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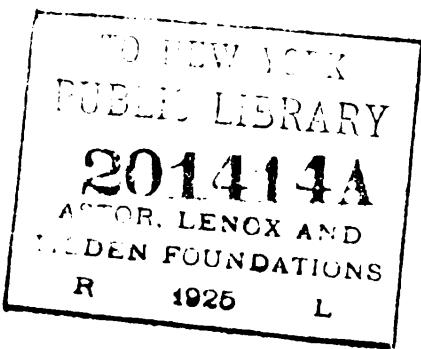


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Fundamental Principles of the New Civilization

First Fundamental THE NEW IDEA OF GOD

OD is a great Universal intelligence, manifesting in all things seen and unseen. There is only one thing in existence, — God. — “As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.”

God manifests as consciousness, force and substance or intelligence, action and form. Form is God consciousness expressed, differentiated, diversified, — the formless is God consciousness in form so high that it does not reveal as form to the human intelligence.

There is only the One Life in all and through all and this One Life manifests in its own way from atom to man.

The old civilization declared, "there is no life or intelligence in matter" — the new world says there is nothing in this world or all the worlds to come, but intelligence in some form: material at any place is only the physical side of the Divine consciousness.

All matter is radiantly alive with Cosmic intelligence — it is in mineral, vegetable, animal and man. Every grain of sand, every leaf, tree, plant, flower, bird or beast stands forth a resplendent point of intelligence, force and substance.

From the very rim of matter to the very center of the Cosmic Life each atom links itself with its own, forming a continuous stream of intelligence which links kingdoms, worlds, spheres and dominions into one great whole. This is not Pantheism — this is the truth Spinoza tried to teach to his blinded age: it is the glory and greatness and majesty of God in the world which he projected from himself, but they, interpreting to fit their own unfoldment, lost the centralized point of consciousness and became followers of the diversified

intelligence and form. The great atomic mind of substance became detached and divorced from its source and God was swallowed in diversity.

The New Civilization calls the race mind back to the center and while it still maintains its Cosmic consciousness in the atom and the atomic forms of matter, it links these with its center, and infinity and diversity become one.

The Sun of this planet is the center of the atomic intelligence and through the sun man connects with the centralized currents of Cosmic intelligence, which is in kingdoms, worlds, spheres and dominions. This is an intelligence so high that he is incapable, at this point of unfoldment, of entirely transmuting it into terms of consciousness, so he calls it *light* and *heat*.

The whole universe has become to the man of the New Civilization, simply God consciousness and he contacts God at every turn of his path. God has only one thing out of which to make the universes and man, and that is Himself, so all that is seen or unseen is God. With this knowledge

man reaches out to the atomic mind of his material universe and speaks to God, walks with God, touches Him, "in Him he lives, moves and has his being." Then turning to the center of his own mind he contacts the transcendent lines of communication between him and his source and he is face to face with his own "Father."

He touches the currents of the central source of consciousness within and without and is born into God consciousness and says with the Christ intelligence, "I and my Father are one," — "All that my Father hath is mine," for God is then universal through the Cosmic mind of substance and personal through the centralization of his own mind with All Consciousness.

In the New Civilization men worship God face to face — they have direct *inspiration* instead of the *indirect inspiration* of the past. There is not a thing between God and man: neither priest, king, prophet, seer nor great high priest, but man has risen to the Christ consciousness place and stands where Christ himself stood in con-

scious-at-one-ment. There was between Christ and his source, no thing of sense, or sight, and he taught us the lesson which the New Civilization understands. "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Christ spoke to the atomic mind of the winds and waves and ethers as man would speak to man, everything obeyed him, and he turned into the deep silences of his own soul and said, "Father, may they be one, even as we are one."

With the new idea of God, man takes a new position to everything. To the old civilization with its old idea of God, there was no choice but to become what they were — *dualists*. To the New Civilization there is no choice but to become what we are — Monists. The New Civilization knows only *one* substance, *one* action and *one* intelligence and so it has only All-Good, with positive and negative degrees of action in this Good. The old civilization says "God and man," "good and evil," "spirit and matter," "devil and angels," "physical and spiritual." The

New Civilization has no devil, no evil, no physical, no spiritual, but simply different degrees of God consciousness manifesting in its own way and its own plan so that the "works of God may be fulfilled."

With this fundamental under his feet there is nothing in all the world of which man needs to be afraid. Man grows then not through denial, renunciation or negation but through ever-increasing degrees of conscious union with the One Life in all and through all.

With this new idea of God we become free, whole and perfecting individuals. God is love, so man is love. God is justice, so man is justice, and lives in a realizing sense of life's *eternal* laws: he passes on in his daily life expressing more and more of the perfection and privileges which belong to him by the law of Divine inheritance. In this new form, the Son of man has become the Son of God and he walks each human *pathway* with God consciousness as his constant companion, friend and guide. God is not lost in diversity or swallowed up in infinity. He is real, tan-

gible, a never changing entity and man has a continual sense of his indwelling and over-shadowing presence, high or low—far or near—Holy or unholy—dark or light—damned or blessed—he is always one with his SOURCE.

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THE NEW IDEA OF CHRIST
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

IN these days of modern progress the belief and traditions of the past are being brought forward and held up for the finest scrutiny by the increasing intellectuality and spirituality of the race mind. The day of conglomerate thinking is past and everywhere the race mind is coming out into specialized states of consciousness, and old things viewed by the deep light of this finer understanding take on new possibilities of interpretation. The old interpretations are losing their sanctity, new minds with clearer vision are stripping all the old ideas of their swaddling clothes and out from the old impossible superstitions are breaking ideas reduced to possibilities of truth.

Among the many old race ideas to be

attacked and interpreted is the one of Jesus the Christ. It stands foremost in the search for higher illumination. Minds are coming away from the old Christ idea, not because they have forgotten or grown tired of the sublime ideal underlying it, but because they have outgrown the death zone of superstition surrounding it.

In the old civilization very few of the race did individual thinking, the few thought for the many and these thoughts became positive authority which for centuries only a few of the most daring attempted to escape; but there always comes a place and an hour when a higher civilization must come forth, and this civilization is born from the root of the higher race ideal and comes as an embodiment of the increasing intelligent investigation of the few. The new is always the bursting out of some thought plane which can no longer be embodied in old superstitions and old ideals.

In the old civilization men worshipped and believed in a Christ ideal that was built for them by the minds of those who

taught and phrased in the understanding and language of their time, and in the new civilization men will worship and believe in a Christ which again will be built for them by the minds of those who interpret according to their day, and each interpretation will leave its lasting impression on the people of its time.

Throughout the old centuries few have dared to contradict the edicts of the old mind and those who dared to think outside the beaten track did so under the stigma of infidelity and anti-Christ. The centuries have dragged on and men following the lead of stronger minds have lived and died worshipping the idea of the crucified, bleeding, outraged, poverty-stricken Christ-hood. The man Jesus became for them and their children the lamb of sacrifice and God atonement; the one who was crucified, who died and was buried for the sins of the world. The leaders held these beliefs to their hearts; they fought and bled and died themselves; they killed, destroyed and bound captive those who resented what they called a divine ideal.

Today, in the light of a new race ideal, an entirely new conception of Christhood is slowly taking place, and a new Christ stands forth to lead the new race into higher and higher revelation.

Beginning with the very birth of Jesus the Christ, the new race mind no longer argues or analyzes; the question of the immaculate conception is not for them shrouded in mystery; it sees in the Christ birth only the working out of a great natural law more or less latent in the race of that day.

Jesus the Christ was born through the action of the great cosmic law of emanation. The New Civilization has remembered that the first race, called the Sacred Race, reproduced itself by this law. All of the first race was bi-sexual, and reproduction was common to all; there was neither male nor female, but just the divinely human being who contained within itself the potentiality of all life. Until the second and third era passed away man was an etherealized being with all power within a glorious body, a body so glorified that its

very exhalations were like the perfume of flowers. Reproduction was a natural law of emanation from the self. As race evolution went on the hour struck for separation, not because men fell into sin, as the old race idea postulates, but simply because it was time in evolutionary law for separation to begin. The male and female qualities had evolved to where emanation from within was supplemented by a lesser law of emanation from without, and reproduction through sex separation began. At this time marked differences occurred in the physical formation and the evolution of individual men and women took the place of the dual races.

It requires countless periods of time to bring about this change and make external generation possible among the sacred individuals of whom only a small portion came in at the beginning and it is written: "It came to pass when men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God (the sacred race) saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them

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wives of all which they chose . . . and they bare children to them."

The sons of God were celestial beings, the daughters of men were of sex generation, and from these sons of God and daughters of men the whole human race was born.

As race evolution continued, emanation grew less and less frequent and finally became a latent factor. It has continued in some form through all races and up to the present day a faint trace of the duality of the race is found in the modern perversion of sex we call hermaphroditic.

At the time of the birth of Jesus this power was not yet extinct and Mary, the mother of Jesus, being a descendant of the sacred race, had latent within her body the emanative consciousness and she conceived and brought forth the Christ child as the direct result of emanation through highly intensified spiritual desire.

It is not a strange, mysterious, impossible thing, this immaculate conception, but the New Civilization knows it as the natural expression of a natural law lying dor-

mant in the bodies of the race. Today we recognize the possibilities of the reaction of a normal cosmic potentiality in the life of an individual consecrated to atonement with the divine law.

The priesthood of that day, lost in the play of materiality, could only explain as far as they could understand, and bound in superstition and ignorance and outside the realm of true God consciousness they fashioned what they could not explain to satisfy the ever-inquiring race mind. They offered a religious myth to take the place of a scientific fact and men accepted it because individual revelation was not yet an established law.

Emanation and reproduction are two different states of race consciousness, emanation belongs to the centralized action and reproduction to the diversified one. The hour will strike again down the centuries when emanation and not reproduction will prevail; when that hour comes individuals will create their own children in their own womb, "as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be" the great

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law of unity; but it cannot come until this planet is raised, by the raising of the race consciousness, to vibrate to higher waves of cosmic life. The pulse of the cosmic heart will need to rise through the evolution of all the races before a higher law can come into activity. When we stop to think how far away we are from the idea even of self-emanation, we can see that it will take countless ages of race unfoldment.

As long as we live in a world where to manifest a divine law would ostracize one who operated it, there is little possibility of its activity. Today, if a woman anywhere should declare an emanation she would be stoned to death by the criticism of those who were in ignorance of truth. As long as a race forbids free motherhood, under a reproductive law, it is not strange that it would declare motherhood impossible under a divine law. It will take centuries to free the race mind from the superstitions of the past and plant in it the new ideas of a new race civilization with a new freedom and new fundamentals of a new day.

Jesus the Christ came as a direct embodiment of a divine desire; he was the deep of supply answering to the deep of need; he came over his own divine pathway and the glorified consciousness and the consecrated flesh of the Virgin Mary offered the divine potentiality through which the natural cosmic law of re-birth operated, and he could come out again at his own level of power.

' He came to redeem his own and complete his work, he was born not of the will of the blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God, and he brought a peace and a benediction to the submerged minds of his day.

JESUS THE CHRIST

It was part of the old world civilization to picture Jesus the Christ as a great spiritual entity leaving the center of divine being where he and his Father dwelt in a glorified communion, and moved by a divine compassion for the sin tossed world of humanity, obey the higher command of his Father and take upon himself a human

form and come out into expression here on earth to go on in a sublime renunciation, working the work of Him who sent him.

This was without doubt a high and holy sentiment and one which had and must ever have a marked power to inspire those who have within themselves no power to reason or interpret the higher truth, but those who have awakened to the light of a deeper understanding, it offers nothing but the picture of an idea brought forth by those who can only see in part, and prophesy in part, and who look through their glass of life darkly.

The New Civilization interprets all things from the fundamental of cosmic evolution and sees life not in the part but in the whole. It sees the law of race evolution and knows that nothing happens, but that everything is by natural law. It has not forsaken the Christ, it is not anti-Christ, but it has come into a deeper conception of the Christ and a truer understanding of his mission.

Following race evolution we find that throughout every age some great principle

had to be kept before the unfolding race life and that at all times a great principle was expressed through a great personality. Jesus the Christ came because the hour struck in cosmic law for his appearance and for the recharging of the intelligence of humanity with a new and powerful impulse. For centuries the race mind had been drifting away into diversified objective living and it had come to that time in its expression where it needed to be called back again into deep cosmic centralization.

Jesus came, a new thought in an old thought world, and he came to embody the spirit of unity which was necessary for the next step in evolution. The race mind was everywhere deep in conflict and separation and his spiritual illumination was to mould Greek, Jew and Gentile into paths of harmonious assimilation. Jesus was a spiritual materialization to this planet of one of the celestial beings who must, by cosmic law, appear whenever the hour in race evolution demands it. He was the group soul of this planet and he lived and died as the

embodiment of the sublime law. His consciousness made a center of power, through which the whole human race went onward into larger spiritual inclusion.

When Jesus was yet in early youth he showed the signs of his celestial origin, and while a boy of tender years he sat at the feet of the teachers of his day. The Akashic records show that at one time he was a student of the high priests of his birthplace and that later a great prince of India, hearing of his wonderful wisdom, sought to be allowed to take him to the schools of that great country. Here he advanced along the pathway for the unfoldment of the celestial mind in the body of the man and passing from master to master, learning all the laws of raceology and cosmology, he stood at last including in his own mind all the wisdom of all the master minds of India. From here he was carried on to Thibet, where again he included all the wisdom of its powerful teachers, then to Assyria to become the wizard of Assyrian law, before leaving for Persia, where all the hidden law of Persian science

was fully expounded to him; afterwards to Greece to learn the laws of Grecian occultism, and finally a visit to Egypt put the last finishing touches to an already masterful mind. In Egypt he passed all the initiations attending the first steps of a Revelator to the race and linked himself with the long chain of seers and prophets, before emerging with all earthly and heavenly wisdom within him, ready to accomplish the high destiny for which he came.

He stood then Lord of matter through knowledge of the physical side of cosmic law, Lord of the mental through knowledge of the etheric side of self and substance; he knew material and materialization, he understood the law of the spiritual, and he could pass from spirit mind into spirit form at will.

He stood with his master mind so cosmically attuned that it registered the universal mind of all the masters of all nations and all ages, all of which he combined within his own God consciousness and turned to work the work of the higher race progress.

At this time, John the Baptist had been crying in the wilderness, calling the soul of the race to the beginning of a higher civilization which was to come, and out into this conglomerate mixture of men's minds, Jesus the Christ walked. His presence brought a new message which was to control, direct and mould them for the next three thousand centuries.

While Christ was on earth he was clothed with a spiritual form made tangible to the grosser senses of men, and this Christ substance acted upon by Christ mind, gave in one direction healing, in another prophecy; in another, materialization; and through concentration of this divine ray of mind, wherever it came into contact with the elements, the cosmic law was evolved.

THE CHRIST MESSAGE

Jesus the Christ came and brought an eternal message of power, peace and freedom to the downcast hearts of his day. His birth, life and death were sublime inspirations to the race and from the hour when he stood a boy in the Temple, till he

suffered under Pontius Pilate and ultimately drew his last earthly breath upon the cross, he was a thousand times more than the patient sacrifice which the old-thought world made him. He was the king of a consciousness so high that it brooked no contradiction. He was always the ruler from celestial heights, exalting his kingship and manifesting its attributes of power and understanding. The prophet of his own crucifixion he met it with the wisdom of the inspired martyr. To those who insulted him fell the unanswerable retort: "I know whence I came and whither I go, but ye cannot tell whence I come and whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh, I judge no man."

Jesus taught the world that he had a mission and that he knew why he was in their midst, saying: "To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world, to know truth and to bear witness of it." No vestige of doubt was ever permitted regarding either his message, or the completeness of his union with the highest center of consciousness. His affirmation

"I and my Father are one" stands incontrovertible for all time. He had one eternal affirmation. "All that my Father hath is mine." When the race, foolish in its traditions, took up stones against him, he said: "Many good works have I showed you from the Father, for which of these works do ye stone me?" and they could only answer: "For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God." The message designed to inspire every hearer was one of absolute unity and of a boundless freedom through this unity, while an eternal conviction of it was contained in the declaration: "Ye have not known him; but I know him; and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you; but I know him and keep his sayings."

By him a new thought was planted in a world of old traditions, teaching the inviolable sanctity of the self through recognizing that "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." When his disciples violated the traditions

of the elders by eating with unwashen hands, they drew upon themselves the reproaches of the elders, who in turn earned the merited reproof: "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of his mouth, this defileth a man." The sin tossed world, broken to pieces with its own negative laws heard the consoling words: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace" and were stirred to respond to the invitation: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." The law of a higher consciousness was shown to be the only efficient means which could be used in order that life could be properly directed and controlled.

Jesus was the world's greatest physician, healing the sick, making the blind see, standing in the midst of disease and pestilence, by the side of the dead, the dying and the long-time dead, and, suspending

the lower states of his consciousness, he stirred the higher ethers into action, causing disease to vanish into nothingness and life to come slowly back into veins of the dead.

He used only the natural powers of his own developed understanding, and what for centuries had been mystery in the minds of the race was to him only the natural expression of natural laws. Master of the material universe himself, he spoke to wind and waves as men would speak to each other, and the winds and waves obeyed his "Peace, be still." Knowing the law of the atomic mind of substance, it was brought into action and employed in feeding the multitude with loaves and fishes as well as turning water into wine. King of an eternal kingdom, he lived always in the transcendent glory of his own unfoldment, continually pointing the race onward and upward into the glory of its own accomplishment.

Jesus the Christ abolished nothing; he left the old alone, but steadily pushed forward the new, regarding the observance of

both in his instructions to "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." To him the past, present and future were one and all included in the consciousness of man, worked out in the present. He said: "Let the dead past bury its dead" and "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Without advocating repentance, regret or self-depreciation, but said: "To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are." With the fallen woman he sympathized, comforting her with his assurance: "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." There was no injunction to go and be filled with remorse, regret and repentance, but simply "Go and sin no more," while to the man he had healed was given the warning: "Sin no more lest a worse thing come unto thee."

Jesus never took away the human love, but exhorted his followers to "Love one another." He found the old race under the law of the old Jewish kismet: "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,"

and he said: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

Every step of the masterful ministry of Jesus the Christ was resplendent with his own self-wisdom; he knew every step of his cosmic journey, and like a great prince of power and peace, lived up to his exalted declaration: "I am the Light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Never poor, down-trodden, miserable, nor despairing himself, he taught the poor race mind the law of divine opulence and the immortal birthright of every life to full supply, claiming for himself: "All that my Father hath is mine," and supplementing it by "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Both birds and flowers afforded instances from which a lifelong lesson was drawn: "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them. . . . Consider the lilies, how they grow; they toil not, they spin not, and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not

arrayed like one of these." How fully all needs were anticipated was proved by him and stated in terms too plain to be mistaken: "Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things" and "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." He wore seamless robes of immeasurable value; all his physical needs were satisfied, for as priest of the temple the people had to serve him, and through his own relationship with atomic substance, he manifested his own supply.

He touched the atomic mind of substance and his disciples took money from the mouth of the fish. He could at all times and in any place on his path materialize for his own needs as well as those of others. "And they that did eat were four thousand men, besides women and children."

The old civilization has held before the race mind for ages the picture of the beggar Christ, though every word of history shows him to be a king of supply, exercising a power so high that it can but faintly be apprehended. Between the lines of his

mighty message the old race mind reads in poverty and humiliation. He said: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." But Jesus, knowing that as a great race messenger and revelator, he was bound by his own cosmic law to go to all people and to be forever in action, said these words, not from poverty-stricken consciousness, but so that the people should understand that friends and homes and personal loves and personal expressions could have no enduring part in the life of a great group soul.

He spoke in parables, conveying the deeper meanings of his own life, and then interpreted them in the letter. The old thought leaders kept poverty, want and lack in the minds of the race, but it was built by their own childish misunderstanding and not from the glorified principles of the Christ life.

Master of all laws, lord of this lower kingdom, Jesus the Christ spoke for all who had ears to hear the infinite message of the

glory and greatness and majesty of God in the world he had projected from himself. Through every word of his message there ran the story of the limitlessness of man, his power and his peace.

He brought the message of the spirit to a world bound fast in material expression. He linked all life with the One Life, and made his own understanding the avenue by which a higher interpretation could be carried to all people. He was the divine principle embodied in the highest human form of perfection. He left the attribute of love to the race as a divine heritage, and this Christ love in the hearts of men will forever build them back into atonement with the Christ message and the Christ principle.

THE CRUCIFIXION

The old civilization worshipped and still worships a crucified, bleeding, suffering Savior. Everywhere the old race mind still holds fast to the idea of the pain and torture of a glorified sacrifice; it clings to, hugs and kisses the cross, and symbolizes its message of agony.

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To the new race mind all these things appear simply as the expression of the intelligence that produced them; the new race heart beats in pity, love and compassion for those who know no more, and for those who know less than the truth of the crucifixion. To the evolved understanding, the crucifixion is only the majestic end of a majestic life and the fulfillment of the laws under which the Christ consciousness came into the world.

Jesus came and went under a law too vast to be recognized in its entirety by the multitude. Through all his life he prophesied his crucifixion and went onward towards it in triumph and in power. He knew that he owned his own life and he said: "I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." He said:] "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins; whither I go ye cannot come." He told his disciples again and again of his approaching end, and at the last supper he said: "He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the

same shall betray me," and it is written that after he had angered the multitude by his divine wisdom that no man laid hands on him and that his hour had not come. He went into the garden of Gethsemane and prayed, and made conscious union between his divine and human consciousness that he might powerfully meet the hour of torture which he knew was before him, and with his own words he accepted his crucifixion. "Jesus . . . lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, Father, the hour is come, glorify thy son that thy son also may glorify thee." He did not try to turn away, his will was linked with the universal will, and he knew that the great universal law called for a great objective lesson in order to turn the diverse race mind into higher channels.

When he stood before Pontius Pilate, as a victim of the old race hatred and condemnation, he was still the conqueror, and in the face of questions remained silent, knowing no matter what was said his hour had come in which he must register in form the great cosmic ideal for which he had

been born. To the peremptory demand of Pilate: "Speakest thou not unto me? Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" a calm, convincing response rolled back from the depth of a soul victorious, saying: "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above." The knowledge of the higher law of his own life was willingly fulfilled. Again showing his place of power on his life's path, he said: "If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence." Touching the ear of the soldier and instantly healing him he said to those resisting: "Put up again thy sword. . . . Thinkest thou that I cannot pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels."

The old civilization has woven around the Christ and the cross all the heart-break and agony of unjustified suffering, but the new mind has arrived at a right understanding, aided by all the light of countless

ages gathered around the cross sublime. Wisdom watches from the beginning to the end, knowing all, understanding all, and through it the cross of Calvary gleaming with a new light, lifted high above the old thought idea of a blood atonement, stands as a majestic symbol of human consecration and divine law.

The cross did not end the message of the Christ, for he had one last truth to fulfill in the form of the resurrection of the body and the truth of life everlasting. Back from the shadow of the grave he came in a finer form and in a new materialization, showed the multitude again the wonder of his power drawn from the matchless kingdom of his own consciousness. In a body materialized from the earth substance he clothed his spiritualized mind and projected it into form so that through all the centuries to come the race mind might answer the question: "If a man die shall he live again?" In his resurrection from the dead and his ascension, a great immortal race birthright came into form. They had been told in the past: "I go to

prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

He saw the whole cosmic journey before them and knew that sooner or later the whole race would evolute into the higher God consciousness of his own place on the path and that when the spirit of truth and understanding came it would be one with the Father, even as Jesus himself was one.

Conversing with Mary, he said: "I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God," and this wonderful message has echoed and will continue to echo through the aeons of time: each generation will pass it on to the next, carrying through all the coming years what it has brought in the past: a great hope and a great peace, destined to forever lead the race on into increasing aspiration, illumination and prophecy.

The old civilization stood at the foot of the cross with tear-dimmed eyes and hearts beating in unison with the agony of the

man Jesus; it stands yet with upraised hands, red with blood that bought it from its own human ignorance; while broken, bleeding, bruised and torn, the Christ stands ever before it, beckoning it onward and upward over the same old pathway of agony and self-renunciation. The centuries have left these minds to themselves to beat their hearts out in the darkness of their own self-made misery. The new civilization can but leave them to their old interpretations, but the new race, glad with a glorified understanding, stands at the foot of the cross today with eyes uplifted, filled with the light that is never on land or sea, and hearts glad with an emotion of love and joy so great that it surges through them like a great sea of infinite longing. Hands are uplifted, not in any supplication nor in pain, but in praise and glory at the majesty of the wisdom which could lead the race for centuries into God consciousness through the glorious symbol of the cross of consecration.

Higher than the human pain of the man Jesus, there rises the triumphant essence

of the Christ principle, the love of God in the human soul brought out in sublime transfiguration.

The new race mind is filled with the idea of a triumphant Christ; its eyes beholding always the glory of an ascending selfhood, its heart warm with the rapture of the brotherhood and the leadership of Jesus, and with the whole being thrilled and spiritualized by the majesty and power of Christ, in the world which he had chosen to evolve, raises itself step by step to the levels of the plane of its Christ leader. It stands with uncovered head before the God-man in human form, and lifting its thoughts unto the transcendent heights of the human mind, it worships a risen Christ, a glorified Savior, and the atonement of the old gives place to the new at-onement.

We have not lost our Father's God, nor our Father's Christ; we have only lost the old God idea and the old Christ crucified; the new race speaks from the depths of its higher understanding, saying with Levi, the modern seer: "All hail Christ that

was and is and evermore shall be, all hail
the broken cross, all hail the empty tomb,
for what was once cast down is high ex-
alted now, and God and man are one for
evermore."

Third Fundamental

THE NEW IDEA OF MAN

BEFORE we can understand fully the new idea of man, we must study him as he appears to us when viewed in the light of the old idea. The old civilization taught that man was a part of God, a reflection of God, an expression of God, that he was separate from God in an entirely different zone of consciousness and that man had separated himself from his source through sin and selfishness and could only return through long cycles of conscious prayerful supplication.

They thought that man of himself could do nothing, that he was simply a worm of the dust, "born for a few days and full of trouble," a parasite upon the Universal life and that he did not know enough to

know what he wanted or what was good for him, and that life, death, happiness, joy, pain or sorrow, health or disease, were precipitated upon him through the will of God and independent of his own choice.

Man was taught that his sole 'necessity' was to submit his mind to the inevitable, and to praise and worship this invisible person, that meted out to man at his own pleasure. Man was also taught that through prayer, praise and worship this power could be appeased so as to deliver to man his highest good on earth and that death was a paradise where life could continue forever in worship.

The old civilization held man's personal will to be a thing of evil and that to think, speak or direct in terms of human command was heresy and a lasting blasphemy against God. They thought that man was not a creator but that he was a receiver and a distributor.

Bound down with these old ideas the race consciousness dragged on and generations were born and generations died un-

til at last the zone of human intelligence widened far enough that men began to read a new interpretation of the hand-writing on the wall of consciousness. For centuries these fundamentals had contradicted the intellectual and spiritual common sense and there were born those who had the courage to stand forth and build a new spiritual interpretation and privilege for man and teach what Jesus the Christ taught and what he left stamped upon the specialized minds of the race.

Jesus taught the power and majesty of man and his place and responsibility in the great Universal plan. He said, "As the Father raiseth up the dead and quickeneth them, so hath he given the Son the power to quicken whom he will."

Armed with a deeper understanding of Universal intelligence manifesting in the Christ consciousness of the leaders of the race today, New Thought says without fear of contradiction that *man is an individualized God*, that he is not a part of God, not a reflection of God, not an expression of God, not a ray of God, but

that he is God consciousness itself at the human point of manifestation.

Man thinks the thoughts of God and acts as God no matter what he does or where he goes. He is not now and never will be concerned in saving his soul. He has always been a saved soul, passing in freedom of expression from one to another level of Divine consciousness.

Man is a creator, a receiver, a distributor and an unfolder, of God consciousness and he builds his own world by his own recognition of the intelligence of substance and at all times he says, let there be light or darkness over his own material universe.

No one gives to man but himself, no one takes away from him but himself. He is Universal intelligence, substance and force, and whatever he has or has not is simply a picture of his own manifestation of Divine intelligence.

The Universal intelligence is always in manifestation. Man must meet and control, direct and shape all this intelligence, seen and unseen, to his own law.

“It is God’s will that we should meet his will
And we can meet it unafraid,
There may be mile after mile of the dark,
But after the last mile it is day.
On that dawn thing here in the breast,
Which the slayer himself can’t slay.”

This is the last word that has been spoken by the poet and it was spoken by one who knows.

The old civilization allowed that man was a creator of form on the physical plane and that he could create or refrain from creating at his own will on this plane, but it remained for the modern mind to reveal that man could move his point of creative genius to any level of consciousness and create or destroy at will.

By a conscious fling of mentation, man can command the atomic mind of matter, and from empty formless space can call forth myriad forms of beauty and of power. He can command Cosmic consciousness to appear in form as health, wealth, love, service, worship, wisdom or anything he desires, and these states be-

come substance and are with him in grace and beauty and truth.

There is concerted action between the atomic mind of substance and the mind of man; when he knows this and understands the law he becomes the supreme creator and director of his whole pathway through life; through the profound spiritual perception of his own mind he links himself with the Universal intelligence.

Man then becomes the *little world* in the *big world* and his work in this zone of consciousness called the world zone is to learn how to build a material universe and connect and express in form all the deep spiritualized states of consciousness within him. As he passes on in recognition of a higher law, he touches the higher zones of consciousness of the spheres and beyond these the consciousness of dominions and he is then filled with the revelation of a savior of the race.

Jesus was in direct control of all the atomic mind of Universal substance. He was God, Lord, Master, Creator, all in one. He stirred the atomic mind of sub-

stance and the water turned to wine. He said, "look in the mouth of the fish," and there his disciples found silver. He said to the wind and the waves, "Peace, be still," he commanded the elements and they obeyed him.

The Lords of this planet centuries ago taught the race mind that in the spiritual consciousness of mastery, men could say as the sages of old have always said, "By the power that is vested in me, by thee, oh Jehovah, I command the elements to fall before my will."

New Thought has taken man off the plane of separateness, weakness and sinfulness, where the ignorance of the past generations has placed him, and opened his eyes, his nostrils, and revealed him, a living monument of glory and majesty.

He is only a little lower than the angels, he stands upright in a new-found self-hood. He is born anew into a world of intelligence, force and substance. Freedom is his immortal birthright, he has become the divine ruler of this lower sphere. He is the highest expression of God conscious-

ness on this plane. It is for him to command and all other things must obey him.

He is only receptive to the higher reaches of Cosmic intelligence toward which he is evolving, but he is eternally positive to those through which he has evolved. He is lord of the mineral, lord of the vegetable, lord of the animal, he is awake now to full God consciousness in his own sphere.

He knows now that the Universal wants him to have whatever he wants and will aid him to secure it. By this ever-increasing inclusion, experience and expression he passes himself on, cycle by cycle, into wider reaches of the Divine mind.

He stands now a king enthroned with scepter in his hand. "God has one valiant in this lower sphere. Man, with courage born of heights above." His law is God's law. He is the king of earth! With this supreme knowledge of his own Godhood he begins here and now to fling his new worlds into shape and form, and his new creations come and gather around him.

He finds the instruments within himself which relate him with the great Universal

intelligence, force and substance; then through careful selection of instruments (his thoughts), he builds each day more stately visions and passes himself from good to better and on to *best*.

Further and further he reaches out into the formless Universal consciousness and touches ever-increasing degrees of creative genius. He finds the full story of how God (the Universal Mind) and man (the manifested mind) are related and he learns that there is one Mind in God and that mind is his mind now.

He builds from his own illumined consciousness a bridge of higher revelation, over which he passes in and out at his own pleasure, bringing back with him the priceless gems which he takes from the Universal storehouse of God.

fourth fundamental

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

N the search for God, the human mind soon realizes that the thing he is seeking is within himself; and no matter how far out he flings his consciousness, he is forced to return again and again to the inner center and find there that *Oneness* which nothing but himself can conceal or reveal.

In this never ending search, the human mind rushes wildly in every direction, seeking through external contact and internal realization, that subtle sensation which will bring the abiding conviction that it is one *now* and *forever* with the God it seeks.

The soul must *KNOW* God, not just *seek* after him, and the soul must *know* Self, not just vaguely sense it.

After it has known God and Self, it must still go on in its demands, and seek to find

the subjective and objective laws by which these two zones of consciousness are related.

How are God and man related? This is the third question of the initiate.

No matter how long they wait, they come naturally to it, and will not go on until the question is answered.

God and man are one; but manifestation is in different ratios of intelligence, and this relationship must remain an endless labyrinth of questionings, doubts and fears, unless the relationship is made clear and simple.

God and man are related through the great cosmic principle called mind.

"There is one mind in God, and that mind is my mind now," is the affirmation of the Masters throughout the centuries.

There is nothing in all the world but mind, and this mind acting as intelligence, force and substance.

Man is a localized point of this intelligence, force and substance; he is a specialized point of cosmic power, a little world in a big world; and he is ever creating, projecting and evolving his own conditions.

His thoughts reach out into the formless mind substance, and he relates himself by recognition with the atomic mind around him.

The action of the mind of God in man is expressed through the thoughts of the human mind; these thoughts are the wires of transference, and over these wires there pass the messages of man to God and God to man.

These thought currents may become for man a bridge of accomplishment and profound possessions, or they may become a tunnel of limitations and dispossessions.

There is concerted action between universal and finite intelligence; and "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," and "as ye mete, it is meted unto you."

Whatever man thinks, he in reality asks of the universal, and the universal passes it to him in his own form.

Whatever is whispered in the closet between the mind of God and the mind of man, in thoughts, is cried from the housetop in form.

Man is the material manifestation of Divine consciousness, and God the spirit-

ual side of the same mind. God and man are the progenitors of all that passes between them, be it high or holy, dark or damned.

Thought force, generated and expended interiorly, passes by cosmic law into material form, and thought force, generated and expended exteriorly, passes by natural law into pure essence and joins the universal storehouse of energy, waiting to be again generated and passed into form.

• This cosmic cycle of essence and form runs through man's mind as the current runs along the wire, and man is the central point of power wherewith the current is either intensified or retarded.

He pauses in essence here, or form there, and his *thoughts* connect or disconnect him at will.

With fear, ignorance, superstition, false teachings, man builds his own mind away from its normal relationship; with his thoughts he places a thousand false gods and forms between him and his own Divine source.

Out of this come the blind wanderings

which make the soul feel that it has no real at-one-ment; and this continues until he takes away his own walls of separation, destroys them with his own thoughts, and realizes anew his true relationship.

Disease, poverty, loss, pain, sorrow, separateness; these destroy the true vision of the one mind in man, and this dulls man's finer spiritual perceptions.

Peace, Love, Joy, Faith, Happiness, Health, Wealth, Service; these keep the mind of God and man in vibrant harmony, and, through this direct union, the very joy and greatness of the Universe floods his consciousness.

With his mind and the Universal as *one*, man's thoughts can reach out into ever-widening reaches of inclusion, creation, projection and command, and he can walk on, with every thought a "God"-thought, and God is his companion, comrade, friend and guide.

He has found eternal relationship, and knows that this relationship is his immortal birthright, and no one can ever disinherit him but himself.

Fifth Fundamental

THE NEW IDEA OF LIFE



HERE is a great difference between the interpretation of the old and the new idea of life.

The old world saw life in the "short run," and the new world sees life in the "long run."

Upon these two vastly different ideas hang all the philosophies, sciences and religions of the two worlds.

The old civilization grew up around its idea, and the new civilization is forming around its own. As the old lived, loved, hoped, feared, gained, lost, evolved, through the experiences which its beliefs brought, just so the new will be forced to abide by all that its own fundamentals bring.

Life in the "short run" began by making each individual the special creation of a

personal God, and saw each birth presided over by special dispensation.

The path of life reached only from the cradle to the grave, and all human hope, joy, sorrow, loss, gain or reward, was measured therein.

There was in this idea no reaching back into a forgotten past, and no reaching forward into a pathway that led from worlds to spheres, from spheres to dominions, and from dominions to eternities.

There was no blending of cause and effect in today, that might have its fulfillment in tomorrow.

With the old race idea of life in the "short run," human life became simply a blind alley, filled with agonized human endurance, with no beginning, but with an end somewhere in the doubtful future.

With the "New Idea of Life," humanity has a new hope and a sublime realization which gives it the majesty of its own place on the path, and hands it, here and now, the full reward for things done and undone.

It gives man a rational interpretation of

himself and his cosmic journey, and in this "long run" man finds time enough to interpret, adjust, arrange and rearrange his human experiences, to fit his own unfolding consciousness, and fit his consciousness to harmonize with his experiences.

"The New Idea of Life" begins with man at his beginning and follows him in close comradeship, from atom to man, from man to angel, from angel to Host, from Host to God, and from God to the ONE LIMITLESS ALL-CONSCIOUS ONE.

We see man, on his journey through the sub-kingdoms, manifesting simply as the undifferentiated Cosmic Mind; then, through the inter-kingdoms, where consciousness is creeping into human form; then through the human form, and the kingdom known as the Worlds, evolving from this into the kingdom of the *Spheres*; then to *Dominions*; and then into ONENESS with the zone of transmutation, ETERNITY.

With the vision of life in the "long run," and man as an Individualized God, always in self-imposed conditions walking his pathway fashioned from himself and for him-

self, this thing called human life becomes a wonder, a joy, a never-ceasing romance of consciousness, each hour more entrancing than the last, for it can be so overspread with strange enrapturing subtleties.

The New Civilization says: Life is a *means to an end*. The cause of life is *Divine Desire*. The purpose of life is *Expression*. The way of life is *Love and Service*. The end or consummation of life is *God consciousness*, and this consciousness worked out in unending reaches of desire, expression and love.

Around these fundamentals are woven all the laws and the prophecies; and there are rising new schools of learning, new institutions for healing, new industrial opportunities, new churches with new religious privileges and revelations; and, high before the new and the old, these principles hang. The new leaders point to both and say: "Choose this day whom ye will serve."

This, then, being the cause, purpose, way and end of life, and the time eternity, the place always just where the soul is

upon the path, man finds himself and finds that he never had but one work to do, and that was, just to *live* and *be*; and in this living and being he is fulfilling the great cosmic design.

Following him, then, we read the story of himself. It is written on and in all we find around him.

Man is expressing through a perfect season of all forms of God consciousness; and he must have this perfect season in every race, nation, people, colors, climes. He must feel the impulses of the savage breast, the barbaric mind, the half-civilized emotions, the weaknesses of full civilization, the degeneracy of the supra-civilized senses, and the full perfected consciousness of each.

He must include the experiences of the black, the brown, the yellow, the white skin; must thrill with the joy of the sensuous consciousness of the tropics, and chill at the hardness and repression of the mountain's cold and fastness.

A perfect season of all sensation, emotion, reason and intuition is not included.

in one small zone of form or expression, and the one who is on the pathway to universal consciousness must take all paths.

The biggest life is the one which includes the most, and the most perfect life is the one which expresses constructively and universally the things which it includes.

The master knows sorrow until it passes into joy; thus, he wears out pleasure and pain.

He knows passion, until from its own white ashes it flings forth the blossom of love; Divine love, until it thrills with the pangs of passion; tears, until they turn to smiles; and he smiles through tears, for so sweet has grown joy that it merges into grief.

This is *Life*. On the great wheel of human experience man is ever passing himself on from one to another self-imposed condition of *greatness*.

His perfect season of disbelief of most things, is the law which whirls him on to belief in *all*, and he "hugs and kisses the spokes in agony," until he learns this lesson and has eyes to see and ears to hear what

all nature's voice is speaking, that "all life is God, and God is quivering life."

The old world story of life in the "short run" was a sweet fairy tale in some of its gentler details, but all too narrow for a growing soul.

It takes more than a few short years between the cradle and the grave for each human soul to be all that it is meant to be; and not even the calm uninterrupted bliss of the Christian's heaven can quite satisfy the craving of the Individualized God-man, or recompense him with its inertia for the fierce delight which his own Godhood can give.

There are thousands of persons on the planet today who know life in the "long run," know that they have lived before; that they will live again; that they are today the picture of their hopes and dreams in other lives.

They can read the handwriting on the wall of their own consciousness, and see that they are taking out of life in the *now* just the effects of the causes they put in operation in the past.

Life in the "long run" answers the questions of How? Where? When? Why? No other answer will do, and no other answer has been accepted for long by the evolved human reason.

Life in the "short run" answers nothing. It plunges the soul into an impossible hypothesis and leaves it to hunt its way back along dim corridors of doubt, made more terrible by their uncertainty.

Life in the "long run" teaches man to interpret himself, while life in the "short run" leaves man to the mercy of the ignorant and superstitious.

With the "New Idea of Life" in the "long run," man looks at himself, and finds conditions around him. He knows where to put the blame, and as he is an Individualized God on his own self-made path through the worlds, he knows that the only place to put the praise or blame for anything is upon himself.

Disease, poverty and the heart-break of life, become for him, then, only the effects of his own causes; and joy and health and

love are the perfect fruits of his own tree of life, whose root is truth.

Life in the "long run" makes every man a master builder, and in this Cosmic journey, in all and through all, he may pass along quickly, or he may make his transit take thousands of years.

He may go the long way of Cosmic *evolution*, or the shorter way of Cosmic *transmutation*. He can learn everything in a moment in consciousness, or he may live it all through in experience in form. The choice rests with him. His perfection demands that he contact both the formed and the formless, but the stay in each is in his own will.

The path of evolution, births and rebirths, of experience in form, is the pathway of the race man; the path of transmutation, through experience, expression and inclusion in consciousness, is the path of the masters and saviors. "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way; few there be that walk therein."

To take conscious command of the human life in every detail, and speak, think

and direct our every action, with the consciousness of God and as one who speaks with authority, is the highest power, and leads us on quickly into the Elder Brotherhood of the path.

The Universal does not care; Eternity is a long time and man is a free agent. The Path is open and the way is his own. He can take his own time.

The whole of life may be in one hour's passing, or it may drag through endless seasons of births and rebirths.

The soul that seeks the short cut on the long run of life will find it, and it comes through human conditions which bring with them the concentrated essences of joy and grief.

It is written, that a woman died and went to Hell, and finding that she had been condemned to dwell there for a thousand years, she wept and prayed for freedom from the sentence. The devil jailer said, "Nay! Nay!"

Then she knelt and begged him take her back to earth just for a little while. She must see her beloved husband before she

went into her long exile. He had loved her so; he would not live without her; she *must* go back.

At last, wearied with her incessant appeal, the jailer consented, and they began their journey back to earth for one last farewell.

They came to earth. Sweet strains of music greeted them. They drew near and found they came from a great cathedral, out of whose doors came a gorgeous throng.

The devil pushed the woman before him into the crowd as the multitude parted to make way for a triumphant bridal party. "Kneel here," he said, "and watch."

The woman knelt and waited. Down the long aisle, amid the cries of the multitude, who sang and showered them with roses, came the bride and groom. The woman saw the upturned face of her beloved husband, warm, sweet, tender, blind to all else but the wondrous beauty of his new-found bride.

The woman reached out her hands as he passed; her dumb lips failed to gasp his name, and he was gone.

'The devil came and looked steadily into her eyes. She sank slowly to the earth. "Take me back to Hell," she whispered, "I am ready"; but the devil stooped and lifted her to her feet. "Your debt is paid," he said, "you need not go back; for in that moment you lived a thousand years in Hell."

This is the human pathway of transmutation, and in life in the "long run" man finds opportunities everywhere to lap his own experiences of thousands of years into one, and to include in one vast fling of mind the reincarnations, births and rebirths of many centuries and many zones.

The final word, then, is this:

Every human being begins and ends as God. Life is only the opportunity for him to express his ever-increasing God consciousness.

Life is not a sentence, a judgment, nor a sin, but is a wonderful cosmic cord, linking zones of intelligence together, until they are at last merged into *one*.

Sixth Fundamental

THE NEW IDEA OF HEALTH

EVER since the minds of men could question, they have wondered and asked about the disease of the flesh.

What is the cause of disease? This is the perplexing question.

Why are some persons literally disabled by the weakness of their flesh, while in the same world, right beside them and under the same conditions, are other persons who are strong, happy, free, living in radiant activity in their bodies?

The race mind questions and will continue to question until it is given an answer it can comprehend; one that does not contradict its reason and intellectuality.

The masters of the past answered these questions according to their understanding and beliefs, and for centuries the mass

mind has tried to work out its salvation by these old laws and methods.

The revelators of the New Civilization are answering these questions in a way they have never before been answered, and are bringing health, physical freedom, divine realization and actualization to those who can accept these revelations.

They are telling the world what disease really is; where it began, its cause and cure; then leaving it to assist itself into finer laws of physical harmony, where the flesh can become an accomplished factor in the perfected expression of life.

Disease began when life began, for life began as Universal Intelligence manifesting as force and substance. There is only one intelligence, but there are two great actions of this intelligence in substance. There is the intelligence which builds up, holds together, constructs and forms, and the one which tears down, destroys form and rearranges substance to fit a new and increased perfection of form. These two actions of Universal Intelligence are everywhere; one need not take long to

convince themselves that these are really cosmic principles.

There are only four elemental forces, and these are Earth, Water, Fire and Air.

These are the cosmic forces through which intelligence acts. They each have their own positive and negative expression; they are each constructive, destructive and reconstructive, and they are in eternal arrangement and rearrangement.

Let us study them for a moment and find the truth of these words. Study the Earth — all that is or ever will be, rests upon the wonderful cosmic shoulders of "Mother Earth." The earth holds the races of men, and supports them in life and covers them in death.

It is the fountainhead of material supply — all food, all fiber, all activity and rest is dependent upon the solidarity of the earth. Standing strong and firm as Gibraltar stands, the earth opens her arms, calling the whole human race to rest upon her breast; and yet, just one little shivering slip, and great empires, dynasties and states are rearranged in a moment's time.

The slightest trembling of the earth strikes panic to the world heart, and man, even while he walks each day in apparent safety, knows deep within his soul that even "in the midst of life we are in death."

Take Water — without moisture, there could not be life. Water softens, dissolves, mixes all forms into new solutions and expressions. It makes the touch of life a benediction, and it extinguishes the mad flame of fire, and combining with it, becomes the most wonderful compelling force of steam.

Water is the great Universal solvent, the great cosmic reflector of spiritual form; yet with the wild raging of billows and the fierce surging flood-tides of water, vast continents have been submerged fathoms deep, while, "above the wrecks of ships and men, the placid ocean shows no scars."

Study the Fire — Fire, the great cosmic principle of heat, manifests for us universally as the sun and finitely as fire.

The sun shines down upon the pulsing earth, and vegetation germinates, becom-

ing full-fledged form; but in the very hour of its promised fulfillment there comes often the ravages of the white blistering rays of the sun, which burn and shrivel into nothingness the fields, the beautiful gardens and wonderful flowers, parching and destroying even human life.

The finite principle of fire warms, comforts, and keeps human life in power, pushing human consciousness on from savage to the supra-civilized. It is majestic in its power of construction and reconstruction, but raging flames, bursting away from control, leave in their track the charred remains of men, the white ash heaps of cities and civilizations.

The air is the life giver of the planet. Without air the world would cease to be; every living thing would perish. "It is the breath of the Almighty that giveth us life," and the gentle air, weighted with the incense of a thousand flowers, brings strength and power to the whole world. It cools the fevered brow, and is like a drink of glorious elixir to the exhausted tired self; yet, gathered into great de-

structive and reconstructive action, it rages over the land and sea in mad tornadoes, laying mighty cities low and strewing death and disaster in its track.

What has all this to do with health and disease? Everything! Our fundamentals find that there is only *ONE substance*, and at every place of action; the intelligence of this substance is *God*.

Man, then, is this God substance; he is the little world in the big world, and he has in him the same elemental forces as the big world.

Man is air, fire, water, earth, and every cosmic action of these elements is in man, limited only by his own diminutive zone of consciousness.

Man's mind and the Universal are *one* and the same thing. Man and God are related through this law, and with his thoughts man reaches out into the universal mind and fashions his own world of form, saying "Let there be light" over his world.

There is in the mind of man thought energy that links him with the great con-

structive energy of the Universe, and also thought energy that links him with the great destructive and reconstructive energy, and these thoughts, set in action, bring him their corresponding results in form.

There is a constructive trinity and a destructive trinity of thought and action. Thought energy, set in operation through man's own mind, has just three places to register: in his body as *flesh*, in his environment as *things*, and in his emotional life as *feeling*.

The constructive trinity of human thought is Unity, Faith and Love; and the destructive trinity of thought is Sex, Appetite and Self.

As soon as the minds of men can think they start on their purpose of life, which is creation, experience, expression and inclusion; from the quality of their thought force, their law of cause and effect begins. Desire for expression in form is the force which pushes them on, and in the first expression of life the desires are always personal, and the first experiences unite

the life with the destructive side of divine mind.

As man's consciousness extends it experiences all the reactions of destruction and reconstruction, and comes by natural desire into relation with the constructive side of mind; then it passes back and forth in both experiences, until it stands in the center of divine wisdom, control and choice, and can connect with the destructive forces constructively, and out of ordained destruction and reconstruction, it can bring forth complete perfected form.

It must go in and out in creation, re-creation, experience and inclusion, until it can pause anywhere and say "Evil, be thou my good." It is then a savior of the race and its work on this planet is done.

Back of every disease in the flesh, poverty of environment or heart-break of life is the conscious or unconscious linking of the life with the thought trinity of sex, appetite and self, linking the human life in the universal law of the destructive side of air, fire, water and earth.

The human life which flings itself on

through the destructive forces of passion and lust can know that it is slowly becoming one with all the destructive fires of the Universe, and some time it will stand with a burnt out, disfigured flesh body, and through quivering "body and through brain there will have swept the flames of lust's devouring fire, and but the scars remain." It is one with the white ashes of destruction, and will meet it, not because of a jealous God, but because it is the balance of the law it has set in operation for itself.

Back of the anger bound slave, who has no control over his desire for food, there stands ever the sentinel of the Universal law, and it says "If thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die"; and he dies daily to the finer and higher law of the flesh. He is one with the destructive law of earth and wave, and these elements beat through him with every pain that rocks his physical flesh.

Back of the egotistical self is the great destructive force of the tornado. Wild anger and gusts of rage beat through him,

destroying the true arrangement of his own atomic cell body, and his flesh keeps pace with his discordant, exalted mind.

The Universe keeps strict account of the energy expended in either way. Often man forgets, but the Law never, and "be ye therefore not deceived, God (the Law) is not mocked, and whatever a man soweth that also shall he reap," and as life goes on in the long run, man takes out of it what he has put in, and finds himself gathered together again and again in a physical body which is an exact replica of his past states of thought and action.

Where, then, does disease begin? It began when life began, for the universal law of arrangement and rearrangement began then.

What, then, is disease? Disease is the expression of the great universal destructive forces, brought into the human body by the intensification of negative states of mind.

What is the cure of disease? The induction of these states of consciousness which produce health.

Disease and health have no relationship

to each other. Disease is the product of primary destructive states of mind, and with their corresponding negative thoughts of anger, hate, fear, lust, resistance, condemnation, strife, jealousy, envy and separateness, seal the consciousness of man to the destructive elemental forces.

Health is the expression of the strong constructive vital states of mind with their corresponding thought force of love, unity, peace, hope, courage, faith, worship, non-resistance, power and righteousness.

We can choose this day which we will serve, and as soon as we have enough of the destructive action in spirit and body, we can change, put off the old man and put on the new.

Disease began in mind and it ends there.

Back of every life that is less than well, healthy and free in flesh, there is the long line of thinking and acting off the line of universal truth, love, worship and harmony, and we can rearrange our physical condition by rearranging our consciousness.

Jesus was the world's greatest physician. He healed the sick, made the blind to see,

and raised the dead. He did it through no other law than the one of regenerated spiritual thought through faith.

He said always, "Believest thou that I can do this thing?" and "Thy faith hath made thee whole," and when his disciples asked him who sinned, the blind man or his parents, he said, "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him," showing the truth of the ever-extending action of Divine Intelligence in form.

Today the New Civilization is healing itself through rising into the transcendent states of its own mind, and stamping upon the cell intelligence of its own body a higher law.

It is learning how to induce the states of mind which will bring health to the flesh, and to stand resolutely by these states. It knows that thoughts are things, and daily intensifying the thoughts which make for healing, it is building a health consciousness, and abides in this consciousness until it pulls the flesh into form.

Strong positive thoughts, of power, love,

truth, worship and service, are a great cure and prevention of disease, and with these thoughts the individual links himself with all the great spiritual creative forces of the Universe, and these currents run through him as electricity runs along the open wire. He is held in a reaction and re-creation of the flesh which nothing destructive can mar or change. All the constructive power of Air, Sun, Earth and Water is his daily portion, and they perfect him as they perfect a blooming rose.

When man is healed with this knowledge, he is healed to stay healed, for he has linked his mind with the laws of the Universe in which there is no disease or lack, but only ever-renewing strength and construction, and a continual passing on into finer and finer form through spiritual displacement, rather than the old law of material change and decay.

The mortal body will register whatever it is given to register, and in the new knowledge of health it is given always the new induced states of thought energy to stamp into form.

The New Civilization will be a race of healthy beings, not through any mysterious metaphysical secret ways or means, but simply through increased spiritual understanding.

It will use normally the now half latent forces of the human mind, and bringing these to bear upon its flesh, it will bring forth the unused action of the cell intelligence which is ever ready to spring forth.

Healing will come as the natural result of this new race consciousness, and men will accomplish the regeneration of their flesh through natural psychological laws, and ask no proof, no message, and no sign, their larger sight the unanswerable evidence.

There are five great fundamental ways by which one is taught to induce a health consciousness and resurrect his flesh. It is impossible to pass thought into full power with the simple statement of truth. This truth must be put into action.

“Faith without works is dead,” so New Thought teaches the finest methods of thought and action.

These five great methods are: First, to be conscious and at one with the great Universal atomic mind of substance; second, to learn to make a conscious individual union with this atomic intelligence; third, to gain complete and powerful dominion over this atomic intelligence of one's own flesh body through the control of the mind; fourth, to build a profound power through Concentration and to become the divine thinker of our own thoughts and a never wavering master mind; fifth, to use the thoughts as tools to build the divine vision of the perfect self, seeing only wholeness; then, holding this perfect vision of health, command the spiritual cell intelligence to bring it out into form.

These five methods cannot be explained in these statements of the fundamentals, but will be taken up at a later date, separately, and fully interpreted for those who wish to *know* how to heal themselves and others.

Seventh Fundamental

THE NEW INDUSTRIAL IDEA



HERE are three distinct laws used in interpreting the new industrial message; around these swing all advice, all direction, all control.

These three laws are:

First: Life in the "Long Run."

Second: Man a Creator.

Third: Divine Transference.

The New Civilization sees life in the *long run*, instead of life in the short run as the old world taught, and all industrial problems are solved by a new science of life. The old world taught that each individual was a personal creation, presided over by a personal God, who alone was a Creator and Universal Dispenser of all Laws. They saw only the universal

side of Divine man, and forgot the man side of Divine mind.

The New Civilization believes in creation, emanation and evolution, and sees life as continuous, "as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be." It teaches that man began when life began, and this mind-magnet called "man" has existed through countless ages in endless forms, coming through the sub-kingdoms as mineral, vegetable, animal and man consciousness, passing on to the spheres as angels, and on to gods, and, after millions and millions of æons of consciousness, becoming an ever-conscious entity in the bosom of the *Infinite All*.

In the new civilization men know the pathway of their own soul and realize that at every step on the way they are facing new experiences and new expressions of life. On this journey, man begins as a Creator. He is an individualized God in an indestructible world on a self-imposed pathway, and through his own ever-urging desires he creates his own conditions; his desires 'set causes in motion which become

laws; and he is bound or free throughout all his experiences, according to the law of his own desires.

He finds out early in his human career that he is his own unaided law; that no one gives to him but himself, no one takes away from him but himself; that he is alive in a world of universal God-intelligence, and this universal intelligence is ever ready to respond to his conscious or unconscious command. He finds that there is concerted action between the atomic mind of substance and his own mind, and through his thought world he is the Creator of his world of form. On the path of life thoughts are things, and like attracts like. Man, working with and in this universal mind, commands his environment into form.

Under the law of conscious and unconscious command, he is continually moving in a world he builds for himself. With what measure he metes, it is meted unto him. His environment is at all times materialized thought-energy, which he has intensified into existence.

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Man's mind generates, sends out and receives a great creative, spiritual energy, which he can use to create thought forms of hate, envy, jealousy, strife, resistance, lies, selfishness, and ten thousand other destructive things, or he can create love thoughts and thoughts of unity, joy, happiness, service, selfness and worship. These thoughts coming from within the man, defile or exalt him according to whichever energy he intensifies. These thoughts build environment, and they are magnets attracting to themselves their own kind. "Men do not gather figs from thistles," for on the pathway of life like attracts like. A man is a hovel dweller, a sweatshop worker, a street walker or a beggar, not because circumstances force these things upon him, but because by the quality of his own consciousness he forces circumstances. His environment is his mirror, in which he can see himself. He becomes the reaper of the things he has sown in the past and is sowing in the present.

The environment of poverty, lack, crime

and penury is the exact material arrangement of mental activity.

It is the law of compensation; there is no appeal from this law. There is no way to escape but through higher understanding. The unemployed and unsuccessful will never become successful and employed through their old methods and consciousness. Unemployment and failure are not the result of systems and lack of opportunity, as the old world teaches, but it is absolutely a question of will and qualification. The vast army of chronic unemployed are so, not from defects in opportunity, but from defects in consciousness. We could take all the chronic unemployed in the world and put them to work in idealized industrial conditions, and in six months most of them would be adrift again, caught in the current of unfitness.

It is not employment bureaus that the new world wants, but industrial educational bureaus and schools, as well as industrial colonies. Higher and better industrial conditions can only come through the education

of the individual and direction of collective individualities? True industry has for its corner-stones, human psychiatry and psychology, rather than charity, correction or control.

Man must know first of all that his lack of opportunities is the effect of what he has caused to be set in motion on his Karmic journey; that, back of his hovel, lack, bondage and toil, are the states of consciousness in himself which linked him with them in form; he must see life in the long run, and then he must be taught that he creates and hands all these things to himself; that no one is to blame but himself for what he has or has not. He is in his own hands. God, the great universal life, has created some better things for him, but they without him cannot be made perfect. Charity to him then means a chance to learn the laws of a higher selfhood and an opportunity to support himself while he learns them. The New Civilization teaches this, and then goes farther and shows the world the truth of the law of Divine transference. The old

civilization industrial law was built on the law of competition, and no greater lie was ever projected from the ignorant consciousness of men. The wonder is that evolving race consciousness so long tolerated it; but, bound by the more positive minds of the leaders of commerce, it took centuries for the mass mind to struggle out to where it could think a new thought for itself. There is a legitimate matching of brain and brawn in which men vie with each other for supremacy in higher ideality and higher actualization, and out from this came the great prostitution of human rights known as competition.

On the plane of competition men struggle with men; this law is "get and take"; one falls that one may rise. The loss of one life is the gain of another, and over the whole industrial system of the old world there is the flaming sword of the Destroyer. In the old industrial world men forgot the universal, and depended on men to give them their industrial desires; and as men gave, they could take away, so the old world became at last a jungle way where

beasts of prey were always springing upon their own.

The new industrial people are not reformers; we let the old alone—it is the lawful product of the minds who set it in action. It can only be changed and its tide stemmed as the minds behind it change in their ideas and methods, and it will have to be changed in its center before reform can take place on the outside. We are concerned with the new, with the human-divine side of industrial action.

In the new civilization each life knows that it is always one with its universal source, and that it is a creator of its own world, and it proceeds to unite itself in consciousness with its universal source instead of with men and their possessions. Man can reach out with his own line of transference, *his own thoughts*, and in infinite union create his own far above the reach of the beasts of the jungle, and holding fast to his own conscious creation, can command the very hands that would starve him to be the ones to pass him his new possessions. When man comes into conscious

dominion in the universal, and takes that for his source of supply, those who were in his way in the old law suddenly become the connecting link over which the universal passes him his own.

The New Thought man uses the great creative spiritual power of his own mind to project a new opportunity and environment into form. He knows now that there is a concerted action between the mind of man and the mind of God-substance; so, in divine command, he lifts his thoughts and actions beyond the control of men and takes charge of his own world. He thinks strong, positive, holy thoughts—unity, power, love and supply, and creates in consciousness the environment he wants to find in form.

His new attitude of thinking soon makes him a magnet, and he begins to attract to him into the conditions around, new opportunities, new friends, new arrangements; his "luck" changes, and his material conditions keep pace with his own rearranged mind. He finds the Great Creator within himself, and throughout his own line of Divine transference he uses it with a new

creative genius and builds a new material world. His barren walls stretch away into stately halls; his faulty, negative character, becomes strong, positive, God-like — first in imagination, but later in reality. He begins his new creations in the silent circle of his own consciousness; he idealizes the real man, the real success, the real environment, until in some opportune moment he realizes the ideal.

This is the new industrial message. Man an individualized God on his own creative pathway, creating, destroying and re-creating, until with the consciousness of a master builder he flings a new splendid world into form.

Over the long pathway of the past he has brought himself to the present, and has become the reaper of the things he sowed, and his field of "Sessamum brought Sessamum," and his "corn brought corn," until with knowledge bought by the experiences of the past he turns to his own place in Divine intelligence and transfers to himself through conscious recognition the better, stronger things of a new life.

Life in the short run, the plane of competition, and man a parasite on the universal God — this was the battle ground where the old civilization sold their best efforts into bondage, and burnt out the glory of their God-selves.

Life in the long run, — man an individualized God, under the universal God-law of Divine transference. This is the broad, sweet way of the new world, and armed with this understanding any soul can fling itself into the very teeth of the tiger of the old industrial world with all the ardor of David when he met the Goliath of old, and over the new line through which he throws out his heart's desires there will pass back to him the answer to his law. Around the supra-self will gather in form the conscious commandments of the supra-man.

Eighth Fundamental

LOVE, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

THE NEW CIVILIZATION is monogamous. It believes in the *One*. The One man and One woman, the One love, the One marriage, the One home.

It understands the many and interprets the law of their activity; it realizes that all the first races were polygamous in consciousness and action, and only as race intelligence rose did monogamy become recognized by the few, and these few became the directors of the race morals, and through their intelligence the whole race mind came on into larger ideals.

Today, as in the past, all higher civilization is monogamous in the minority and polygamous in the majority. The old civilization accepts and lives by both standards, and finding that womanhood was inclined by nature to be the devotee to the principle of monogamy, it built out of this

a double standard of morals and swung its masculinity around this standard.

The New Civilization understands both standards, but accepts only one, Monogamy; it believes absolutely in marriages, homes and families, grounded on the fundamental of monogamy; it has a *single* moral standard for men and women alike. It declares that virtue and purity built upon the *One* is imperative both for man and woman.

It sees Love as the great creative spiritual energy of the Universal, which holds all life in elemental Unity. Love is the beginning of all things, for love is *God*.

In positive polarization it is called spiritual power or regeneration; in negative polarization it is called passion or reproduction. Both are eternal in the Universal scheme, and both are *God*.

Humanity's expression of life called marriage is simply a training school in which men and women receive initiations in all the various experiences, expressions and inclusions of living. The marriage school includes the lessons of love, passion, selfness, tolerance, patience and

steadfastness. It has two great initiations, the "right" and the "true" marriage. Both are good, but only the "true" is best.

Divorce is the open door by which souls escape their dead desires. It is the signal of a worked out sentence that one has passed upon himself. It means an experience created, expressed and included.

Divorce is soul-growth which sends a soul past its dead self on to new opportunities and privileges. It is often the finished product of "right" marriages.

The "true" marriage is the perfect union of souls. It is action without negative reaction, and is the ultimate in form of the positive love — the symbol by which the Cosmic Consciousness teaches the evolving mind the truth of life.

Were it not for the vision of the "true" marriage the evolving multitude would perish away and sink down in despair, forgetting the Absolute in its entanglement with the apparent.

New Thought is obliged to include in

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its interpretations the great race problems of Love, Marriage and Divorce.

The advancing race consciousness seeks ever-increasing degrees of harmony, and the question of how to produce finer and finer adjustment of all the deep desires within the human consciousness springs eternal in the human minds of men.

New Thought interprets this great trinity of human desire by the fundamental of "life in the long run," or the law of "reincarnation." We see clearly that it could never be explained by the law of "life in the short run," or special creation of the old civilization. Surely if God is present, brings together, and divides each special case of love, marriage and divorce, if all the misery of race ignorance is really his own appointed plan, then, as the poet said, "Seeing his work, he long since went blind with tears."

Today we know that in the beginning was the *One*, and through creation, emanation and evolution, all things are. God has finished his work on this planet only as the Universal intelligence is manifested

by man, who is himself an *individualized god* on his own appointed pathway.

Life is only means to an end, and that end God consciousness or consciousness of the *whole*. We know that we began in the beginning and are the Divine Spark itself. The purpose of Life is for creation, experience, expression and inclusion, and the way of life is true love, and Service which is worship.

We find that in the expressions of form, the Divine Consciousness comes through all kingdoms and all forms of each kingdom, and posits always in new levels of Universal Mind.

Man is man, because for countless ages he has been in transit toward human consciousness, carrying with him from other kingdoms all that he has made his own.

He has paused in each zone to create, experience, express and include, then passed on to become the primitive elemental force in a higher zone of intelligence.

In the beginning of this transit, all consciousness was *One*. Then through creation and emanation another *one* came forth and

the first pair was. This law of creation and emanation is eternally active in all zones.

In the mineral kingdom it is called *polarization*; in the vegetable, *attraction*; in the animal, *reproduction*; and in man *regeneration* and *passion*.

The polarization of the pairs (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc.), is always positive, harmonious and constructive. The polarization of the negative pairs (1-3, 2-4, 3-5, 4-6), is always repellent, destructive, inharmonious, and results in experience and expressions of strife and conflict in the lower kingdom, with strife, conflict and heartbreak in the human world. It means rearrangement.

Every human being is polarized in this scheme of numerical equation. We are all named, numbered, chorded and placed, in the Universal plan, and we act or react according to our consciousness and condition. The positive equations or pairs are *affinities* through all zones of consciousness, and in the human planes become *true lovers* and form "true" marriages. The negative and positive are not *affinities*, and in human association are called false,

because they are changeful. All negative attraction must give way to the positive attraction, which is permanent.

The law of "life in the long run" sees that every human ego must take a *perfect season* in all experiences; so in some incarnation the ego takes the experience of the positive polarization, and the true love and the "true" marriage is on, where divorces, separations and unhappiness are unknown.

In the incarnation of true love and marriage, the world is given its wonderful example of holy matrimony, to which, in spite of ridicule and scorn, the world heart still clings, wrapping around it the sweetest dreams and faith.

True loves, true marriages, true homes, are everywhere, and they are expressed by those who have won their own in this incarnation, and are taking a perfect season in love, truth and joy.

Broken hearts, broken homes, broken vows, are everywhere too, and they are the fruits of the negatively polarized world, which is taking its perfect experience in pain, discord and adjustment.

Reincarnation teaches us that we must learn to live in every relationship, including them all in peace and power. The commandment was "replenish and subdue the earth." Love replenishes; force subdues. The world is full of lovers and masters each taking their own normal initiation in life.

Viewing Love, Marriage and Divorce then, by the law of "life in the long run" or reincarnation, we see that there is a great cosmic plan which neither the race nor the individual can outstrip.

Men and women love and marry — some for true love, some for experience. Every marriage in the world is the "*right*" marriage, but only here and there is the "*true*" marriage. The "*right*" marriage is the marriage of negatives, and is solely for experience, expression and inclusion through pain, discord and unhappiness. The true marriage is for rest, self-regeneration and self-perfection through peace and happiness. There are no mistakes in marriage. Everyone marries exactly the man or woman who will complement his

own consciousness and bring him the lesson he needs to include.

There are *loves* so true that they last on through any experience, even years of waiting, and the love itself illumines every step of the way. There are *marriages* so faithful that the two are one in heart, mind, soul and body, and the years only make them more truly the *one*. These are the positive unions of affinitized souls.

Side by side with these are marriages so full of tragedy and pathos that one can only pity the struggling souls who are blindly working though a law of negative harmony, which, with only a little more understanding, could be made a master lesson in Life.

Those who are together under the negative law pass from one experience to another in form, seeking their own; and after a while they turn from every experience in form, and finding the center of themselves, seek an incarnation of loneliness; dissatisfied with their expressions of love and marriage, they long to be alone to meditate over their experience and struggles.

Everywhere we find those who are *alone* in this incarnation, learning to be alone and not lonely; and their discord and unrest tells everyone who can read that they have just come from an incarnation of right marriage experience.

The "right" marriage will always be the great lesson and the great surrender, for in the initiations of the "right" marriage the ego lays down itself, and often it is called upon to surrender the very person for which it surrendered all. It can be comforted, for a "right" marriage in one incarnation means aloneness for the next, and the lesson of *aloneness* is the open door to the next experience, which is an incarnation with a true love and true marriage with rest, joy and peace.

Divorce, separation and discord have ever been a part of the experience of the "right" marriages, and of the polygamous souls on this planet, and for millions of centuries to come they will continue to be the experiences of these souls. Men will love, marry and unmarry, in harmony with their own unfolding consciousness.

Neither priest nor law made by man will hold two souls together after they have included the lesson each came to learn. Only the soul consciousness of each, which is free from the desire for other experiences, will ever keep them together in a "*right*" marriage. There are many who do finish one incarnation together, adjusting as best they can in understanding, and while they live together in induced harmony they are really living *alone* and learning the lesson which will give them their very own in another rebirth.

Others live up to all the causes set in motion, and separate in this life, going on to the fulfillment of their higher selves.

Divorce is growth; and the nation, race or country, state, city or society, that would make divorce impossible, would strike a blow at the deepest religious necessity of the race life.

Freedom is man's immortal birthright, and the soul must pass on into at-onement with its needs. It *will* pass on, and if it cannot with the law, it will ignore the law.

The leaders of race evolution understand that the spirit of man is ever ascending through form, and that it will reject and destroy in some way, anything which attempts to block its eternal onward progress.

In the New Civilization, Divorce will be guarded by marriage. The race man and woman will be taught the marriage law of "life in the long run," and life itself as creation, experience, expression and inclusion; and taught that hate attracts as well as love, and that in the long transit of life the soul will take every initiation; that some experiences in the transit are for the pure pleasure of the personal self, some for the Universal self; that the biggest life is the one who includes all things harmoniously and constructively, turning hate into love, and the "right" marriage into harmonious understanding.

The New Civilization will make it harder for men and women to marry. No one in power will legalize a marriage without the acquaintanceship of a year. Hasty marriages are always "right" marriages. Love can always wait. It is only experience

that hurries; and "right" marriages are always eager to rush blindly into their own reaction.

Time will constitute a factor in the marriage laws of the New Civilization. No man and woman can marry who have come with a license from a drunken revel.

The old civilization held the gate of marriage wide open. It took an hour to get married after perhaps a half-hour's acquaintance; but it threw endless restrictions against the freedom from this careless union. All restrictions were given to the divorce, and the hasty children were told that "marriage is a solemn thing, enacted by God." The priest on one hand, and *man-made* law on the other, kept them the hopeless plaything of an hour's drunken desire.

The New Civilization will make marriage a thing of deep consideration; and then men and women will not "rush in where angels fear to tread," and later, when they find that it is a "right" marriage, they will be allowed to adjust, and their separating hour will be given the

majesty and dignity of their wedding day. They can go their way then in peace and understanding, carrying the admonition and the blessing of the priest, untouched by the disgrace and odium of the old divorce. They have tried and failed, but won great love riches by their experience and inclusion. Their parting hour will forever wear this inscription: "Sacred to the memory of a growing soul."

The New Civilization will not sanction marriages between paupers and criminals. It will have educational centers, where marriage and sex laws will be taught, and where the ignorant and depraved can be controlled, educated and directed.

Marriage laws will be made for the physically unfit. The physically fit are concerned alone in reproduction, while there are thousands who are above the law of reproduction, and who come together under both the laws of "right" and "true" marriage. Those in the law of the "right" marriage demand the experience, and those who are in the law of the "true" marriage demand the self-regeneration of this mar-

riage, and the New Civilization needs the glory and beauty of their idealized home. Even though they may be childless, their mental and spiritual creations are needed in the perpetuation of the race ideals. The true home, the true love, the true marriage, must stand as a beacon light for the race, and are as necessary as the homes of those who can repeople the earth through splendid physical fitness.

Love, marriage and divorce is the Great Psychology. It can never be regulated by the physical scientist of the race. The old civilization has tried it by these laws, and its brothels, asylums, drug shops, and saloons, tell their own story of man's degenerate privileges. Man claims his soul. Give him large, beautiful, constructive, normal expression, and he will choose it, and draw nearer the divine idea of woman and manhood. Force the human evolution out of its own groove and it will give you a stunted growth on the one hand and a perverted one on the other. Give it a true understanding of Self, its powers and true privileges, and it will turn to monog-

amy, love, marriage, homes, children, with a new joy, and work through these experiences of the "right" loves and the "right" marriages in peace, knowing that they are a part of the great plan of their own unfoldment, and that out of the harmony they compel and induce in these experiences, will come the everlasting love, the everlasting marriage, the everlasting home of the soul.

Ninth Fundamental

THE NEW IDEA OF DEATH

HERE is nothing in the Universe but life and ever - increasing degrees and expressions of life. There is no death. That which the race man calls death is simply a release of activities on one plane of consciousness, to begin on another.

The spirit of the Universe works always upward, and it pushes man on from one stage of unfoldment to another. Man is moved through the cosmic spirit in all and through all. He cannot go back, so he must go on, and death is simply the "Great going on."

The great masterhood has always told men of their increasing opportunities, and the "religion of the future" was only this idea of eternal progression twisted to fit the minds and messengers of its day.

Life is a season and man is a new born plant. He comes forth, buds, blossoms,

sheds his petals and dies, to come forth again in new forms. Death in its reality is no more than the season's changes of the trees from winter to spring, summer and fall. "What cares the earth for its brief time of gloom?" Nothing at all; neither does the soul of man fear death when he understands it.

As man has evolved through all the sub-kingdoms and interplanetary kingdoms, into the kingdom called human, just so he is ever evolving through this human zone into wonderful kingdoms which are just before him on the path.

What are the angels? Only evolved men. What are masters of the spheres? Only evolved angels. What are gods? Only developed angelic Hosts. We can follow this ascent of the soul of man from atom to man, from man to God, until we reach the very *One, Himself*, and find the holy seven round the throne; and finding them, will see ever only "the pathway of the just, that leadeth more and more unto the perfect day."

Life leads to life, linking human con-

sciousness like a string of pearls, and each step is more wonderful than the last.

“Just as the lotus germinates and blooms by grappling firmly with the muddy soil, so does the human soul, an alien here, when all its victories are gained, stand a perfected type, a rounded whole.”

The great masterhood which led the race mind in the past and which is still leading it, gave man then and now a seven-fold being; and New Thought holds that the new race-mind is awake here and now in its seven-fold consciousness, and is contacting normally the after-death kingdoms.

Man with his new revelations is bridging the way — clearly and scientifically — between the life seen and the life remote.

Man has a physical body, and this body has its normal kingdom in which man functions through cell consciousness in his flesh, and manifests through his mind as *instinct*.

Within this body is a finer body, equally complete and perfect, called by various names, the best and clearest being “Astral.”

This Astral body has its own ether, and it manifests its consciousness as *emotion* in the mind and as *sensation* in the physical body.

Within this Astral body is another perfect body called the "Atmospheric," which manifests its consciousness as *mentality*, and functions as *reason* through the physical brain.

Within this body is a still more radiant body, the "Etherean," perfect and en rapport with its own ether. It manifests in the mind as *illumination* and *inspiration*, and through the physical body as worship, reverence and exaltation.

Within this body is a still finer one, with a still more vibrant ether. This is the "Seraphic," and it manifests in the mind as *revelation*, *divination* and *prophecy*, and through the physical body as mystical power and supra-gifts of consciousness.

The last body with which the race man is in union is the "Manasic." For this body there are many names, but as it is the body composed of the atoms of pure mind, free from all the lesser vibration

of the earth, it is better understood as "Manasic."

The Manasic body is the body and the consciousness of the Christs, and is called together only for their use. The spiritual consciousness manifests through it for the salvation of the oncoming race man. Flashes of this consciousness reach the mass-man in his hours of silence and consecration and form the place of pure being within the mind, and it is through this that we can be still and *know* God. This is the "Silence" of the New Civilization.

The physical body belongs to the zone of unfoldment called the world consciousness, and the Astral body is the subjective body of this same world.

With the physical body one receives all the experiences of the objective world and transmits the essence of these experiences to the *one mind* within his own being.

With his Astral body, one contacts the subjective side of earth experiences and flings them into the objective mind, there to be materialized and sensed; then are

brought back, plussed by the experiences of direct sensation.

One may live in the physical body a whole lifetime and be totally unconscious of this double play between the outside and the inside of himself, the subjective mind faithfully fulfilling its mission, automatically. Under certain occult training one may be able to live a complete double life, sensing both his objective and subjective forces; his subconscious mind becomes a storehouse of wisdom to his objective senses.

This Astral body and mind, its action on the objective mind, their natural response and union, has been fondly called "subconscious" by the babes in wisdom, but it is really the supra-consciousness of the physical mind and body, and is always trying to hold the objective mind true to its union.

Sometimes where this normal union has been destroyed, it is restored by suggestion to the so-called sub-mind, which is in reality only the fixing of ideas in the objective mind, establishing correct idea-

tion of the psychical idea centers, which will then receive the true Astral or psychic impulse. The Astral mind is always supra, always true. It is the physical brain and objective mind which inverts its action through overstimulation and sensation of physical, mental vibrations.

As man walks the earth a normal human being, he has all these bodies and minds sheathed in his physical body and mind. They should play through his physical brain like a great revolving light, flashing out instinctive action, emotional sensation, the reason, inspiration, worship and exaltation, revelation and prophecy. This is the Individualized *God-man*, and the one toward which spirit, in its ascending spiral of evolution, is always pushing the veriest clod.

One cannot say where one of these bodies begins and ends, for they interpenetrate each other like water and sand. They are in solution and suspension; yet, under the call of conscious or even unconscious power, they can be separated, and man can suspend one after the other, functioning in either one at will.

The modern mystic ascends and descends as he chooses. He passes from end to end of the pole of human consciousness, and stops at any zone in any body and functions normally.

This is man in Life, here and now in the objective world and in the objective body, but wonderful as he is when man, he is still more wonderful when he comes to that change called death.

When the call comes to pass on, the human soul simply lays down its physical body, and stands up alive in that body and world with which he has gotten up correspondence while yet in the flesh. The after-death states of consciousness are all settled long before the soul passes on. "As the tree falleth, so it lies," the master-hood told us, and one who has had no world but his physical body simply discards this and awakens in his subjective or astral body.

In the astral ether of this world he finds himself just as he was, only minus a flesh body, and he takes on the life and experience of that plane in his astral body and mind.

This is a distinct world, and a distinct line of experience awaits the incoming soul. Here he remains until the second death, when he again comes back into rebirth and is born with a physical body in relationship with the family, race, or nation which will fulfill his own law of cause and effect.

Those who live only for self, the world, the flesh, and the things of the instinctive body, gravitate after the second death back to the earth and to a body of earth, to go on with the experiences of the world. Those who pass out with some higher emotions and feelings of closer union with the Universal life, and who are not bound, or body-bound by desire, at the death on the astral plane pass into the atmospheric or mental body, to remain there in a world of new experience until the call towards earth forces them to return and reincarnate, to finish the love of earthly experiences which is still latent in their being. This is the after-death state of the earthly, the personal, the selfish.

Those who have become more or less

free in thought from the body and things of the world zone, and who have acquired relationship and acquaintance with their higher selves and higher desires, pass at once into the atmosphere zone of action and live here until the hour for their rebirth comes round. What is the call to rebirth? Desire. The ball of life will go just as far into atmospherian activity as the desire throws it; when this energy is exhausted, it must go back to express itself where desire is positive. Love is a cause of rebirth; hate is a cause of rebirth; and no matter what spiritual relationship one makes with higher spheres of consciousness, he must return to earth, as long as either human love or hate has a seed in his soul. The earth zone is the place for the action and reaction of hate and love and their complementary conditions. Here he learns still higher lessons, and develops more spiritual perception, until he is entirely free from the laws that bind.

Those who have freed themselves from the world, who have lived out pleasure

and pain, who have found the wisdom of life, and put up correspondence of their higher, finer perceptions, who are impersonal and universal; these pass at death to the etherian zone. Here the earth laws are powerless, and no soul returns to rebirth but from choice; this is the sphere of teachers, leaders, masters and messengers of the race, and from this realm egos return to the earth in conscious rebirth to become the assistants and helpers of the great masters of the spheres, who are taking care of the race progress. Rebirth from choice begins here, and one can choose the nation, the race, the people, the home. Every law of unconscious Karmas must end here and man work his own way to righteousness.

The *seraphic zone* is the home of prophets and saviors, and from here the great masters of wisdom and the Great Brotherhood come, and to this they go. Wonderful revelators of the whole of life, they come at choice back to be the teachers of the leaders and masters, helping them to build the way for the Christs.

The *Manasic zone* is the home of the Christs or Gods of the planets. From here great worlds are thrown into form; from here came Jesus, who knew all laws of this zone. He was master of all the atomic consciousness of this earth. He stirred the waters, and the waters turned into wine; he spoke with wind and wave as men would speak with men. He said "My kingdom is not from hence." He said, "I know from whence I came and whither I go; ye know not. Ye judge after the earth." And he knew that all mankind was in transit to his kingdom, for he said, "Whither I go ye know."

These are the after-death opportunities of the soul of man, and the masters of wisdom have given a true law by which one may judge of his own privilege in the world of death. *First*, those who serve self utterly, in strife, crime, hate, anger and destruction, pass at death to the lowest round of the astral kingdom to live in a thought world of their own making. *Second*, those who serve self constructively; but all self and world, flesh and form, are

also astral, but in a different zone—earth-bound dwellers on this threshold. This is the happy hunting-ground of the Indian.

Those who serve self two-thirds, and universal love and truth one-third, at death pass to the *atmospherian plane*; this plane is a little finer, but all the thoughts of this world are there; it is here we meet the mental creations of our earth world, and find that higher, happier birth, free from the limitations of the flesh. Our hopes and dreams are fulfilled in *consciousness*, and we meet the joys we missed on earth. Unconscious reincarnation is still on here, with the atmospherian level of Divine Mind. The Lords of Karma still direct our return to earth; we are just becoming conscious of Karmic choice.

In this atmospheric zone are found beautiful horses, dogs, birds, and all higher evolved animals. From this plane they are nearing their rebirth into the first round of human mind; from the higher atmospherian plane, animal consciousness perfects itself, to return and ensoul in the

form of the lowest man of the human kingdom.

Those who serve the self one-half and the world one-half, will, at death, become *Ethereans*, and live in the ethereal worlds. Here are beautiful worlds, built also of thought — this is the “Christian’s Heaven,” and its streets of gold, its life of song and worship, was not all a dream, for *thinking* made it so. And to get up correspondence with the unconsciousness of universal love and service gives a kingdom of beauty and truth.

All for God and none for self! This is the slogan of the Ethereal hosts. The world, but only to serve it, is the passport to life in the higher spheres. And those who dwell there are children of the *second resurrection*, or egos, and free from the thoughts and desires of the *earth or self*.

With this Golden Reed with which to measure our consciousness, we can find our place here and now. Each heart knows its own secret measure, and knows that when it approaches the door of death it will surely pass into that world of activ-

ity which fits its own spiritual recognition, and with which it is in correspondence.

There are many families in life that will be divided in the passing out, for one can easily see that astral, atmospheric, ethereal, seraphic and manasic, are often all together in the same earth house. The earth is the meeting and the parting place for all earth things and people. Love brings them together and divides. New creation gives all the earth dwellers the opportunities to work out their own unfinished desires. We never lose our own in any zone of consciousness. Our own are those who are with us through the law of equalized evolution, and we meet them again and again both here and hereafter.

The old civilization sought its dead through *clairvoyance* and *clairaudience* and *trance mediumship*; it was imperfect communication, and led many a long way round, over hot coals of experience; but it was good, because it was the *best* they knew.

The New Civilization realizes that every living human being has in his earth body

all the other bodies and mind, and that *sleep* is death; he simply uses *sleep* as an open door through which he investigates the world of death and its inhabitants. The old world put the body to bed just to rest and restore the flesh. The new world puts the body to rest just to escape its limitations, and at sleep, as in death, stands up in the body and mind with which he has correspondence.

The *modern mystic* is in correspondence with all his bodies and mind, and he passes in his sleep into any zone at will; in his sleep world he finds his friends, his love, his masters, and is instructed by them in the mysteries of the things of that other world; returning, he flashes the record on the idea centers of his own physical brain and knows the whole story of the journey of his soul.

Sleep is a real world, full of opportunities. One can complete and plus all human accomplishments by studying them while asleep. Art, literature, music and industry, all have their masters in each kingdom. We can get all there is for us in our own

grade. In sleep, the dead seem alive, and this has taught us the truth of the eternal continuity of life — “there is no death.” What we call death is but transition from one zone of living to another.

With the *new idea of Death*, the grave has lost its victory and death its sting. One approaches the grave in trust, and even eagerness, for it means new privilege and new opportunities, and he can live his human life with a calm tranquilized realization of infinite union, and can approach the grave “like one that wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.”

Tenth Fundamental

THE NEW THOUGHT IDEA OF SEX

NEW THOUGHT has a deep and scientific understanding of sex! It is teaching a new, clean, hopeful and possible expression of this seemingly obscure principle of life.

New Thought holds that the indiscriminate sex teaching which has taken hold of the mind of the old civilization is not the highest method to use in the instruction of the mass mind.

Sex, as revealed by the many uninitiated teachers of today, is only half the truth, and had better be left unsaid. Sex advice and revelation given to the young by those who are without deep knowledge of the subject, who are nil in experience, faulty in theory, and unenlightened as to the real facts, are simply productive of destructive consequences, from which the race mind will be forced to rescue itself further on.

New Thought holds that all sex instruction should be given to adults; all real sex knowledge should only be given when the individual reaches the years of puberty. Up to this time the developing thought should be led and directed by *idealized instructions*. *Idealized examples* of generation, reproduction and creation, can easily be found in nature, and are easily understood by the young mind, and easily applied to the self as consciousness ripens.

There should be departments for sex instruction arranged in all schools, colleges and churches, and these should be in charge of competent instructors who are at least fifty years of age, and whose experience, observation and wisdom make them capable of interpreting these subjects *ideally, morally, socially, scientifically and religiously*.

There is an exoteric and an esoteric side of sex which all advanced minds know, and every adult human being should be taught the laws governing himself, and this instruction should be given according to his own development and his power

to comprehend truth. All sex instruction should be under a system which has been universally accepted and publicly approved.

New Thought does not favor the method of general discussion and publicity of sex. It believes that the Masters of the Spheres acted under the higher laws of the greatest good to the greatest number when they demanded that sex and sex matters should have around them the veil of decency and secrecy, and it sees clearly that the most constructive method of teaching is from master to student, *individual instruction*, by word of mouth, until such time as larger opportunities make it possible for recognized schools of sexology to teach collectively and issue their written words.

New Thought recommends that a special convention be held in one of the larger cities, to which those who are recognized masters of sexology shall be invited, these masters to be chosen from every nation, race, creed and color. These initiates, after long and perfect consideration of the question, shall formulate a system of exoteric and esoteric sexology to be given to the

world, and these fundamentals shall control and direct the whole race mind until such time as it seems wise to call another convention in order to give place to higher revelation and finer methods.

These fundamentals shall be of such a character that they may be universally accepted as the methods for all teachers, and shall be sent to all schools, colleges and churches in every state and country, with suggestions for forming the departments for such instruction and instructors, and all those in authority be requested to teach these principles independent of their own personal, limited opinions.

New Thought believes that authority, vested in the combined authority of the Master Minds of this age, will be the highest good to the race; and that a larger, broader, more definite opinion and instruction will put a strong staff into the hands of the stumbling multitude, which, in the present light of sex knowledge, is blindly hunting its way through ignorance and discordant experiences.

Sex, in its last analysis, means simply

the Great Creative principle of the Universe, the beginning and the end of life itself. The new world knows it as *reproduction* and *function* in its primeval stages, and *regeneration* and *sensation* in its perfected power; both of these expressions are understood and revealed.

The old world only knew it as *reproduction* and *function*, and left the race mind to find out the truth for itself or, interpreting life for the uninitiated, it measured all sexology by its primitive laws of *function* and *reproduction*. The higher initiates felt that they were defrauded from true knowledge, but their rebellious search for truth brought only punishment upon them and their ideas, because they too, saw through their glass darkly.

There is much of truth which cannot be told until a larger opportunity is given.

Truth is limited through race ignorance and traduced by race superstition. It is time a new order of things was brought forth! Today, all that is worth while in sex instruction is given through Esoteric Teachers and through Temple Teachings,

but only a small number of those who need such teachings are being reached; the mass mind is left to hunt its way as best it can through labyrinths of error and lagging individual research.

New Thought is bending every effort towards bringing about the *collective individualization* of all higher knowledge. The New Civilization will see a new race consciousness born of the understanding which these centralized master minds will direct to it. It will follow eagerly the highest laws laid down by those who know the truths of life, and who, knowing, are able to send them out in such perfected manner that they can be of use to those who do not know, but whose own unfoldment is pushing them on into an intensified demand for knowledge.

In this day of agitation about all that pertains to life and its beginning, all talk should be directed to adult minds, until the proper mental and spiritual food can be selected for the infants.

Discretion in sex talk is the better part of valor, and when one cannot speak a

truth constructively he had better keep silent. "A little learning is a dangerous thing," and the least that is said that is not truth the least will have to be contradicted when Truth is finally spoken.

Martyrdom was never necessary; it never will be! When one really knows TRUTH, he can live for, not die, for it. It is never Truth that he dies for; he dies because he does not know how to tell TRUTH at the point of comprehension of those to whom he is telling it. Jesus was a martyr because he made martyrdom a part of the plan of his message. It was the Supreme Method, and all saviors have used it as the divine example; but on the pathway of the race man it is always an accident and simply the product of his own ignorant relationship with higher methods.

New Thought tells the truth of sex today at the point of comprehension of the multitude. It has no word to speak publicly except that of the exoteric message, and the exoteric message has always been "Thou shalt not!" on one hand, and reproduction and function on the other.

The *esoteric message* waits that hour of finer coöperation when *combined authority* can speak a broader, fuller truth, and the mass mind can be shown the reason why "it shall not," and why virtue brings happiness, and be given instructions which will lead it into the world-wide pathway of purity and rightness.

Eleventh Fundamental

THE NEW THOUGHT IDEA OF RELIGION

OD SAID: "I came not in this day to teach men charity, nor yet to teach man as to what is right or wrong between men; these things were revealed before. I come to produce a new race and show them how to fulfill the former commandment; to do unto others as they would be done by; to return good for evil; to give away all and fear not. These things were preached before! Behold now I come to put them into practice." — *Book of Wisdom.*

This is the keynote of the new idea of religion. It makes all religious understanding a thing of deeds as well as of words. Since the angels first descended onto earth and raised man upright, he has followed blindly some form of spiritual instruction. Some have followed by words, some by example, some in understanding, others through deeds; but through all

methods, civilizations have extended themselves into completeness and perished, while new ones come forth to repeat over again the same processes of advancement.

In the beginning, when consciousness entered into the human form, angels walked with men; inspired, taught, urged, controlled and directed them, until they had extended their own understanding to meet the minds of their inspirators.

As race consciousness rose through such inspired teachings, men became able, in a childish sort of way, to govern and direct their own thoughts and actions. Those who progressed the most rapidly were used by the angels to assist in the government of the unenlightened. These in time were called guardians, teachers, masters, prophets, seers, then messengers.

As race intelligence expanded, the masters of the spheres (angels) withdrew themselves more and more, pushing ahead the rising intelligence of men, until, at last, they became invisible to all the lesser minds, and only visible and in concerted action with the guardians, teachers, mas-

ters and seers. Communion with them became the possession of the few, and the lesser man was forced to depend upon his superiors for inspiration and prophecy.

Through this law the *special privileges* of the race were born, and exoteric and esoteric teachings began.

"Your place on the path of developed intelligence determines your power," the mystics said then, and it still holds after all these centuries of progress.

The centuries went by, and men, ever true to their inherited instinct of worshipping something outside of themselves, and depending upon something outside of themselves, dropped away from worship of angels into worship of things and persons; the idol and the priest began to be the only hope of their inner senses.

At length the race consciousness expressed in two well marked divisions, one the exoteric and objective mind, clinging to and worshipping something of form; the other, the esoteric subjective mind, worshipping something called formless, but both worshipping they knew not what;

both following blindly the deep cosmic urge of dependence. The priesthood gave one law for the objective mind and one for the subjective. It took centuries for race consciousness to rise where there could be a union of these two streams of mind.

On one hand the race struggled on under the grip of the teachers, the priests, the magi — worshipping them, and through them learning to worship gods and idols. These teachers and leaders, blind with a little knowledge, controlled, directed and submerged the race mind, until traditions and superstitions bound them in a bondage which only time could efface.

On the other side, the stream of *special privileges* grew more and more marked, until hidden shrines, mystic temples and silent cloisters hid the orgies of the favored few, and incense, signs and initiations became the method by which higher revelation and higher liberty was to be gained. There gathered around these hidden centers the light of a great sacred mystery that still enslaves the minds of the exoteric multitude. Thus race consciousness passed

through many extensions, and it was not until the seventh extension that both sides of intelligence, objective and mystic, had become so perfect that an individual could be embodied to unite both these streams of understanding in one.

In the seventh extension these two streams met, and there came forth the first universal or God-conscious man of the planet. By God-conscious we mean conscious of the whole. This mind came as the plus of all minds; in his own master-mind he blended all expressions of race consciousness, and became the savior and Christ, or group-soul for his day and hour. He no longer sought wisdom exoterically or esoterically; he was *wisdom*. His mind was the combined mind of men and of angels; he had full and complete understanding of the needs of men, and direct, immediate communion with the mind of God (or universal intelligence). This man was Zarathustra. Conscious union between man and God began with him; exoteric and esoteric race consciousness was blent into one. His message became then

and there the revealed law of this planet for all time while this planet remains in its present place in the firmament. After several million years more this planet will swing into a new position in the firmament, and a new *God-conscious* mind, plusing all consciousness, will come, bringing to the race a new revealed law which will fit the races of the new planetary position.

There are those who confound Zarathustra with Zoroaster, the great Persian master of later centuries. Zoroaster was simply another reincarnation of Truth, coming then and there to reinforce with his own great revelation the planetary message of the true Zarathustra. He came in the seventh century before Christ, while meager history shows that Zarathustra lived long eras before Christ. Zoroaster reintensified and modernized the Truth, which was growing dim to the new race mind.

Zarathustra was the first *God-conscious* mind on this planet, and he came when the race consciousness had risen in its own intelligence where it would allow such an

incarnation. He read for the race the seemingly unreadable riddle of creation, emanation and evolution. He told them the whole story of life in the simple child-like language of his day. "I'hua Mazda" was his God. His "Master's Voice" spoke to him and said: "All places are my places, all words my words, all names are my names, all truth my speech, all facts my voice, all nations of the earth shall know me and my words. Ah, man! perceive my intelligence in all things that have been or ever will be."

This was his message of God in the language of his day. It was the new idea of God then, it was the new idea of God later, it is the new idea of God now; lost again and again in the wreckage of civilization, but found by the remnants of all races, and brought forth and glorified in a new way in each new dawn of consciousness. Not many gods, but ONE GOD, Zarathustra said, in the very dawn of man's search after his source. He said: "God was ALL, he is ALL, he was all round, and put forth hands and wings,

then began the beginning of things seen and unseen." Through Zarathustra the upper spiritual consciousness established universal cosmic union with man, and through him, man came into the first glimpses of his individualized Godhood.

Zarathustra is the Father-Mother of all religions that are now, ever have been, or ever will be for thousands of years yet to come.

All that men know of religious ideals today are a retranslation of the message of God as revealed to the planet by this planetary God, Zarathustra. The Brahmins justly say: "When you are tired of the lies of your missionaries, come to us and learn the truth — the truth that has been with us for thousands of years." All the sacred histories — Chinese, Hindu, Persian, Egyptian — will tell of this first ascent of mind, and the first conscious union of the mind of man with the mind of God.

Zarathustra revealed creation and all created things; he explained the creation of worlds, of land, of water, the light, the

heat, the cold, the mineral, the vegetable, the animal, and lastly, human life, the man and womb-man. He told of the sameness of life and death, the continuity of consciousness. These revelations fell as a benediction on the mind of the multitude then, and they still fall, as the highest light of sacred story, on all the minds of the new civilization, linking its consciousness into one glorified revelation of TRUTH.

He taught what we still know as the *First Principles*.

“I’hua Mazda shall be king, and ye shall have no other.

“Thou shalt disown all other rulers, kings, queens, lords, gods, only I’hua Mazda shall be over all.

“Thou shalt bow only in reverence to thy Creator.

“Thy covenant shall be only between thee and thy Creator; none other shalt thou serve.”

He taught the great inseparability of all life, the union of the earth and heavens. He made the play of cosmic forces, both seen and unseen, the fit study of mankind;

he founded the fast days, the four moon days — showing how all *moon changes* had association with the changing consciousness of the race; and in order to make the ignorant of his day attend to these holy days, he put it before them in the childish story that “these changes of the moon were the changes in heaven of the angel watches over men.” Centuries after, and now even, the scientist finds the close at-one-ment of human conditions, and how the ebb and flow of the tides under the influence of the moon affect the affairs of men. There was not a single law of human life forgotten or left unrevealed, and out from the simple knowledge of this “Ancient Christ” all sacred and secular knowledge of life has evolved.

The Zarathrustrian followers were millions; those who believed and accepted became the teachers and masters and later the priests of the multitude. The Zarathrustrian priests were celibates; they were divinely set aside to serve I’hua Mazda, and had no part in the affairs of life; they were non-flesh eaters, and from this first

plan of ministry came the celibate priesthood of modern life. Zarathrustra, with the aid of his teachers, masters, priests and seers, projected the *true idea of life* into the race mind, he inoculated every corner of civilization with his positive statements, and in every country leaders sprang up and centers of flaming spiritual power were formed.

Zarathrustra lived his life, brought his message, left it in a superior form for the coming centuries to dissect and use. The substance of his message was written down by Asha, the first king he converted, who, after his conversion, followed steadily this new thought. His were the first heavenly words ever given real form, and were caught by Asha and stamped on skins, tablets and cloth. All masters, teachers and messengers in every nation or race, no matter of what religion, have simply re-developed, rediscovered or retranslated this wonderful Zarathrustrian revelation.

Brahmanism of India is simply Zarathrustrianism put into its own form. "I'hua Mazda" was "Ormazd" to the Hindu, and

the first true worshippers were followers of the wonderful name. These true worshippers rejected idols and idol worship, following only ONE "All-wise, the Invisible Limitless Omniscient." In India the *Voice* had been lost after six hundred years of mixed race consciousness; it had to be restored, and at last it was reproduced by an illumined couple who had both voice and power and these begat Bra, who, after a while, was called Brahma, because of his great wisdom. The *Voice* spoke to him in youth and said:—"Thou art out of the true seed, and the things which Zarathrus-tra revealed shall be recovered to men through thy light."

It is written that Brahm had seven sons and one VEDE; the third son heard the *Voice* and saw the visions of his Father, and he remembered the words of wisdom of Brahm and wrote them down on a cloth, and during a long period of inspired teaching, which lasted forty days, Brahm, speaking with the *Voice* of prophecy, gave forth all the inspired message of the long past, and Vede, taking them down, gathered

them into a holy book, and the Veda was accomplished. The Veda instructions to-day still mark the ebb and flow of all revelation; the Bhagavad, Gita, and all other mystic books, are its remote echoes.

The six sons of Brahm became Rab'bahs. Each established a school and taught the Vedic scriptures by word of mouth, and in after ages the Hindu "Guru," the "Swami," was the modern example of their methods. The Rig-veda, the oldest scripture in the world, is the text-book of all religions that are now or ever will be. Zarathustra's I'hua Mazda, transformed to *Ormazd*, and then to Brahm, has in it "All in All, the ONE indivisible, omnipotent, omniscient, limitless God." Brahman, Buddhist, Parsee, Jew, Christian, or Mohametan, are only the branches of this great spiritual tree, whose root is Universal Truth.

In China the first great Zarathrustrian prophet was *Chine*, and through him the principles of the first truth worked their way into the minds of the remnants of the races, to be kept and held until the

race consciousness should be ready to accept them again in fuller realization. Then there came out in leadership the immortal *Po*, and he again made the old records everlasting on the earth. He bore testimony of the glory of God and the deliverance of man through consciousness with his source. The Voice spoke to the new revelator. *Po* was prophet by birth, and it is written that when he was yet very young the Voice of God came to him saying: "Be steadfast in the doctrines of thy forefathers; thy God will preserve thee alive, and thou shalt gather together the scattered tribes of the Zarathrustrians and re-establish them in this great land." *Po* told the same story of the ONE in all and through all, "I am the Father of all living things; I write in the sands, I speak in the mouths of my seers and prophets; thou shalt obey only thy God." And *Po* taught even the learned the Mystery of God and the law of great monarchies. There are now three great religions in China — Buddhism, T'aoism and Confucianism — and these are only the retranslations of the first Zara-

thrustrian fundamentals as translated by Chine, reinterpreted by Po, and recolored by the later civilizations to fit the understanding of men. The great Confucian religion of ethics was born from the ancient instructions of man's humanity to man.

The history of *Judaism* was as simple in its origin as it was mighty in its growth. When Zarathustra was in his young boyhood, God, "I'hua Mazda," spoke to him and began to manifest through him wonderful miracles and prophecies. Following the command of the spirit, he was led to minister to a people who had hidden away in the forests, fleeing the kings. Because of the cruelty of the Persian kings, they fled and lived in the forests, simple in mind, pure in spirit, receptive in heart; they were fit centers for the descent and embodiment of truth on this planet. It is written that "they were called Listerians, and they lived in the Forest of Goats. This forest was of the width in every direction, save of the east, of forty days' journey for a man, and in all that region there were no

houses, the inhabitants living in tents made of barks and skins."

To these people Zarathustra brought his divine revelation; he inspired them to build houses and to live the pure life, eating no meat, and to worship the ONE, the only I'hua Mazda. It was from these inhabitants there sprang in after years the Foneceans, meaning "out of the mountains."

Out from these people of the mountains came Abraham, born of Zarathrustrian parents; out of the house of Parsi-e, a man chosen by God to reinstate the divine message of God in the world he had projected from himself. Sacred history says of Abraham: "Abraham was of pure blood, the mixture of the first and second race, and the light of prophecy and vision had been with his forefathers and foremothers since before the flood; he was large and red like new copper, and had black hair and a long beard; fierce to look upon, but his soul was gentle as a woman." Abraham could see without eyes and hear without ears, knowing things by the light

of God which dwelt in him, and God appointed Abraham to gather together the chosen in Arabin'ya and adjacent countries. He built altars of sacrifice and altars of worship, according to the voice of the spirit within him. Judaism began with this inspired Revelator, and anyone who will follow its history from the past until today will find in its every prophet, priest and king, in its every spiritual instruction, a modified interpretation of this first message. Bred into its heart in the wild woods of the Shepherd Kings, carried in the simplicity of the consciousness of the first Foneceans — who had turned to Zarathrustrian worship as the flower turns to the sun — Abraham was the natural flashing out of this religious stream; coming from a half-forgotten past, it flamed out anew in spiritual supremacy, to carry with it all the ardor, the power and the persistence of the true idea of God.

The chain of religion is distinct as one follows it, and it strings human life upon it like a lot of beads, each beautiful and

perfect for its type, yet the string supporting all the various hues and forms. For centuries the Jews were God's chosen people, as they in the beginning were the first to receive and carry out the message. For centuries they remained true to their beliefs, refusing to amalgamate, refusing to worship false gods, and in spite of scorn, ridicule, cruelty and subjection, they turned to their Jehovah, the one and only true God, the "I'hua Mazda" of their day and understanding.

Through soul agony, persecution, and bondage with idol worshipping nations, they kept their own hope, that there would some day come to them the Savior who would bring anew the story of the greatness of God and the majesty of men. They dragged on under this Karmic law, keeping as best they could the pure wisdom of the past, and at last the pulse of the cosmic heart beat high enough that through the spiritual consciousness of Mary (the child of true Zarathrustrian parents), a spiritual vibration was established by which the masters of the spheres could produce again

a *body* for the Christ consciousness, and Jesus, the Christ, came forth.

The first *God-conscious* man on the planet was Zarathustra, the last *God-conscious* man Jesus, the Christ. All who passed between were simply parts of the great cosmic plan flashing a ray of the divine message to its own division of the race mind.

All saviors and seers between these two men were only *Reflectors* of the plan; Zarathustra and Jesus the Christ were the *PLAN embodied*. All prophets and saviors of the past were great and holy. Each teacher of each religion delivered the gem of consciousness to the people for whom he was intended; they came to complement each other and to make a mighty fulcrum in earthly consciousness, through which the upper spiritual forces could pull up the whole oncoming race mind. Jesus came with his mind filled with the new interpretation to his people. The *Voice* of the past spoke again through him. He came when the race-mind, glutted with materiality and worldly privileges

and opportunities, was forgetting the principles of deeper truths. He came to re-establish the Zarathrustrian corner-stones of love, justice, mercy and worship. Every word of his message and ministry is resplendent with the same beauty which the simple shepherd kings spelled out in the deep stillness of the Parsaian hills—the first and last message of God and man: He said, “I and my Father are One, all that my Father hath is mine. Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is One Lord.” This is the first and greatest commandment. He said in answer to the question, “Thou art not yet thirty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?” “Verily, before Abraham was, I am.” His master-mind reflected all the wisdom of the master-minds of all ages. He knew that Judaism and all spiritual recognition of God, no matter under what name, could only claim its life blood from the One great Source—*God consciousness*. He saw the transit of human understanding. He came when the hour struck to call Jew, Greek, Gentile, Heathen, Pagan and Barbarian back to

the clearer vision of the ONE life in all and through all. He assimilated them in the gentle easy paths of love and worship. He gave his message and left the earth zone, leaving humanity to use it according to their own realization.

Looking then at the religious expressions of all ages and all nations today, we see with a clear vision the truth that there is but one religion, One Vine, but many branches, and these branches are but the race consciousness in its own peculiar method of expansion.

First, the root, *Zarathrustrianism*; then the tree, *Brahmanism*; then the branches, *Buddhism*, *Judaism*, *Christianity*, *Mohammedism*, and above them all the same God: First "*I'hua Mazda*," then "*Ormazd*," *Buddha*, *Jehovah*, *Allah* and *God*. All ONE, but specialized centers of cosmic intelligence through which filtered in its own way the spirit of the Universal into the personal spiritual consciousness of man.

New Thought looks at all this seeming tangle of religious ideals and understands all. It sees the many refractions of the

ONE, the unity of diversity, and the diversity of unity.

It never loses the divine thread of Oneness; from Zarathrustra to Jesus the Christ, it finds all religious ideals were the same, only adjusted to the activities of race consciousness and refracted by race development.

The followers of the New Civilization are the remnants of the olden tribes of the first Revelators, the true religionists; they have been redeemed out of all races, all nations, all religions, all creeds, into the One Life that is in them all. All life is God to them, and God is quivering Life; the temple doors of the new Jerusalem swing inward. "And I saw no temple there, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it."

The new religion includes all religions, all creeds, all churches, all people, without regard to class, creed or color; it builds for all a new spiritual opportunity based on the true revelation of the two God-conscious visitors and revelators of the planet.

It modernizes, as best it can, the old, old message, and it speaks it again in a new tongue to fit the understanding of the present race consciousness.

One Life, and all men this same life in manifestation,

One God, not many gods.

One substance, but many divisions of this substance."

Direct and continuous inspiration of men through recognition of unity.

I'hua Mazda — God — the beginning and the end of all human hope, the method of all human deliverance.

A finality of never-ending individualized happiness in the possession of Mazdaian wisdom, love and justice. These were the first Mazdaian ideals and they are the last; to the New Civilization, *God is all*.

A New Thought worshipper loves all forms of worship, and consciously makes himself a part of them; he can worship in the Pagan fane and through the heathen's idolatrous image of some unknown spirituality. For God is God to him although he be enshrined in an idol's form and

claims from him for that moment a divine recognition.

He turns in loving reverence to the immortal Jehovah, and sings the songs of jealous worship: "I thy God am a jealous God," and feels, for that moment at least, "Jehovah, watching over Israel, slumbers not or sleeps."

He worships the great Brahm, the great Invisible, the wonder with no beginning and no end, the Invincible, Silent, Omniscient, yet he is not lonely nor apart, for he feels that in this sea of undifferentiated God intelligence, he is *It*.

Again in joyous understanding he turns and bends in silent adoration, while through his heart there sweeps the mystic music of the Mohammedan's reverential "Allah, all praise be to thee." And back at last to the foot of the cross of the ever-living Christ, he speaks with the tongue of his own day, "Oh, Christ, thou Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me," and then turning to the "Temple of the New Civilization," he stands face to face with his Source and

speaks with the voice of the centuries, "Oh, God, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations." He knows what Jesus, the God-conscious master, meant when he said, "God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth."

Man an individualized God though this consciousness — direct inspiration through union with the One Mind — direct and immediate communion with the One Mind — higher revelation through listening to the Voice within and the Vision without — human happiness through understanding and obedience to finer forces — a finality of peace, power and plenty on earth, and the open doorway to ever-increasing levels of God consciousness in the spheres and the kingdoms — Unity of all religions in the great universal spirit of worship.

The New Thought Church, with its old-new ideal, came because mankind built it with their desire; it will remain because it is the deep of supply answering to the deep of need. It unites all religions into one great symphony of human purpose; it

teaches simply the consciousness of God in the human heart, worked out in sane, sensible living. Higher than this no Truth can go; it is the first and last word on this planet.

Twelfth Fundamental

GOD IS ALL

 HIS fundamental is composed of all the other fundamentals, and without them it could not exist.

With a knowledge that God is All and All is God; that there is only one substance, one intelligence, one action; that man is this same intelligence in action; that his mind is the *One Mind*, in all and through all; that man is an Individualized God on a self-imposed pathway; that as he goes he lives life for experience, expression and inclusion; that the end is God consciousness or consciousness of the Whole. Seeing himself in Truth, he looks into his own being and finds the great creative, spiritual energy which is himself; then, following this creative stream of intelligence, he moves out upon the surface, all that he is in the formless streams of mind.

He no longer sees life in the part, but in the *Whole*. He understands that it

really is, "as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be."

Finding himself one with the *One* or the *Whole*, he passes by natural reasoning into conscious union with the next great law, and finds that he is a part of a mighty system which has in it the continuous perfecting of all.

He relates with cosmic consciousness, in peace and harmonious activity, realizing that *God is all* and *all is God*. There is no evil left to be considered — *All is Good*; and good is the fundamental law of all activity in the seen or the unseen. One great enduring purpose of perfection runs like a silver thread through his being, linking all life in a chain of Life — and this life is *love*.

He finds, as Ella Wheeler Wilcox says, "The Universe rests on the shoulders of love, a love so limitless, deep and broad, that men have renamed it and called it God."

This consciousness of *All Good* fixes his mind and heart. He is ready to meet life at every turn and in every form with a

new contact. He knows now that if he looks at the high and holy and calls it good, he must look with the same all-seeing eyes at what he calls dark and damned and find it as surely significant of God.

There is no evil — all is good. This is the whole truth, and the last word of the New Civilization. All the duality of life has passed from calculations; there is nothing but God and the consciousness of God in the world which he projected from himself.

There is everywhere evidences of degrees of this consciousness, and man meets it as good, better and best, but never bad or evil.

We see that all life is comparative, but it is all *good*.

Matter is divine mind, or universal intelligence at that level.

Form is divine intelligence embodied, and it is no less this even though it be atom or man.

All life becomes now only ascending reaches of God consciousness, and every expression of life in matter is some part of the Universal plan.

All is good because all is God. With this slogan the New Civilization faces crime, ignorance, strife, conflict, lies, treachery, unbelief, separateness, and everything that seems to be evil, and sees in it only unripe or undeveloped *good*.

We know that all these negative expressions of God consciousness are only embryonic degrees of Divine intelligence, and that while we look even they may pass by universal law into factors for higher spiritual perception.

“Thy hand in all things I behold, and all things in Thy hand,” becomes the Universal belief.

The word of truth, then, to those who know, is *God is all*, and the New Civilization not only speaks this word, but lives in the full realization of its power; there is no more complaining, “for God (good) shall wipe away all tears from our eyes”; there is no more resistance against people, places or things, for all is a part of our own evolution. “Each sorrow has its meaning by the sorrowing oft unguessed,” but by those who have come through,

the meaning is plain and the story of higher wisdom is written.

Each day we stand at the judgment bar of the Universal life, and each day the hand of the Universal law places us just where we belong in the Universal plan. Our place is determined by the deeds of our own life; in our hands is the divining rod, and some day we learn to measure ourselves with a just appropriation.

High or low, rich or poor, good or bad, is *one* in the Universal sight. God is no respecter of persons; we are our own un-aided law, and we gather at the harvest what we have sown; we can "come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves" of peace, power, love, joy; or, with streaming eyes, stand desolate in barren fields, alone, empty-handed. "God (the Universal life) has provided some better things for us which without us cannot be made perfect."

All that is left for the dweller in the New Civilization is to know *Good* past all doubting, and then, taking all the laws of his kingdom in his hands, fling himself fearlessly out into the mighty sea of human

error, human superstition, and faltering race belief.

With wide open soul eyes, that see only Good, he passes every shipwreck, every stranded mariner, and sees only the lights along the shores of an unfaltering faith. Disease may meet him, but he knows that God is all, so disease becomes for him only a ladder by which he climbs into a more powerful physical perfection. If poverty meets him, it acts only as the banks of the river, which forces the tide of his life on toward the sea; crime and ignorance may walk beside him, but he looks past all the seeming darkness of the embryonic consciousness and finds the *God in making*. Higher than all human refraction of appearances, he sees the light of reality shining; above all the seeming error and evil of the world mind, he sees the hand of an eternal good, guiding; and through all the rainbow colorings of the parts, he finds the slender tracings of the Infinite plan.

Robed, then, in an eternal rightness, he walks his way. Changes may come and go, loss and pain may swing around his

pathway, hearts may break beside him; but he knows the law. He has sublimed his own understanding to that high pinnacle of revelation where the law of *opposites* has become the law of *unity*, the *many* have become the *One*; and he looks at life with revealed wisdom; he is out into the land of the naked vision, and he *knows*.

This is the truly *individualized God-man*. This is the ultimate production of the New Civilization. In his hands and in his wisdom the oncoming race-man may rest in divine security. In him and in his teachings there is an abiding certainty. He is too close to his Source to be mistaken, and too deep in race consciousness to ever be misunderstood. When he speaks, the whole listening world attends; for in truth he "knows from whence he came and whither he goes," and as he is lifted up from the earth, he draws all men unto him.