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SCIENCE OF CORRESPONDENCES:

OR THE RELATION OF SPIRIT TO MATTER, CONSIDERED AS A MEANS
OF SCRIPTURAL INTERPRETATION.

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In the last chapter of the Gospel of Mark, in the 16th, 17th, and 18th verses, are these words:—

“And he said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

“He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned.

“And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.”

These words were spoken to His disciples by the Lord at their last interview, when He gave them their commission to teach His Gospel. Indeed these words constituted their commission—being His command to go, and the promise of what should follow as the result of their labors. The injunction to preach this Gospel to *all* the world and to every creature, was given that it might be presented to all alike, the spirit of Divine Love knowing no distinctions in its direction, but extending everywhere, and embracing *all* in its limitless arms. All nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples, alike in the sight of the Universal Father, are alike called to the fold of His Gospel, alike to the full enjoyment of its rich inheritance, on equal terms, with equal opportunities to do his will and fulfil the whole law of love.

Like all expressions in the Divine Word, this text will bear unfolding; for though, when first spoken to the Apostles, its application may have been *literally* and *externally* true, it is at this day applicable, as a Divine injunction, and its promises are as certainly (though in a higher degree,) fulfilled to-day, as they were eighteen centuries ago. It contains a deeper meaning than was understood in that period, one that was to outlast the intelligence of those to whom it was immediately spoken, and is at this moment applicable to all places, as it will be to all times. To-day, those who really *believe* are baptized; they cast out