decide what to do, and who call in the second and third party to make the
decision. This is why a judge and jury of twelve are called upon to decide points in law, and the cause of an appeal to higher courts.

Question.

What is a religious belief?

Answer. A religious belief is caused by man's consciousness of his own existence and intelligence, regardless of his education, which caused his inquiry as to his future, after the death of his body. Therefore, no human being can exist without a religious belief. Advanced thought, the religion of civilization, began with primitive man, and includes all religious beliefs and antagonizes none, and is moving on to harmony—heaven.

Question.

What is a miracle?

Answer. A miracle, as told in the mythical past, is a visionary supposition caused by transmitted spirit to cells of brain to a belief of reality. In other words, an illusion. If wireless telegraphy had been kept a secret, it would to many minds have been a miracle. It loses its mystic influence by its
becoming a commercial commodity. There is nothing supernatural, never has been or never can be.

Question.
What is worship?

Answer. Worship is spirit—God—utilizing the cells of brain as a unit or an instrument in the universe to induct spirit's inspiration to life activity and intelligence for good. As far as it relates to man as a spiritual image, it means an influence of civilization, the reciprocal of which blends with spirit—God. In other words, if spirit—God—is pleased with us, we certainly must be pleased with spirit—God. "This holy image that is man, God worshipeth" (Foxe).

Question.
What is prayer?

Answer. Prayer is a mental jurisprudence, a reflection of spirit upon the cells of brain, acknowledging the helplessness of the petitioner in the cause in which he is interested, or a supplication for aid to spirit in voltage, which is omnipresent spirit—God.
In all the wars of the past for supremacy, the combatants indulged in prayer for aid. Had the same devoutness been extended for justice, peace, and arbitration, war would not have existed. It is simply a demonstration of spirit acting either on defective or refined cells of brain. The result is obvious. Peace is spirit inspiring refined cells of brain to harmony.

Question.

What is answer to prayer?

Answer. The answer to prayer is that which enlightens the cells of brain to a more perfect syntony with spirit—God, and it thus controls the actions of human beings, as a recipient consequence to repose. All men pray, especially those in whom spirit is animating the defective cells of brain, which are in a state of rebellion, with all manner of thoughts appealing, or in contrast with the refined cells of brain in his cranium. The same cause, and the same conditions of distress with spirit inspiring refined cells of brain would have produced a different result, and treatment would have been unnecessary.
There are instances where a friend of the same religious belief can, by oral thought, enlighten refined cells of brain, producing the best results without the aid of medicine; and this with nature, the cure-all of man, and homeopathic doses of medicine, restores to health and repose. As more than three-fourths of the cases are mental disturbances caused by defective cells of brain to receive spirit, opens up the field to all kinds of doctors of metaphysical beliefs, and doctors of divinity reap a rich and deserving reward in this field of their work, with little or no remuneration. When a fellow gets real sick, the answers to prayer are as numerous with the allopathists as any of them, if he does cut one open, sew him up, and dose him with quinine. It means business very often, and there is no time for faith, but I have noticed, of late years, that the medicine is more efficacious if properly prepared by the chemist, after a carefully written prescription by the physician; it costs more, but the medicine is "pure." We have indulged in this byplay to sincerely impress the reader with the fact that answer to prayer is in a spiritual sense, not material, nor of the body.
The two great armies in the Rebellion caused by slavery had as many divines and devout men and women on one side as the other, and each prayed fervently for the success of their arms, for material aid, and while they were fighting with that heroism of brother against brother, both of American stock, the poor black man held in slavery for two hundred and sixty years, in ignorance, never lifted his hand in organization, but fed his master while fighting to hold him in slavery; but his silent prayers, inspired by the same spirit in voltage, were answered in a spiritual way, and not by his force of arms. Human beings who were cognizant of these facts, and are enlightened, must either be generous in their opinions and conclusions of each other, or acknowledge that we are brutal in our concrete decisions, and are savages, flesh-eaters, cannibals, murderers by nature, tyrants in brain and mind, in small amplitude and syntony with spirit—God—to deny these beings of African descent an answer to their prayer.

Question.
What is reincarnation?
Answer. Reincarnation is involution and evolution of nature's laws, producing that state of existence which is found in happiness, harmony, heaven, or that which man calls spirit—God. The reincarnation of the body is man's reproduction in his descendants. The reincarnation of man's spirit is continued concrete existence—spirit—God.

Question.

What is crime?

Answer. Crime is the result of defective cells of brain inspired by spirit to acts in violation of natural and all laws, of perfect equity and justice.

Question.

What will prevent crime?

Answer. Emasculation. Every murderer, thief, rapist, embezzler, wife-beater, arsonist, syphilitic, insane incurables, and confirmed criminals should be so treated in the most humane manner, in their days of puberty only, by law. Instead of lynching to death, the culprit or patient should be emasculated, to prevent a possible chance of his reproducing his kind or cells of brain to be inspired by spirit
in future generations to similar deeds, and they should submit to this humane treatment cheerfully, as a factor in the regeneration of the race. We know of two instances, both colored men, who were thus doctored, one for mumps, the other, a slave, for rape, who were among the best of men afterwards. This law should be universal, and this alone will regenerate mankind quickly. Repentance or the conversion of a syphilitic parent will not produce perfect cells of brain in his offspring. It is better to prevent the breeding of insanity than to cure it. Every phase of wrong-doing is a phase of insanity. Criminals will shun or leave a state or republic that will pass such a law to regenerate the world. Monarchies will succumb to the inevitable. This is advanced thought; the religion of civilization.

_Question._

What is conscience?

_Answer._ Conscience is the memory of something that man has acted when his brain was in a small amplitude and syntony with spirit; or, in
other words, the action of spirit upon a defective cell of gray matter in the brain. A man without a conscience is spiritually dead, and his brain cells of gray matter are then in the lowest amplitude and sympathy with spirit, which is measured according to the deed enacted, or transgression of the law, by the more refined cells of brain which he possesses; hence, the conflict of spirit acting upon his perfect brain cells, and imperfect brain cells with spirit as a judge acting upon his preponderance of refined brain cells makes the decision between right or wrong—this is conscience. Therefore, we often hear one say, "I do not want that on my conscience." We hear of conscience money being paid to relieve conscience, and we often hear men say, "As God is my judge," meaning spirit.

Man has the same hopes, feelings, and faith in spirit to-day that he had in the most ancient days, and the world is growing better, and the refinement of the brain being educated in the line of good advanced thoughts, whether it is in his work, business, religion, inventions, or in scientific studies; all are included in civilization, and all are trending toward
a higher amplitude and syntony with spirit. But that which interests man most as an individual is this: How can man refine his brain to that amplitude and syntony with spirit which will produce the best results for himself and mankind while here?

The answer is, by inclination in cultivating the highest and best thoughts known to man, and each day of his life to entertain good thoughts as spirit is impressing them upon his healthy, well developed cells of brain; and by continuing this for years, man will find that he will have more refined cells of brain than defective ones. Hence his brain can be thus refined. This becomes habit, and habit is the result of thought repeated and daily impressed on new cells of brain, increasing their number that lead to action. Habit becomes independent of thought when aided by memory. Habit enables a person to write rapidly on a typewriter more than two words in a second of time; a musician to play upon an instrument seemingly unconscious of a thought after continued practice.

This also accounts for the fact that business men have more refined cells of brain than defective ones.
They are developing new cells of brain constantly, day and night, with business thoughts, which are in larger amplitude and syntony with spirit than thoughts that are inspired in idleness and with spirits animating defective brains. Hence we see that business is one of the greatest factors in civilizing influences. The same is true of daily labor. A workman who keeps his mind intensely upon his work is not only a better workman, but a better man. And these cells of refined brain exist during life and are lasting in memory, which forms habit, and habit molds character.

THE WORLD IN TWO GROUPS.

*Question.*

Who are the Aryans?

*Answer.* They are the Indo-European, or Aryan race. Bopp says, Indo-Germanic. They consist of the Bramanis India, Caucasian (many dialects), Greek and Latin, the Slavic, the Germanic, the Celtic (Kelts), Cymry (Kimry), Persian, and Armenian. Law, science, and philosophy are the inheritance of the Aryans. The Cymry Welsh, in
Wales, are the only living distinct scions of this race.

Question.
Who are the Semitic group?

Answer. Renan says that for sixteen centuries the Hebrews, Syrians, Phœnicians, Carthaginians, Babylonians, and Assyrians spoke the same language. Eichorn called them the Semitic group. They were the ethical teachers of humanity and morality. The Hebrews (the Jews) are the most distinct scions living throughout the world to-day, traced by their Mosaic law and non-intermarriage with the Aryans.

Question.
Who are the Cymry?

Answer. The Cymry are one of the most ancient of living peoples on the globe. Cymry, plural, pronounced Kumree. Cymro, singular, pronounced Kumro. Its derivations are a compound of Cyn, with, in common, and bro, land; equal having a common country, countrymen. Cambrians speak the Cymreage (Welsh) language as it is now spoken
in Wales. The derivation of this word, Cymry, embraces the entire spirit of Thomas Jefferson, a Cymro, who was the author of that immortal document, the Declaration of Independence.

The Germans were their cousins (German Cousin), and thirty thousand went at one time to Germany, and forty thousand went to France (Brittany) in 400 B.C. This accounts for the independent thought in both these countries.

They are one of the most remarkable races in the family of nations, and the least known, and most distinct because of their language, and published literature in their language. They are a most worthy branch of the group of nations, known as the Indo-European, or Aryan race,—a people who have had a country and a language, without any commixture of tongues, on the isle of Britain for three thousand years, which they have held and maintained as an unconquered and unconquerable race against all invaders. They are descended from Japheth, a son of Noah, and resided at Crimea, north of the Black Sea. “A numerous race, fierce, esteemed, colonized thee, Britain.” This was the
Cambrian race whose migration to this promised land, covering a long period of time, was marked by the most bloody conflicts with warlike nations who sought to enslave them hundreds of years after they had arrived on the isle of Britain. Among their invaders were the Romans, with whom they contended, thwarting their spirit of universal dominion in every position they occupied. For fifteen hundred years their deeds of valor against the Roman, Saxon, and Norman invaders, maintaining their laws, country, and language to the last, excel all monuments of antiquity extant. While all the languages spoken in all the countries, including Greece and Rome, have been corrupted or ceased to have a spoken or written existence, the Cymreage language of the Cymry-Welsh in Wales has no commixture of tongues, and three-fourths of the Cymry in Wales speak it to-day. They were numerous, and divided into many tribes, with tribal kings chosen by vote, with a Bretwalda, or chief, for all their tribes, who was chosen by the people by ballot, and the women voting, fifteen hundred years before Christ. Think of their advanced thought on woman suffrage! In
the eleventh century, Nesta, wife of Ynir (Ina), rode on a horse alongside of her husband for forty years, fighting their enemies for liberty. King Edward the Seventh, son of Queen Victoria, a descendant of Henry the Seventh, who was a descendant of a Welsh king, Owen Tewdrig (Tudor), who is now on the throne of England, is governed by the laws that Dyfnwall Molemud, a Cymro lawgiver, had established four hundred years before the Christian era.

The entire history of the Cambrian race has always been in favor of civil and religious liberty. They fought thousands of battles to retain their republican form of government against their invaders. The spirit of their laws inculcated truth, honesty, justice, mercy, and liberty. The motto of the Cymry has ever been, "Y. Gwir yu erbyn y Byd." "Truth against the world."

If we wish to trace the origin of the principles of the English common laws and of Magna Charta, as well as those in the declaration of American independence, we must go back to the laws compiled by the great Cambrian lawgiver, known as Dyfnwall
Molemud. They guaranteed the equality of civil and religious rights, and secured the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness to man. This was advanced thought, the religion of civilization. It has been this sentiment that has been handed down from father to son. It was this that inspired Thomas Jefferson, of Cambrian birth, whose ancestors came from the foot of Mount Snowdon, Wales, to the colony of Virginia. He always boasted of his Cymry-British blood. He contended that error should be combated with reason. His history is the history of his country. He was the author of the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming freedom to downtrodden man, to all parts of the world, and securing him his inalienable rights to political, civil, and religious equality, an instrument looked upon by enslaved nations as a guiding star of hope to the immortal law of freedom. At that time tyranny ruled the earth. All the governments of Europe were steeped in corruption and vice, nursed by a corrupt church. Austria in the arms of despotism, Spain and Italy governed by the Inquisition and gibbet.
The event of this Declaration of Independence severed the American colonies from the crown of Spain, destroyed the rotten boroughs of England, and gave Catholic emancipation to Ireland. It reconstructed governments on liberal principles. It gave a vast inter-oceanic continent to freedom, and erected the principles of civil and religious liberty to all mankind. Eighteen of the Cymry signed this immortal document with Jefferson, establishing the religion of civilization.

CYMRY-WELSH SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

Peirce, North Carolina; Hon. Arthur Middleton, South Carolina; Hon. Button Gwinett, Georgia; Hon. Francis Henry Lightfoot Lee, Virginia; Hon. Richard Henry Lee, Virginia; Hon. Francis Lewis, Long Island; Hon. Benjamin Harrison, chairman of committee which reported the Declaration of Independence; he was governor of Virginia. These are names that every Welshman should preserve as an instance of their love of liberty.

SEVEN CYMRY-WELSH PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.


We must not forget "Patsy," the wife of General Washington, who was Welsh.

We find that the first man who moved the resolution in favor of independence, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and the chairman of the committee which reported it, were of the Cambrian race. Another Cymro, Gouverneur Morris,
wrote out the first connected draft of the American Constitution; and a noble Cymro, John Marshall, as Chief-Justice of the Union, was the first who expounded and established its principle on the immutable bases of the Constitution and of the laws under it, aided by the ideas of impartial equity and justice. We shall now name the generals who fought to establish these laws in the Revolution. Is it any wonder that Elihu Yale, a Cymro, founded Yale College?

**CYMRY-WELSH GENERALS IN THE REVOLUTION.**

CYMRY-WELSH COLONELS IN THE REVOLUTION.

Colonel David Humphreys, Colonel Lambert Cadwalader, Colonel Richard Howell, Colonel Ethan Allen, Colonel Henry Lee, Colonel Thomas Marshall, Colonel James Williams, Colonel Robert Elliott, Colonel Asa Kimball, and others.

DIVINES.

Rev. David Jones, Rev. Samuel Davie, Rev. David Williams, and others.

FRAMERS OF THE CONSTITUTION.


NAVY.

Ezekiel Hopkins, of Rhode Island, first commodore United States Navy.

CYMRY-WELSH CAPTAINS.

Captain John Marshall, the chief-justice, and his father; Captain Anthony Morris, Philadelphia, who fell at Princeton; Captain Isaac Davis, who fell at Concord; Captain Rogers, Rhode Island; Captain
David Dexter, Rhode Island; Captain Loring Peck, Rhode Island; Captain John Carr, Rhode Island; Captain Thomas Gorton, Rhode Island; Captain Arthur Fenner, Rhode Island; Captain Thomas Arnold, Rhode Island; Captain William Jones, Rhode Island; Captain Israel Gorton, Rhode Island; Captain Josiah Gibbs, Rhode Island; Captain John Topham, Rhode Island; Captain Alexander Thomas, Rhode Island; Captain Thomas Thompson, Rhode Island; Captain Coggeshel Olney, Rhode Island; Captain Stephen Olney, Rhode Island; Captain Stephen Kimball, Rhode Island; Captain Jeremiah Olney, Rhode Island; and others, besides numerous captains in other States.

SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.—The Sons of the Revolution published the names of eight thousand Revolutionary soldiers who were held as prisoners on the prison ship, Jersey, which has recently been found and fully identified. And there were thousands more who perished on other ships, and were buried on the shores of Brooklyn, New York, near Brooklyn Bridge. Then, when all of
these prisoners, and many more on other ships, after smallpox had been introduced in the ships to decimate their number, were all offered their freedom if they would swear allegiance to the crown, they answered as their countryman, Patrick Henry, did, "Give me liberty, or King George and death." The smallpox patients were distributed along the sandy beach of Long Island, to decimate the inhabitants. Ninety-five per cent. of these soldiers' names indicate the Aryan race. We can now realize that their advanced thought was the religion of civilization.

**Question.**

Who are the Welsh?

**Answer.** Woodward says they are the Mound Builders, and in his history of Wales fully identifies them as such. They are the only distinct scions of the Cymry who can trace through their Druidical classes, who made genealogy a study to inherit property, and could trace their ancestors by name to Japheth, son of a very old man, Noah, who had battled with the post-glacial floods for more than nine centuries. Noah evidently understood the
situation when he built a "bare ship" during the time of these post-glacial floods, near the fortieth degree, north latitude, in Asia, and took aboard with him his family and the male and female "of living" from among their vast herds, and doubtless some provender. His son Japheth, according to the Cymry genealogy, was one of the ancestors of the Aryan race, who, after centuries, migrated to Wales, where they are to-day, having sent their sons to establish freedom for all mankind, and establish on broad principles the religion of civilization.

The Welsh in Wales derived their name from their invaders, who were surprised to find them so formidable, and called them "Welsh," meaning stranger. They are the only distinct people of the Aryan race who are teaching, speaking, and doing business in the same language to-day that they did when they first inhabited the island, now known as England, three thousand years ago. They have historic records, printed in their own language, of their Cymry race, preserved by legends and triads from the time they left the Black Sea; and as their migrations took centuries from Mount Ararat to
Wales, they marked their trace with Tumuli (mounds) and Cromlechs (stone altars). The most notable one is at Stonhenge, England, and King Arthur’s Round Table, a levee built of earth two hundred and nine feet in diameter at Caerleon, on the Usk. (See engraving, Harper’s Magazine, May, 1877.)

These, added to the Tumuli (mounds), too numerous to mention, enabled the Welsh historians to trace their Cymry-Aryan ancestors around the globe, on the fortieth degree north latitude, before modern man had a name in history. The ten thousand mounds in Ohio, on the same latitude as Mount Ararat, built high on terraces above the glacial floods, which is evidenced by glacial drift in this valley to-day, establishes the fact that there must have been a million of inhabitants in this valley before the modern Indian appeared. And the human skeleton found recently in glacial drift and rock in Lansing, Kansas, on or about the same latitude as the Black Sea, in Asia, and a tribe of Indians in Alaska speaking the Cymry language, give geologists new light on prehistoric man, whose
brain cells were inspired to advanced thoughts of intelligence by spirit, and who was the real founder of Advanced Thought—the religion of civilization.

**Question.**

Who are the Jews?

**Answer.** The Jews, according to their history, are the only distinct scions of Shem, who was also a son of Noah. Shem is better known as being the ancestor of the Semitic race.

The Jews are a distinct, noble people, and, because of their laws of marriage to become select, they have lost their language through circumstances beyond their control. They have retained their personality and influence throughout the world, and have given the world the most remarkable history of the race in literature. They have also established their commercial relations in all countries and climes, and stand at the head of the greatest financial institutions in the world to-day, wielding an influence beyond the comprehension of man. They worship one God, fully described in their historic records, and wherever found they attend strict-
ly to business, their home, and family, which establishes them as one of the prime factors of the world’s progress.

They are the only distinct people of the Semitic race who can trace their genealogy from Adam, named in their history, to the Christian era, where they stop. At this time their ancestors were charged with the crucifixion of one of their own race because of a difference in a religious belief at that time, which established another epoch, and they called it the year one. Since that time the Jews have been persecuted beyond belief. One of the greatest blots on civilization to this day in this enlightened age of the world is the persecution of the Jews, of the Semitic race. It is the result of ignorance during the dark and mystic ages of the past, and can only be reconciled by the slow process of advanced thought; that of spirit—God—inspiring the cells of the brain of man to that intelligence to deal in perfect equity and justice with his fellow-man, the religion of civilization.
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