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## IF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?

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Universal disbelief in survival would be disastrous to humanity.

IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN? This is the question which in all ages has troubled the souls of men: the prophets and the wise men of antiquity were in doubt as to the answer to be given it. Philosophy has always discussed it as one of the unsolved problems of humanity, while modern science, instead of clearing up the difficulty and giving us renewed hope, either ignores the question altogether, or advances powerful arguments against the affirmative reply. Yet the ultimate decision arrived at, whether in the negative or affirmative, but is calculated, I believe, to determine the future welfare or misery of mankind.

If the question should be finally decided in the negative—if all men without exception ever come to believe that there is no life beyond the life, if children are all brought up to believe that the only happiness they can ever enjoy will be upon this earth—then it seems to me that the condition of man would be altogether hopeless, because there would cease to be any adequate motive for justice, for truth, for unselfishness, and no sufficient reason could be given to the poor man, to the bad man, or to the selfish man, why he should not systematically seek his own personal welfare at the cost of others.

### 1. Scoffing Question

The well-being of the race in the distant future set before us by some philosophers, would not certainly influence the majority of men, more especially as the universal teaching of science is, that the entire race, with the world it inhabits, must sooner or later come to an end. "The greatest good to the greatest number," that noble ideal of many philosophers, would never be admitted as a motive for action by those who are seeking their own personal welfare.

The scoffing question, "What has posterity done for us?" which influences many men even now, regardless of what might happen to those who come afterward. Even now, notwithstanding the hereditary influences, the religious belief and religious training in which our characters have been molded, selfishness is far too prevalent.

When these influences cease altogether, when under total incredulity, and with no influences whatever leading men to self-development as a means of permanent happiness, the inevitable result will be that might alone would constitute right, that the weakest would always and inevitably go to the wall, and that the unbridled passions



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**ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE**  
A foremost scientist of his day; he was not afraid of criticism; admitted the facts as he found them; a staunch supporter of personal conscious survival.

of the strongest and most selfish men would dominate the world.

Such a hell upon earth as would thus be brought about will happily never exist, because it would be founded upon a falsehood, and because there are causes now at work which forbid a disbelief in man's spiritual nature and his continued existence after death.

### "Popular Phenomena"

Let us, then, consider that is the nature of these causes and influences, and how it has happened that earnest scientific seekers after truth are so often the advocates of a disbelief which, if it became universal and if founded on truth, would be so disastrous to humanity.

Until the last century the bulk of civilized mankind implicitly accepted the belief in a future life and in the essential spiritual nature of man. Now the most advanced thinkers reject it as not founded on evidence, as incredible, or even as impossible. A considerable portion of the more intelligent among the working classes adopt their teachings. What is it that has brought this about?

The belief in a future life has been bound up with and perhaps even rested upon the belief in the existence and occasional appearance on earth of spirit beings, of the spirits of the dead, and of such popular phenomena as spirits, visitations, warnings, premonitions, etc.

### Why Not Admit It?

Beliefs of this nature prevailed almost universally up to about two centuries ago, when they came to a comparatively sudden end, and have since been treated by the educated in general as fables and superstitions, and this view has become so general and so ingrained that people will not even allow that the question is open to discussion at all, or even admit to the possibility of such phenomena as actual facts but consider it the mark of ignorance and degrading superstition.

This almost sudden revulsion of

## REAL MEANING OF EASTER

In the rank and file of dictatorial leaders of Orthodoxy and Vested Interests, rarely do you find opponents of the belief that He came back. When quizzed pointedly, an acknowledgement is usually made by these leaders BUT their statements are always qualified by saying the man Jesus was the only one who had or could have such an experience—because of the life he lived, or because he was endowed with that divine spark which made the resurrection possible. Granting all His personal attainments and unchallenged spiritual attributes, yet He never said He was God, never said He was divine. BUT He did say "... and these things ye shall do and even greater things." Jesus was a man—subject to natural laws and Spiritual laws, even as all human beings, BUT He KNEW these laws and, living in accordance therewith, He was able to demonstrate personal conscious survival as fact. Orthodoxy would have us believe that His actual physical body returned. Spiritualists know such demonstrations as materialization, a phase of spiritual manifestation made possible only THROUGH MEDIUMS. Jesus was a medium as were most of His disciples, hence natural laws were in operation. Instead of stressing His teachings, most churches have distracted their followers by deifying the man—neglecting to properly interpret His real mission while on earth. EASTER, therefore, commemorates all the Spiritualists claim to be true.—Ed.

feeling (for it is mere feeling, not belief founded on knowledge and inquiry) may be, I think, clearly traced to the current action of two powerful causes: one of them the witchcraft mania of the middle ages, the other the rise of physical science.

### They Were Tortured

The witchcraft mania which prevailed during the middle ages grew in intensity and horror until it culminated in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, at which time thousands and tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of persons most of whom were perfectly innocent and many of them far wiser and better than their accusers, were tortured and massacred in the belief that they had held actual personal communication with Satan.

The whole religious world was permeated with a belief in diabolism, so that any accusation was sufficient to cause a person once arrested as a witch or a wizard to

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## HIS PASSING PROVED LIFE AFTER DEATH



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Few have ever denied the actual truth gloriously portrayed by the artist in this famous picture. It was a vision seen and painted in 1936 by Colonel Hawley Todd.

## HE CAME BACK

"Destroy the temple but in three days I shall raise it up again"

Christianity is based, not on the Crucifixion, but on His return.

By JULIETTE EWING PRESSING

The foundation of Christianity rests upon the return of Jesus. HE CAME BACK. To the understanding of a Spiritualist, EASTER typifies spirit return to earth environs through the phenomena of materialization.

During His earth ministry, Jesus taught the truth that man is immortal. He ministered unto the sick. He turned water into wine. He multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand.

He taught the golden rule. He taught the law of cause and effect. "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."

He prophesied. He used every means to teach and prove to the people that man is the son of God and the son of man and that man is an immortal spirit.

He became so famous, the King of the nation became jealous of him. His doctrines were alienating many people from the established churches. He was disturbing the system existing in His day.

### "His Face Did Shine"

Through His mediumship, He knew He would be arrested and crucified, as was the customary method of abolishing criminals. He realized that under the severe tests, his disciples would be afraid of the law.

He knew He would be betrayed by Judas. He knew that even faithful Peter would deny Him. He knew that the course of the world's

religious system and teachings must be changed.

During his altercations with the legal authorities, he stated "Destroy the temple, but within three days, I'll raise it up again."

In preparation for His darkest hour. He went up into the mountain to pray. He invited three of his best developed psychics, Peter, James and John to accompany him. It was here that Jesus was transfigured before them: "and his face did shine as the sun and his raiment was white as the light." And "behold, there appeared unto them, Moses and Elias talking with him."

### Seance Broadcast

The disciples were amazed and bewildered. Peter then spoke and said unto Jesus, "Lord it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, one for Moses and one for Elias."

While he yet spake, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice out of a cloud which said, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him."

The disciples were afraid. They fell on their faces. Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, be not afraid." Jesus knew it was not the time to broadcast this seance to the people, so he said, "Tell the vision to no man until the son of man has risen from the dead."

Shortly there followed the arrest and the crucifixion. The disciples reacted just as Jesus had prophesied. Peter denied Him thrice before the cock crowed. Judas betrayed Him. Though the disciples lamented the death of their leader, they didn't have the

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# INSPIRATIONAL MEDIUMSHIP

Clairsentience is not limited to artists and intellectuals. Many humble persons possess this type of INSPIRATIONAL MEDIUMSHIP to some degree and are able to get impressions and helpful guidance from deceased relatives and friends. Many are unaware of these impressions but those who possess Clairsentience to a marked degree ARE aware of it. These persons are called Clairsentient Mediums.

EDMONDS, PEEBLES, SPERRY, RAYMOND, WHITE, "BETTY" DROUET, HARE, LONGLEY AND BEECHER.

By PAUL R. LOMAXE

Clairsentience, as distinguished from clairvoyance and clairaudience, is the sensing or feeling by a supernormal faculty — that is, without the use of any of the five senses. It is also called inspirational mediumship, and the thought sensed is called an impression.

Telepathy is thought transference between two living minds. Clairsentience, or inspirational mediumship, is thought transference from a spirit mind to a living mind.

John W. Edmonds, who was a judge on the Court of Appeals, the highest Court in the State of New York, was mediumistic, and one of his phases was clairsentience. In describing it in his book, he says, "A train of thought is thrust upon my mind, consecutive and clear in its order and connection, producing the same effect as any process of reasoning by which I arrive at a conclusion."

## Secret of Inspiration

"The spirit world, rather than the physical world, is the sphere of causes," said a communication received years ago and reported by Dr. J. M. Peebles in his book *Immortality*. "Its baptismal influences are continually being poured upon mortals. All great orators are inspired; all poets are impressed; the great artists often paint wiser than they know. Many of the best mediums on earth do not know they are mediums. Many claim thoughts and ideas as their own that were simply transmitted to their sensitive brain. . . All the most brilliant geniuses of any age have been such. They could not have originated the ideas which are conveyed by the works of men like Shakespeare, Spencer, Dante, Plato, Aristotle and others, unless the writers or speakers had been inspired by men from the spirit world.

"This is the secret of all inspiration. We see it at work in everyday life just the same. From the spirit side—seen behind the scenes, as it were—the process is so simple and commonplace that he who runs may read; but with you it is of course scouted as one of the delusions. . . The spirit world is tolerant of your eccentricities. We know your weak points — we humor them—and work away in spite of it all.

## Man Takes All the Credit

"We have much to tell you for your own good; it makes us happy to impart knowledge; hence we seek out, like the scientific men we have told you of, an impressionable mind amongst you, and pour into his brain the thoughts which we are full of. He takes the credit of their utterance in your world; but, as it is only temporary, we do not mind.

"When he comes into the spirit world he finds out his mistake, and is obliged to admit that he is not

such a genius as he thought he was. Then he has to take his proper place in the world of thought, and perhaps he may be dissatisfied. If so, he of course becomes unhappy; and until his pride of intellect is subdued, he cannot rise."

Elmer Ambrose Sperry was a great inventor who passed over in 1930. He invented, among other things, the high-intensity arc searchlight, the gyro-compass upon which the whole complicated system of modern naval gunnery has been developed, the gyro-pilot for the steering of ships, the automatic gyro-pilot for stabilizing aeroplanes, and the gyroscope ship stabilizer.

## Genius—Its Original Source

After his death he said through the direct-voice, "I want to impress upon you one point. Inspiration does not deprive a man of his individuality. A man's heredity and experiences create a background through which the spirit forces are able to demonstrate. Everything that every inventor has invented he has gotten out of the air. He does not always realize this, and it is not necessary that he should. But when he does, his receptivity becomes greater."

Raymond, the deceased son of Sir Oliver Lodge, communicated about some books which had been produced on his side, and remarked that they would be published (on earth), and that their contents would be impressed on the brain of some (mediumistic, living) man, he supposes an author.

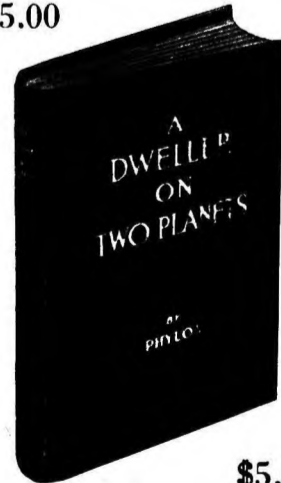
Mrs. Stewart Edward White ("Betty"), who had passed over to the other side, communicated to her husband, "We do creative things here. There is not much

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original genius on your side; sometimes there is, but more often what you call genius is a dipping into what individuals here accomplish. Great artists have dexterity; and as a rule they are also great psychics. Sometimes they get our thought without being able to produce it, and that is a real tragedy. Scientists work on what you call scientific discovery, and are subject to sudden solutions of their problems. As in sleep."

## Mrs. Drouet's Experience

While working on a sculptured figure of a Diana, Bessie Clarke Drouet could not, for the life of her, get the position of the right arm to suit her. She abandoned it for the time. On another day, while working on a figure of a diving girl, she "suddenly left that work, and walking over to the Diana, changed the position of the outstretched arm around into the front of the figure," and walked right back to her other work.

Not long afterward, at a direct-voice seance, Mrs. Drouet received the following communication, "This is Ordway Partridge," the deceased sculptor, "speaking. I heard your remark about the arm of your Diana. I want you to know I helped you with it. I impressed you to walk over and change the position of it. Now I like it. I had been trying for a long time to find you in a receptive mood, so I could get my message through to you, and that day I did it."

Artists, musicians, philosophers, scientists and statesmen, and all in the spirit world continue the work and studies in which they were interested while on earth. The dead student, Lester Colman reported, for example, "For sometime after I passed over I was undecided as to whether music or science would be my work. After much serious thought I determined that music should be my hobby, and my more earnest intent should be directed upon science in every form. . . My work is continuing here as it began on earth, in scientific channels, and, in order to pursue my studies, I visit frequently a laboratory possessing extraordinary complete facilities for carrying on of experiments."

## "The World Beautiful"

The father of Robert Hare, late Emeritus Professor in Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, communicated the following to his son, "We do not, as many persons in the rudimental (earthly) state imagine, abandon the studies we commenced on earth, which would presuppose the loss of our reasoning powers and our consequent inferiority to yourselves; but on the contrary, we go on progressing in knowledge and wisdom and shall progress throughout the boundless ages of eternity. . . Our scientific researches and investigations are extended to all that pertains to the phenomena of universal nature; to all the wonders of the heavens and the earth and to whatever the mind of man is capable of conceiving. . . Nevertheless, there are millions of spirits who are not yet sufficiently advanced to take any interest in these pursuits; for you will bear in mind that the spheres are but so many departments of a great normal school, for the mental discipline and development of the race, of which is reached only by the spiral stages of progression—the earth being the first in the series."

The medium of former years, Mary T. Longley, reports in her book "World Beautiful" a communication of which the following is an excerpt, "Surgeons who, on earth, were naturally attracted to their line of the profession, are here, but not at work with knife and scalpel on spirit people; they are busy here in contact with pro-

## More About . . . ADA BESINNET and Little JOHN KEMP NOFZIGER



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## CORRECTION

By THE EDITOR

In last edition of *Psychic Observer* (March 25th), several errors in our leading article about ADA BESINNET were brought to our attention by Grace P. Nofziger. The article described in detail, a seance held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nofziger at Toledo, Ohio. Much was said about little John Kemp Nofziger (see picture above) and his interest in Spiritualism and seances. The article explained how Ada Besinnet (see rare picture of "Miss Ada," upper right) was able to conduct one of her typical seances through the mediumship of Rev. Clifford L. Bias.

The errors made in our story can best be rectified by quoting in part from a telegram received from



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Grace Nofziger: "John's father Loyal not deceased . . . very much alive . . . before marriage Walter and Rhuea same name Nofziger no relation . . . Rhuea sister of Loyal therefore Uncle Walter and Aunt Rhuea to little John."

A letter also received from Grace Nofziger reads: "Edwin C. Boyd lived in Toledo many years. He passed away eight years ago. Harriet Heining still lives in Toledo. Both Boyd and Mrs. Heining were Spiritualists and close friends of Ada's, attended her seances regularly and took friends as we did. Every person taken to "Miss Ada's" seances had to be vouched for by friends, that is friends of Ada's. The number was eight to ten. Ada preferred eight and only sat about three evenings a week."

gressive practitioners (on earth) and helping them to find the highest and most advanced means for surgical aid to wounded and afflicted bodies, and best of all, aiding them in the study of how to bring about conditions for mankind that will, in the future, have no need for the offices of surgery. All are beneficent beings, and delight to minister to needy souls in any sphere; also to study all that science has to reveal for the advantage, in body and spirit, for humanity."

Many years ago Dr. Henry Ward Beecher of Barkhamstead, Conn., communicated the following after he had passed over, "At times I visited schools of art, of

music, of mechanical invention, and of medicine, the latter interesting me intensely. These various schools of mind often exchange ideas, and when they make a discovery or perfect something they send missionaries to report to other circles of spirits. And, further, spirits are selected to seek out corresponding minds upon earth, that can readily receive the discovery by impression. They are also helped to utilize it. Such receptive minds need not necessarily be known as mediums. The man you call Edison is the best medium for a given purpose on your earth."

## Remarkable American Negro

In January, 1913, a scientist, inventor and a great inspirational medium passed on to the next life. His name was George Washington Carver. He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and he was accorded the honor of membership in the Royal Society of Arts of London. The *New York Sun* said editorially, on his passing, "That career in itself would mark him as one of the most remarkable of American Negroes. But he was also one of the most remarkable men of our age."

He was born of slave parents in Missouri. In infancy he was stolen and carried into Arkansas with his mother who was never heard from again. Later he was bought from his captors for a race horse valued at \$300, and returned to his former home. He did not learn to read and write until he was almost twenty. He worked his way through High School and College, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and was immediately made a faculty member. Later he received the de-

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## CONAN DOYLE'S SACRIFICE

Adrian Conan Doyle believes that his father's estate would have been £250,000, (\$1,000,000) instead of \$250,000 he left, if Sir Arthur had not devoted the last dozen years of his life to Spiritualism.

He told the London "Evening Standard" that Conan Doyle's decision was not lightly made. Adrian refers to the time when his father had to decide whether to continue making money or tell the world of his new interest.

"After talking the matter over," he says, "my father decided there were things more worth while than money."

Adrian claims that his father was the highest paid author who ever lived. After Conan Doyle achieved fame he was paid 10s. (\$2.50) for every word he wrote. Kipling received 9s. 4d. (\$2.33).

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# WALLACE LECTURE

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be convicted. Innocent men, women and children by thousands were thus murdered to satisfy the craving after the excitement of demoniacal revelations that then prevailed. Some who visited the sick and healed them were accused of effecting cures by satanic power and burned as witches. The horror, the wickedness, the superstition and absurdity of many of these witchcraft persecutions naturally led to a reaction among intellectual and humane people.

They saw that much of what they believed was certainly false; they too hastily concluded that there was no truth underlying and it was at this very time that all these horrors were being perpetrated that the sun of modern science rose and shed its splendor over the world.

### Folly of Extermination

Galileo, Copernicus, Harvey and Bacon, Newton and others were investigating the phenomena of the material universe, while Berkeley and Descartes were laying the foundation of a skeptical philosophy; men's thoughts were being led away from superstitious horrors to the contemplations of nature and of the human mind, and then witchcraft with the very groundwork of belief in the spiritual and future immortality of man became branded as unclean and superstitious.

There is another very interesting and important reason why there was, or appeared to be, a sudden cessation of the witchcraft phenomena. Witches, in our opinion, are persons who are peculiarly gifted, and what we now call mediums: a class that during at least three or four centuries were systematically persecuted and murdered. The result was that all having these peculiar gifts were exterminated out of the world, and naturally the phenomena occurring through their agency ceased to exist till a fresh crop, as it were, of these peculiarly gifted individuals had grown up.

### Like a Thunderbolt

Now since that time science and man's command over nature have advanced with great stride, while philosophy has sounded the depths of the universe, and has found no basis for a belief in the supernatural. Heat and light and electricity, have been traced to the motions of the molecules of matter; even vital forces, the forces upon which depend the growth and motion of the organic world, have also been shown to be transformations of that energy which has been traced back to the molecular motion of matter.

This dependence of life itself upon matter has produced in the existing generation of scientific men a frame of mind which finds no place in nature for spirit, and which believes that matter in motion, the very molecular matter which we see, and feel, and weigh, and measure, comprises the whole universe; is the source of all the forces and all the manifestations of life that exist, or that possibly can exist.

Science has penetrated so far into the mysteries of nature without finding spirit, that it cannot believe that spirit exists, while physiologists who have traced every manifestation of mind and brainwork are unable to believe in the

possibility of any mind without a corresponding material brain.

It is in the midst of this nineteenth century world of thought, a world which is either grossly materialistic or pantheistic or idealistic, but *Modern Spiritualism* has fallen like a thunder-bolt from a clear sky, emphatically demonstrating the action of mind without any material mind, and the exertion of force without any material body, and that by means of a vast amount of constantly recurring facts which have forced themselves upon all classes—men of science, men of business, men of religion.

### Even Skeptics Convinced

It is in the most materialistic epoch of the earth's history, in the midst of a society which prides itself on discarding all superstition and basing its belief on the solid foundation of physical science, that this new and unwelcome visitor has introduced itself and maintained a vigorous existence for more than thirty years; has made its literature, a large number of papers and hundreds of organized societies, counts its converts by millions in all kinds of society, among the crowned heads and aristocracy, and those who occupy the highest ranks in science, literature and philosophy, as well as among the masses, while in hosts of individual cases it has done what no religion has been able to—convinced the skeptic and the agnostic and the hard-faced materialist of the reality of a spiritual world and of a future life.

### Reality of Spirit

Considerable acquaintance with the history and literature of this movement—in which I have myself taken part for twenty years—has failed to show me one single case in which any man who, after careful inquiry, has become convinced of the truth and reality of the spiritual phenomena, has afterward discredited them or regarded them as imposture or delusion.

And it must be remembered that as a rule all educated, and especially all scientific men, come to the investigation of this subject

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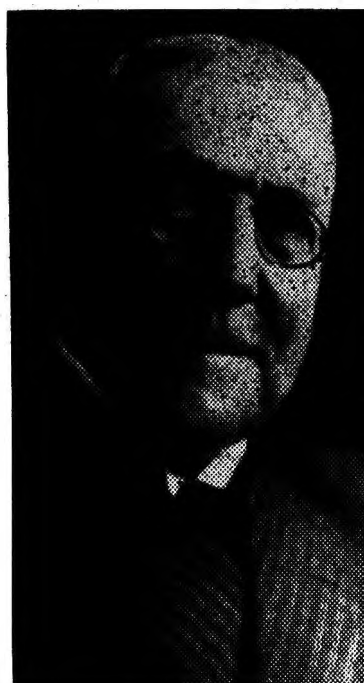
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## She Is Just Away

*I cannot say, and I will not say  
That she is dead, — she is just away!  
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,  
She has wandered into an unknown land,  
And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since she lingers there,  
And you, O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step and the glad return,—  
Think of her faring on, as dear  
In the love of there as the love of here;  
Think of her still as the same, I say:  
She is not dead — she is just away!*

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with a very strong prejudice against it, as being almost certainly based on credulity and fraud, which they will easily detect and expose.

### Robert Dale Owen

This was the frame of mind with which the inquiry was begun by Prof. Hare, the first American chemist of his day: by Judge Edmonds, one of the most acute and truth-seeking of American lawyers; by the Hon. Robert Dale Owen, a most intellectual and philosophical materialist; by William Crookes, one of the first chemists of the present age, and by scores of others that could be named.

These men all devoted not a few hours or days, or even weeks, to a hasty examination of the subject, but many years of patient inquiry and experiment, with the result in every case that the more thoroughly the subject was inquired into, the more able and intelligent the inquiries, the more seriously did its foundation facts and main doctrine become established.

Its whole course and history, therefore proclaimed it to be neither imposture nor delusion, nor the survival of the beliefs of savages, but a great and all-important truth.

I will now briefly enumerate the variety phases of the phenomena of Spiritualists, and then consider their bearings on the doctrine of a future life.

### Daniel Douglas Home

The phenomena may be broadly divided into two groups: physical and mental. The former, however, as well as the latter, almost always imply the action of mind in their production. In the first division we have simple physical phenomena, and among which must be grouped an immense variety of effects, such as sounds of all kinds, from the most delicate tick up to blows as loud and vibratory as those produced by a sledge-hammer, and certainly not produced by human agency. Then we have the alteration of the weight of bodies, which has been often tested. I have frequently seen, in the presence of the celebrated medium, Daniel Douglas Home, a large dining-table weighed in a bright light, when there was no means of deception. This table changed its weight to the amount of thirty or forty pounds.

Further, we have that curious phenomenon which is recorded more or less throughout history, the raising or levitation of human

bodies into the air and sometimes conveying them a considerable distance. This has been repeated over and over again under various circumstances, and has even included living persons. I will in illustration of this mention one remarkable circumstance of the kind which I observed myself, because it happened to occur when there was no professional medium present.

Then we have physical phenomena combined with mental phenomena, such a direct-writing and drawing. This is now such a general phenomenon that almost every one may have an opportunity of

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testing for himself. It appears in an infinite variety of ways. Papers thrown upon the floor and taken up a few minutes afterward are found written upon: papers inclosed in locked drawers are found written upon: spirit writing comes upon the ceiling in inaccessible places.

### Chemical Phenomena

We next come to another set of phenomena which may be termed musical phenomena. Musical instruments are played; sometimes locked and closed pianos are played. I have seen a music-box which has played and ceased playing at a person's request. One of the most remarkable phenomena, and which has been seen by tens of thousands of persons, was the playing upon an accordion held in one hand, the keys being touched and played upon by visible hands, producing most beautiful music.

Then we have chemical phenomena. Chief among these is that of protection from the effects of fire. Mr. D. D. Home — recently deceased, and perhaps the most remarkable medium that ever lived — used to take from a grate a brilliant, red-hot mass of coals, carry them about the room in his hands, and by his peculiar power indi-

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# WHY THE INDIAN?

Newcomers in the field of Spiritualism everlastingly ask the question, **WHY THE INDIAN?** Time and again the answer to this query has appeared in these columns. This article will serve to help the few who have, as yet not been able to understand . . . especially those who have opportunities to attend demonstrations of physical phenomena and seances where the Indian manifests in no uncertain way. As compared with modern warfare, the "War-Path" conduct of our red skinned brother was child's-play.—ED.

## SPIRIT COMMUNION WAS SACRED TO THE INDIAN

By LLOYD R. BLACKWELL.  
As told by  
Rev. Carl Horton Pierce

There are questions that trouble the minds of many. Why do we have Indian guides and why do we have to "come down" to an Indian? You see most of us have looked upon the Indian as an untutored being just above the mentality and development of a savage.

I speak on behalf of my red-skinned brothers in spirit. I wish to outline the reasons we are so indebted to them for the selfless service they render in our daily affairs. Whatever their requirements may have been, the Indians . . . in their simple and humble manner . . . looked to The Great Spirit for all their needs.

The Indian loved the rivers, the trees, and all expressions of nature, for in them he beheld that first, great and final ESSENCE—the truly Great Spirit within. He was devoted to the Great Spirit in all his expressions. This love was intimate, to the point of COMMUNION. What is COMMUNION with God but SPIRIT-COMMUNICATION?

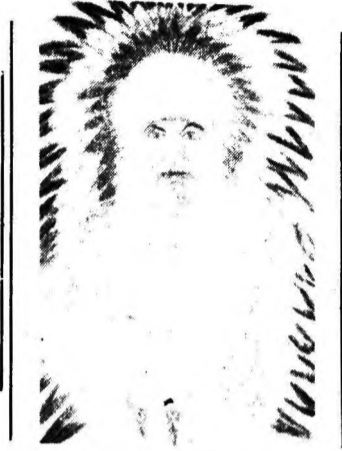
This COMMUNION was sacred to the Indian's creed and philosophy of being.

### Complete Happiness

Not only was this communion in relation to The Great Spirit, but it was extended to brothers of his tribe who had passed on to that "Happy Hunting Ground." For the Indian had a positive and firm realization that The Great Spirit contained and embraced ALL THINGS . . . ALL BEINGS . . . all VALUES . . . and all the essentials for his complete happiness. How could this complete happiness be preserved, unless it were possible to communicate with and still retain communion with the loved ones who had passed to the other side?

Thus, through his simple faith in the One Great Spirit, the Indian became a "natural" Spiritualist. In the realization that life is continuous . . . that life beyond the grave is as sure as life on earth . . .

### NOBLE COLLABORATOR



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The picture "RED FEATHER" (above) is a reproduction of a spirit painting by the famous artist, EDUARD MANET, through the mediumship of REV. GERALDINE V. PELTON, Miami, Florida.

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RED FEATHER is the spirit collaborator of the Editor of PSYCHIC OBSERVER. It was through this Indian's help and guidance that this Spiritualist Journal was made possible.

the Indian was a natural Spiritualist from infancy, because all of his training had made him a conscious believer in the continuity of life. In "death" he found "Eternal Life," and thus "Life Eternal" was to him an ever present reality.

This philosophy of life, and the Indian's sincere devotion to it, became an inseparable part of his being. Therefore, by the law of Affinity and Attraction, it is not strange to find him answering our call, in whatsoever condition of need we find ourselves.

When the inquiring soul, endowed with the desire to know and seek the truth, sets a demand upon the etheric plane for further knowledge or help, the humble Indian, by reason of his understanding and desire to be of service, is one of the first to respond. He reveals himself as one of the first friends we meet when we pass to the next plane of existence.

### Lee Green's Mediumship

His knowledge of psychic laws and unfoldment are well nigh complete, a completeness founded on the very basis of his craft. For the seance, to the Indian, was not just an hour or two devoted to find out something usually purely material. To him the seance was of a far more sacred nature. To him, the seance was communion with God.

I recall sitting one time when an entity spoke through the mediumship of Lee Green, Minneapolis. He gave the name of "Easton" and was well qualified to speak to us on the customs of the Red Man in his search for divine wisdom. He said:

"The Indian in his quest for communication with the departed would hold a special seance every two or three months. Only special members were permitted to attend, and not once did a 'pale face' attend one of these exclusive meetings. The preparations were made with special care.

"First there was a Special Tee Pee built for the seance. The High Chief, the Medium, would prepare himself sev-

eral days in advance. He would sit in silent meditation for two days in the special Tee Pee, before the actual meeting.

"Then on the night of the seance, a night of the dark of the moon, the members of the tribe who were permitted to attend (who also had prepared themselves for the event) would gather shortly after dusk and form a circle around the Tee Pee, while the Medium Chief sat within. With sentries posted outside, guarding the outposts to insure ease and harmony for the great event, the seance finally proceeded.

"THE VOICES OF THE LOVED ONES, the departed, BEGAN TO MANIFEST, the voice first coming from the direction of the top of the Tee Pee. Then the voice would travel to those receiving the message.

"This went on, not for an hour or so, but all night. When the golden glow of the morning sun broke over the sky of dawn the seance was over. Every member had received a message. The seance was over until the next meeting, probably two months later."

When we realize these rites of the Indian, and the naturalness, to him, of Spirit-communication; Spirit-service-to-man; Spirit-cooperation, we can understand better why it is that Indians manifest so frequently at seances and serve so faithfully and efficiently. For we see that the Indian's background and understanding is well founded and most surely qualifies him to come in to our lives with all the love and ingenuity of his sacred trust in The Great Spirit. In short, he knew the laws of spirit communication.

### Do Not Shun Him

I wonder how many of us would thus serve continuously, without recognition or reward, usually unrecognized, forever blessing those whom we serve? So I make the plea that we who are blessed with such intimate association . . . and who is not? . . . kindly pause for a moment. As we do let us send a kind thought to our noble guide. His demands are few, if any. His patience is enduring and constant. And last, we find him fitted with the proper methods and mentality for guiding us in a straight course to The Great Spirit. No longer need he be shunned or unrecognized. Let us accord to him the place he so richly deserves, and thus not only answer the question in our own hearts but in the hearts of many others: WHY THE INDIANS?

(Note by Carl Horton Pierce)

This article recalls to my mind

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REV. RAYMOND E. BURNS, Pastor of The First National Spiritualist Church, 105 Brooke Ave., Norfolk, Virginia. He is a lecturer, teacher, mental, trance and direct-voice medium.

At a direct voice circles conducted by Rev. Raymond E. Burns, an outstanding Spiritualist clergyman, January 27, at Psychists, Inc., 313 West 57th St., N.Y.C. I became aware of what most mediums mean when they say the primary purpose of their work is to bring human understanding, comfort and brotherhood to the world.

After having attended several seances without personally receiving results, a cousin of mine from the spirit world, who died nine years ago, came through to me. That evening, in a rather convincing way, he spoke to me in an audible voice, saying he was "Jack." He assured me that whatever conflict I had at the present time would soon be straightened out as he and my other spirit relations were "seeing to it."

"Jack" told me he was also going to help me in my writing and then started to sing "Oh Marie." "That's my salute to you," he said. I remember many years ago before he died, he often greeted me by singing that very same song.

### My First "Voice-Message"

"Marie," he went on, "I'm going to try to send you a picture of myself soon." I thanked him and told him how anxious I would be to receive it.

Now I can't say that before receiving these results I had no faith in Spiritualism. Neither can I say that I considered mediums unreliable. I have always been open-minded and have unpretentiously tried to find some proof one way or the other. Thus far, the only proof has been pro, and the results I received the other evening have bound me to the subject more than ever before.

I'll concede that I got a mixed feeling of comfort and joy when I conversed with the spirit of my cousin. I have often seen people happy upon hearing from their dead ones at seances. But when something of this nature touches you, the individual, there is a far greater inward feeling that we on earth aren't alone in the struggles and sorrows of life. After personal experience, we also come to realize that there are others, invisible to us, consistently guiding and urging us on. At least, that's the way this communication has affected me.

I wasn't the only one to receive guidance for the first time at that

meeting. Incidentally sixteen regular members of Psychists, Inc., also attended this same seance with Rev. Burns.

Mrs. Helen Gallagher heard from her son Abelard who died several years ago. "Mother," he said, "this makes me so happy to be near to you. And so often when you're alone, I sit down beside you. I know your problems and I'm going to help you through it all."

Mrs. Gallagher was thrilled, so much so that her words of love to him were practically choked with emotion. I heard her say after the demonstration that what she had heard from her son gave her new vitality and courage. She said that whatever she did or whatever opposition faced her, there was strength in knowing that Abelard would be beside her.

### Conclusive Evidence

Matt Brennan, a childhood sweetheart of Virginia Flynn, came to her in a deep, clear voice. "It's a good many years," he said. "You know, Virginia, I come to your home often. I still like you and you still mean much to me. You're like a magnet."

Another spirit to come to Miss Flynn was Master Heleron who told her dynamically that he was her appointed guide and that he was going to try to help her develop her mediumship.

Miss Flynn's last spirit visitor to come through was that of Nellie Taylor, an old war nurse. Nellie said to Miss Flynn, who had her arm in a cast, that she had been spiritually massaging her arm since the beginning of the meeting. "You have a slight tend-

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## The Automatic Writing of WILLIAM T. STEAD

### "LETTERS FROM JULIA"

By RATHMELL WILSON

The life-story of *W. T. Stead* always reminds me of two of my favorite novels, two books which are never far away from me — *Peter Ibbetson* and *"The Martian."*

For, like the George du Maurier heroes, this brilliant editor, this ardent controversialist, this world-traveler, this friend of all the most notable people of his day, lived ever in two worlds—the visible and the invisible — at the same time.

Like *Madame Blavatsky*, whom he knew and admired, he was ever in touch with mysterious forces. His career was, from beginning to end, a thrilling occult romance.

He enjoyed his occultism—as a good journalist! There was nothing morbid or unhealthy about it. He was one of the most robust of men, he had no use for fools, and for impostors he had a fierce contempt. His occultism was the great inspiration of his life. With his fellow-Puritan, Milton, he believed that

*"Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep."*

And this belief brought him joy, comfort, strength; it was the key to him, as magic (of which he knew little) was the key to *Madame Blavatsky*.

#### Nothing Morbid About It

Always he was the "Occultist in the street" rather than the Adept—and especially "the Occultist in Fleet Street."

He once wrote that the only book published by him which would be remembered after his death was the collection of "Letters of Julia"—letters written through him by Miss Ames—and I think there can be little doubt that, of all the psychical research work to which he devoted so much of his time, that part which interested him most was his automatic writing.

He wrote more about it than about any of his other experiments; in his quarterly review, *"Borderland,"* he declared, "In the discovery of auto-telepathic writing I have stumbled upon a fact, the ultimate consequences of which it is impossible to see."

"He carried on experiments in automatic handwriting to the day of his death," his daughter, Miss Estelle Stead, tells us in her book, *My Father*, "with varying success. With some people he had marvelous results, with others absolute failure." Shortly before his death, he wrote, "My own experiences justify me in feeling confident that, given a little more time and patience and the study of the laws that govern this system of thought-transference, it will be possible for us in time to communicate with each other as accurately without the aid of any instrument, as we do now with the aid of the telephone . . ."

#### Stead Very Critical

Her many descriptions of Life beyond the veil are the most beautiful and the most probable I have yet come across, except, perhaps, those in that remarkable volume, *"Letters of a Living Dead Man,"* by my old friend Elsa Barker, the American poet, which is another of my favorite books.

"Julia" gave many true prophe-

cies, of which perhaps the most remarkable was the very unexpected victory, by over 1,000 votes, of Lord Morley at a Newcastle by-election.

After this success she wrote, "Now that you have proof that I am able to foresee some things, perhaps you will be less unbelieving" (always Stead was the critical journalist not easily persuaded or deceived). "I will often be able to tell you things in time for you to make great use of them, but you must believe!"

Of this gift of prophecy, she wrote, "Occasionally I am permitted to tell you things in advance for purposes of test, and to give you assurance, but I should be nothing but a curse to you if I were to attempt to tell you what to do. WE CAN ONLY FORE-SEE WHAT IS GIVEN TO US TO SEE."

#### Julia's Bureau

Two of the earliest messages she gave were for a great friend of hers, and both contained facts utterly unknown to Mr. Stead.

The first one, "Tell her to remember what I said to her when last we came to Minerva," referred to a nickname given by her, on her death-bed, to a friend because she always wore a big Minerva cameo brooch. The second reminded her of an accident several years ago which she had entirely forgotten.

On another occasion, she asked Mr. Stead to give the same friend a long list of people she had met again after dying. These people were not known by him, but the friend knew all of them.

It was at her own request that the famous *Julia's Bureau* for communicating with the "Dead" was opened. This must always be considered one of the most important events in spiritualist history.

Mr. Stead communicated, in time, not only with the "Dead" but also with the living. It was "Julia" who led him to make experiments with friends around him.

#### "Simple As Child's Play"

"Anyone can write with your hand," she told him "and of your friends."

When the assistant editor of *"Borderland"* returned from a visit on behalf of the paper to some of the Highland seers, she wrote, through his hand, a three-page report of all she had seen, which was found to contain only one mistake.

Another friend, when writing through him, promised, as a test, to bring him, to his office, a thistle. The next day he turned up with a

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Often this friend told him what book he was reading, what friends he had visited, business appointments, visits to churches—all afterwards found to be absolutely correct.

He began to feel as *Madame Blavatsky* felt about her phenomena, that all this was "simple as child's play."

"As I every day receive communications from my friends by my automatic telepathic hand," he wrote in an article on Telepathy, "it does not occur to me to say much about it, any more than it would occur to me to mention that I come up to town every day by the help of the steam engine."

#### Automatic Technique

And elsewhere he wrote, "Now these things make it seem not scientific to refuse to believe!"

The explanation of it all?

"The agency by which automatic writing is done is very simple," wrote "Julia." "I do not put my hand on your fingers and guide your pen. That is not the way in which things are done. I simply use your brain as a telephonic receiver. My thought impresses itself upon your brain—the unconscious brain: you hitch your hand on and it writes what I transmit, or what others transmit. I told you living people still on earth can also use your brain in that fashion, and you have found it true. The thought of another mind can graft itself upon your brain directly without the use of the ordinary sense organs and, when once the idea is in the brain, the hand is set in motion in the ordinary way."

Mr. Stead has told us that he wrote best automatically when he was alone, although this was not always necessary. He held his pen in the ordinary way but, when

### RAYMOND BURNS

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ency to fracture," said Nellie, "and I've been rubbing it with what we call spirit solution."

Miss *Sylvia Fox* spoke out that she had seen some shafts of ectoplasm beside her. And just then, a small voice, which gradually became louder said, "I'm getting power through you."

"You are?" she asked, identifying the voice as that of her friend *Mark*. "Then that must be the ectoplasm I saw."

Mark told Miss *Fox* that her spirit relations were working for her and that he too was "working so hard." "Give my love to mother and father," he said.

#### Fifteen Different Voices

Perhaps the most colorful spirit to come through at this meeting was *Pat McCarthy* who acted as master of ceremonies, naming the spirits as they presented themselves. Spiritualists call him the doorkeeper. He spoke with a thick Irish accent and enlightened the evening with witty remarks. *Pat* announced that a spirit named *Joe* was present for *Winifred*.

"Oh, that must be for me," Miss *Winifred Fenn* called out anxiously. "Hello *Joe*, how are you?"

"Don't hurry, easy," said *Pat*, "or he'll not be able to manifest." Something must have happened because *Joe* didn't speak.

However, Miss *Fenn* received another visitor, an Indian who said triumphantly, "This is *Chief Blackhawk*. I've been with you a long time. I will help you to develop clairvoyance."

All in all, about fifteen voices were heard at this demonstration and the satisfactory results obtained through *Rev. Burns'* mediumship were just one more guarantee of spiritual veracity that life goes on forever.

#### "I SAW HER"



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A scene from the Twentieth Century-Fox Production "THE SONG OF BRUNADETTE." She (*Jennifer Jones*, the star) claims to the very end that she saw a vision of a lady, not once but many times. On her death-bed, the vision again appeared. Her last words were "I SAW HER."

These visions caused her townspeople and the local Priest much chagrin. All try to disprove her claims but to no avail, she remained steadfast to the last.

Her experience with vested interests and so-called intellectuals of the day was much the same as *JOAN OF ARC*. They were both sainted after they died but flayed and condemned for possessing mental mediumship while on earth.

writing began, did not rest his wrist or arm on the paper: at first the pen generally merely scrawled, but soon began to write legibly. He tried writing blind-folded, but did not find that this improved results in any way. The caligraphy of his handwriting automatically changed from that which he wrote naturally. It was always leaning from left to right, instead of from right to left. He seldom had to wait more than a few seconds for a message.

#### Ill-fated Titanic

When his hand began to move it always got first the name of the person writing through him, and the repetition of this name was a sign that the communication was ended.

One of the last messages he received from "Julia" was given him on the Easter Sunday before he started out for New York in the ill-fated "Titanic" to lecture upon "Universal Peace." "My dear William will find that the ostensible object of his journey is but the pivot on which the real and greater issue turns."

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an incident that happened at Lily Dale, last summer. We were asked to attend a seance by *Mr. Rodin*, of Canada. When the medium gave voice to the full-rounded tones of his Indian guide I noticed a very remarkable thing: The use of the English language was simply exquisite. Now I had been told before the seance that eight years before, this Indian's English was scarcely intelligible: that he spoke with a broken accent which was very difficult to understand. I remarked about this marvelous English and said to myself: I would like to know the explanation of how it is possible for a so-called uneducated Indian to so completely master our language in eight years (for if you had heard him speak you would have thought: This is a Harvard University professor). So *Mrs. Pierce* and I made a special appointment with *Mr. Rodin*, and had a private reading with him and his spirit collaborator, *Sun God*. And was I surprised?

#### The Erudite Indian

*Sun God* opened his talk with as spiritual a discourse as I ever heard. It was scholarly to the nth degree. I marveled at it. Finally, in the general conversation that followed and while the medium was still entranced, *Mrs. Pierce* spoke of the human body being "coagulated" SPIRIT.

*Sun God*, being too polite and diplomatic to tell *Mrs. Pierce* she had inadvertently used a word that did not convey her meaning, said: "Coagulated? I do not quite understand that word."

*Mrs. Pierce*, on having her attention called to the word, replied: "I'm sorry, I meant 'coagulum'." "Ah," said the erudite Indian, "I quite agree with you." Now I mention this little incident for two reasons. One is to show what this Indian, uneducated eight years before, had done in the way of enlightening himself to a university extent, in that short space of time. I was so impressed that I exclaimed: "Sun God, how is it you have attained such excellence in English?" and he replied with characteristic modesty: "One can study, you know."

#### Indian Masters English

The other reason is: We, as Spiritualists, are coming more and more before the world as leaders. We have a philosophy, a religion and a science that is divine. It is the unfolding of the great truths of God. It is years beyond and above any other teaching yet handed down to man. And we, who intend to stand before the intelligencia of the world, especially as Spiritualism becomes better known, must meet the requirements of these people who look to us for wisdom, refinement, culture, and erudition.

I feel we can no longer excuse a medium or anyone else for using execrable English. I say to you: If the Indian could attain such proficiency in eight years, we should be able to do it in less time. With night schools and day schools offering free English courses, is it not time for us to say: I will not go before my public with poor English. English that offends their sensibilities. I will think of *Mr. Rodin's Sun God*, and his accomplishment, and I will try to master English to the point where I speak it correctly. *Sun God* really set us such an excellent example.

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# HE CAME BACK

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courage to stand firm upon His teachings and demonstrations. They scattered to their homes and hid, fearing they might be arrested for having associated with Him.

But one who had loved Him deeply, *Mary Magdalene* went to the tomb where the body had been placed under guard. To her great amazement, the stone that blocked the way to the tomb had been rolled away. The body was gone.

She rushed to tell this discovery to the disciples. They followed her to the tomb to substantiate her remarkable story, but being sorely afraid of the law, they immediately returned to their homes.

## Mary Was Worried

Mary Magdalene was so grieved and distressed, she remained for a while. Evidently she was familiar with angels and having conversations with them because "There appeared two shining Angels, one at the head and one at the feet," who asked her why she sought her master among the dead, and reminded her that Jesus had told her he would rise again within three days.

Poor Mary was worried about the body of her Lord, so she remained in the garden. It was at dawn. The day was not yet bright and to her tear dimmed eyes, a man whom she thought was the gardener appeared. She said, "Oh, if you have removed my Master, do tell me where you have laid Him, so I can take Him away."

A gentle voice replied, "Mary," she recognized the voice as that of Jesus. In her eagerness, she stretched out her arms to embrace Him, but He admonished her, "Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father, but go to My brethren and say unto them, Ascend unto My Father and your Father and My God and your God." Mary then rushed to report the joyful tidings to the disciples.

## Thomas Was Convinced

Doubtless, the previous seance where Moses and Elias appeared was remembered by the three who had borne witness to the demonstration. But later in the evening, two of the disciples were on the road to Emmaus when a stranger joined them. The whole community was astir over the strange story of the appearance of Jesus told by the women, so naturally they told this man all about it. They insisted that the stranger stop to have supper with them. He accepted.

Not until He broke the bread in His own peculiar fashion, did they

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medium, the building was leased January, 1912. Since that time regular services have been held in this unique edifice. Says Rev. Kingham: "There is never a word of condemnation uttered from our platform concerning other churches. We feel all are doing their duty according to 'The Light they receive...' and any church that helps any man or woman to be a better man or woman, is the church to attend... provided it fills the needs of the individual at that particular time. All churches are trying to make this a better world in which to live."

recognize that the stranger was Jesus.

On subsequent occasions, Jesus appeared to the disciples several times. Thomas was so very materialistic he just couldn't believe until he was allowed to place his hand in the nail holes and the wound in Jesus' side. Jesus permitted this to be done, so even Thomas was convinced.

## Must Learn Technique

These materializations gave the disciples faith and courage so that the Christian religion spread even unto our day.

In the light of psychic science, the appearance of Jesus can easily be understood.

In the seance where Moses and Elias appeared, there were four strong mediums present. Consequently the spirits appeared so life-like Peter wanted to prepare tabernacles for them.

In the modern seance room, spirit loved ones appear so very human, we can converse with them just as when they were upon earth.

When Jesus appeared to Mary in the garden, doubtless the power for the materialization was being drawn from the gardener and Mary. Jesus had been in spirit such a short time He had not the

strength to build up very well.

## His Body Disappeared

In our modern seances, the spirits who have not materialized often, frequently resemble the mediums or else their features aren't so plain.

Jesus told Mary not to touch Him. Today we are advised not to touch a materialized spirit, unless we are told to do so. The stones were rolled away and the body of Jesus was gone. Psychic Science has proved that material objects, such as roses, jewels, crucifixes, stones and numerous other things have been dematerialized, carried thousands of miles, and rematerialized in the seance room.

## Always at Dusk or Dawn

Medium were present in the garden, so the psychic force was there. The stones could have been rolled away by the materialized angels. The physical body of Jesus could have been transferred to some other place on the earth plane or it could have been dematerialized and released as chemicals out of which it was composed.

Jesus always appeared at dusk or dawn. The light would not have been bright. In psychic science, we find that dim light is necessary for the production of ectoplasm out of which the materialized form is builded.

The trivial personal manner of breaking the bread was necessary to prove to the disciples that the stranger who walked and ate with them was Jesus. *I've seen materialized spirit children eat candy.*

## The Spiritualist KNOWS

I've seen a man materialize a stub where an arm was missing to identify himself to his brother.

Poor Thomas, there are many Thomases in the world today. And rightly so, before one accepts a philosophy and science that is not generally accepted, it is right and proper to be sure that it is a truth.

To sum it up as a Spiritualist, I can accept literally the "resurrection" of Jesus because it typifies spirit return to earth environs through the phenomena known as materialization.

The Spiritualist knows that his loved ones and friends come back to prove immortality to us today. The Spiritualist is today demonstrating and teaching the same truths taught by the Son of Man and the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The Christian religion has been accepted and taught because HE CAME BACK... and why? Simply to prove *Immortality* to the world.

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and carefully carried on for weeks together in his own house, in his own laboratory, with all his own methods. These figures were photographed, weighed and measured; he did everything that a scientific man possibly could, and he has declared that, absolutely and positively, they are real existences—spirit existences, because they are only temporary; they come and pass away again. These materialized bodies are now not unfrequently actually seen to form, and then seen to dissolve again into a mist and finally totally disappear. We have, therefore, the most absolute and perfect proof that these things are realities.

## Mental Phenomena

Then we come to another set of phenomena which serves as the most perfect scientific test of the reality of these manifestations you can possibly have, that is, the power of photographing these forms. If they were not real they could not be photographed; but we have photographs of those seen and of those that are not seen. These photographs have been taken not merely by professional photographers, but frequently taken at home in the private laboratories of amateurs who have studied the subject solely to arrive at the truth, who have no possibility of being deceived, and who have demonstrated that these photographs are realities.

Now we come to mental phenomena. These mental phenomena are more interesting to Spiritualists, but generally the less interesting and less convincing to the outside public who are skeptical. They consist first of what is termed automatic—that is, writing done by the hands of persons against their will or without their will; done involuntarily—the matter that is written is not known to them. Sometimes they think it very silly, and would not write anything so foolish; at other times it is clever, and beyond their power to produce. We have every kind of writing produced in this way; much of it gives good advice; sometimes information on matters of importance which the person does not know.

## Clairvoyance

Then another set of phenomena is termed clairvoyance and clair-audience; the seeing of spirits and the hearing of spirits. Persons who have this power are able to describe what they see and describe the words they hear in such a manner that the friends of these spiritual persons are able to easily recognize them. Sometimes these persons are able to give information of what is going on at a distance.

Then another of these curious mental phenomena is trance-speaking. (Continued on Page 12, Col. 1)

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cate certain persons who were able to have them placed in their hands, and placing them there they would experience no unpleasant results. On one occasion the well-known writer, Mr. S. C. Hall, had placed upon his head a great mass of burning coals which shone through his white hair, and was witnessed by a large party present, and his hair was not scorched, and he felt no pain whatever.

## Sir William Crookes

Another of the curious phenomena is the production of luminous bodies, solid bodies apparently, which gives out a bright, phosphorescent kind of light. These have been examined by Prof. Crookes; he has had them placed in his hands, and he makes the declaration that modern chemistry is unable to account for them, and not able to produce anything like them.

Passing on from these we come to another set of phenomena still more marvelous, called materialization, or the production of temporary spiritual forms out of surrounding matter. The first produced were human hands, which sometimes wrote visibly, could be touched and were tangible; then human faces were produced; then, after considerable time, the entire human form was produced, and it has now become very common, as it was promised some ten or fifteen years ago; but we all doubted whether that could be the case; nevertheless it is a well-known circumstance, thoroughly decided by all persons who have investigated the subject. Mr. Crookes tested this phenomena many years ago and published the results.

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ing. There are mediums now in all parts of the world who have this wonderful faculty. It begins generally almost or quite involuntarily. Such persons pass into a trance, and begin to speak without knowing it. After a time they gradually get to know they are speaking, but do not themselves voluntarily speak on the subjects that they are discussing.

## The Trance State

Now we have a series of twelve distinct classes of phenomena — twelve great roots of phenomena, each of which includes an enormous variety of separate phenomena, often varying from each other. These occur with mediums who are of all ages and conditions, educated and ignorant, young girls and boys as well as grown women and men.

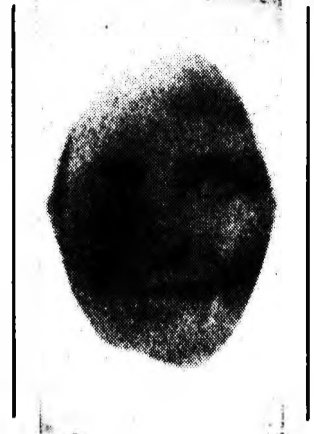
In every one of these classes the phenomena have been submitted to the most critical examination by thousands of clever and skeptical persons for the last thirty years, and every one of these classes of phenomena has been as thoroughly demonstrated as any of the great facts of physical science. In view of the numerous eminent men who have investigated this matter and given us their decision, we may entirely throw aside the idea that imposture, only in a slight measure, has produced these various phenomena.

## Essentially Human

We will pass on to consider what are the great, striking characteristics of these phenomena. Looked at as a whole, what do they teach? In the first place, they seem to me to have the striking characteristics of natural phenomena as opposed to artificial phenomena; they have the character of general uniformity of type, coupled with variety of detail. In every country of the world, whether in America or Europe or Australia, whether in England or France or Spain or Russia, we find the phenomena of the same general type, while the individual differences among them show that they are not servilely copied one from the other. Whether the mediums are men or women, boys or girls, or even in some cases infants, whether educated or ignorant, whether, even, they are civilized or savage, we find the same general phenomena occurring in the very same degree of perfection.

We conclude, then, that the phenomena are natural phenomena; that they were produced under the action of the general laws which determine the inter-relations of the spiritual and material worlds, and are thus in accord with the estab-

## ANOTHER SPIRIT PICTURE RECOGNIZED



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lished order of nature.

In the next place—and this is perhaps the most important characteristic of these phenomena—they are from beginning to end essentially human. They come to us with human actions, with human ideas; they make use of human speech, of writing and drawing; they manifest wit and logic, humor and pathos, that we can all appreciate and enjoy; the communications vary in character as those of human beings; some rank with the lowest, some with the very highest, but all are essentially human.

## Paraffine Molds

When the spirit speaks audibly, the voice is a human voice; when they appear visibly, the hands and the faces are absolutely human; when we can touch the forms and examine them closely we find them human in character, not those of any other kind of being. The photographs are always the photographs of our fellow-creatures; never those of demons, or angels or animals.

When hands, feet or faces are produced in paraffine molds, they are all in minutest details those of men and women, though not those of the medium. All of these various phenomena are of human character. There are not two groups or two cases, one of which is human and the other sub-human, but all are alike.

In the face of this overwhelming mass of evidence, what are we to think of the sense or the logic of those who tell us we are all

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deceived, and almost all these communications and these phenomena come from what they term elemental spirits, or rather low spirits who have never been human? Evidence for this belief I can find none whatever that is not the most flimsy description.

## Rare Language Spoken

Passing now from the general view of the essentially human character of spirit manifestations, we find a mass of evidence of the identity of the spirits who communicate with us, of actual men and women who have lived upon the earth.

First, we have a general proof of this in the fact of the special languages used in these communications. In any country where English, French, German, or any other language is spoken, the bulk of the communications is in those languages respectively. The Indian spirits, who so often in this, their native country, act as the controls of mediums, usually speak in broken English, or some mixture of Indian.

Written communications come in many languages, usually intelligible to the recipient, but sometimes, as I have said, not so, and given as tests of spirit power, but always they are some known human languages. To suppose that any lower class of beings should have developed all the forms of human civilized speech seems grossly absurd.

## Socrates Was Sane

A volume could be filled with startling facts, proving personal identity. Yet there are many people who have had only the smallest glimpse of the subject who say, "Oh, yes, the facts may all be true, but these things are certainly not produced by spirits of dead men, for that is absurd." I ask, "Why absurd?" I have never received any rational answer whatever; I have never been able to find out why it is absurd.

I will now briefly call your attention to a few of the historical and mortal teachings of Spiritualism, supposing it to be true. It seems to me to be no small thing that the Spiritualist is able to accept as history much that the scientist is obliged to reject as imposture or delusion.

The Spiritualist can look upon the great Grecian philosopher, Socrates, as a sane man, and his demon as an intelligent spiritual being or guardian angel. The non-Spiritualist is obliged to believe that one of the noblest and purest and wisest of men was not only subject all his life to a mental delusion, but was so weak or foolish or very superstitious during his whole life as not to discover that it was a delusion; they are obliged to hold that this noble man, this subtle reasoner, who was looked up to, loved and admired by the great men who were his pupils and disciples, was imposed upon by his own fancies, and during a long life never discovered they were fancies. It is a great relief not to have to think thus of Socrates.

## Thousands of Records

In the next place, *Spiritualism* allows us to believe that the oracles of antiquity were not, from beginning to end, impostures, and that the most intellectual and acute people that ever lived upon the globe were not all deceived. We are told by the historian *Plutarch* that the prophecies of certain oracles never proved false or incorrect. Would such positive statements be made by such a writer in these oracles were all guesses and imposture? The recorded experiences and demonstrated facts of *Modern Spiritualism* alone enable us to understand these more ancient recorded facts.

Then, again, both the Old and

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the New Testament are full of Spiritualism, and Spiritualism alone can reconcile the Bible with an intelligent belief. The hand that wrote on the wall at Belshazzar's feast, and the three men unhurt in the fiery furnace, are to Spiritualists actual facts which they need not explain away. St. Paul's statements in regard to spiritual gifts are to them perfectly intelligible. When Christ cast out evil spirits, we can believe that he really did so. We can believe he turned water into wine, and that the bread and fishes were renewed, so that five thousand were fed, as extreme manifestations of power which is still daily at work among us.

Then, again, witchcraft is intelligible to the Spiritualist. Many of the characteristic and phenomena of witchcraft he has witnessed. He is able to separate the facts from the absurd inferences of the people who viewed it as superstition and regarded it as diabolism, which false interpretation resulted in all the horrors of the witchcraft.

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## Spiritualism Sound

It further demonstrates, by direct evidence as conclusive as the nature of the case admits, that the so-called dead are still alive—that our friends are often with us, though unseen, and can give direct proof of a future life, which so many crave, but for want of which so many live and die in anxious doubt. How valuable the certainty to be gained from spiritual communications, removing all questionings as to a future existence.

The essential teaching of Spiritualism is that we are all of us, in every act and thought, helping to build up a mental and spiritual nature which will be far more complete after the death of the body than it is now: just as this mental fabric is well or ill built, so will our progress and happiness be aided or retarded; just in proportion as we have developed out higher mental or moral nature, or starved it by misuse or undue prominence of physical or sensual enjoyment, shall we be well or ill fitted for the larger life.

## Development of Character

Spiritualism also teaches that every one will suffer the natural and inevitable consequences of a well or ill spent life; and the believer receives certain knowledge of these facts regarding a future state.

Even the existence of evil, that problem of the ages, may be dimly apprehended by Spiritualists as a necessary means of spirit development. The struggle against material difficulties develops the qualities of patience and perseverance and courage, and undoubtedly the fruits of the ages, mercy, unselfishness and charity, could not possibly be exercised and trained except in a world where wrong and oppression, misery and pain and crime called them into action.

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