

Man's Omnipotence

"Greater things than these shall ye do," were the words of Jesus of Nazareth to the people who gazed on the wonderful "miracles" he so often worked. "I am with you always," he said again, meaning by "I" the Spirit, which dwelt within him, as in all men. Can we live as Christ did? Can we be perfect, as our Father in heaven is perfect? Can we do even greater things than Christ? Science now comes forward and shows us the possibility of doing these mighty works; which were no miracles, but governed by principles or laws of nature, unknown however to the average man. These laws are now known, and the mysteries of life may be understood by the masses. Only seek, and ye shall find.

Oh, what a glorious future opens out before us! Just think, each one. Every living human being is able to be a Christ. "Ye are one." It does not matter what particular cult or sect we adhere to, we have it within our power to heal the sick, and save suffering humanity from its negative conditions. This is the noblest act of worship we could give God; for God is Humanity. Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto God.

Could we but realize our own greatness and strength, our unity with the Oversoul, or godhead, we would have the attributes of God, and we would each become a god, and these potentialities lie latent in each man. Think of it! You are the child of God; all powerful, all good. Our Father created no evil; consequently we are not evil, but good, all good.

We read God's words, but they convey no meaning to us; if they did they would simply appall us, at first. We read that we may be perfect, even as our heavenly Father is perfect, and even greater works than those which Christ did, may we do. Let us then be up and doing either alone or in Societies. Let each person boldly say, "I AM, I am the child of the ONE. I have lived from all eternity in some form or other; and I shall live to all eternity. All things are possible to ME. I must go onward and upward; and since every failure retards my progress, I must make due propitiation for my shortcomings. To myself I stand or fall."

There is no death. There is no hereafter. We are as much in eternity now, as we ever shall be. We must be true to the Holy Spirit within us, and make our heaven (which is with us) Now, Now, Now. NOW is the accepted time.

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The World's Leaders

Who are the world's leaders? Men who have dared to trust themselves. Who and what was Jesus, Plato, Mohammed, Socrates, and our more recent Emerson? Were they not men who, looking within, caught a glimpse of the dignity and possibilities of every soul? But these men, these precursors of a time to come, did not exhaust truth. Forever and forever the vision widens, and forever and forever the expanding mind is brought face to face with loftier conceptions and grander ideals, for that which we call god is, as Augustine defines it, a circle whose center is everywhere, and whose circumference is nowhere. Man is the highest conscious expression of this binding power, but he fears to realize this truth. He trembles lest his presumption should be followed with annihilation of his individuality. He fails to see that his Ego contains all that he ever has or ever can know of the first cause. He does not realize the fact that to think of a thing is to become one with it in consciousness. Brother, sister, do you know what this something is which you call yourself? Do you not see that it is all you dream God to be? What is it that governs physical action? Is it not thought? Have you ever asked yourself what is that constitutes your control over the material kingdom and over a small number of elements as heat, light and electricity? Well,

I will tell you, it is your power to think. Your brain is the highest organic expression of the law of evolution. You stand at the apex of development, and did you but know it, all power and wisdom lies locked up in your organism. You are the last product of the law of growth. Did I say the last? Well, you are also the first, since your power to think and reason proves your primal inception to have preceded that of your less intelligent brothers, the ox, and the sheep. Every man is lord of all that he has at any time been, etc. ! but his consciousness is slow to recognize this fact. We live by recognition of the life principle within, and he most lives, who recognizes most. We have wasted our energy by careless thinking. We have dissipated the force that should have rendered us impregnable to all negative influences. "Trust thyself," says Emerson, "every heart vibrates to this iron string." Howbeit, not even Emerson caught the full significance of these words. He dreamed too, much, and willed too little for himself. We are apt to look upon men of genius as the world has so long looked upon Jesus. We minimize self in order to augment their fame. My soul ever longs to meet and converse with one who dares all things, and whose deepest convictions are born of a consciousness of his own inherent strength. I am tired of grief. It crushes and never satisfies. My friends talk of death, but they do not want it. They think that it is inevitable. They fail to see the unreasonableness of their position, and allow the contradiction to go unanswered. Let a man dare to trust himself fully and unreservedly for one month, and the world shall see the might of his deeply centralized thought. Brother, sister, if you would be free from the darkness that envelopes your life, know this truth—that the power which will free you resides deep down within you, and that this power only waits for recognition to come forth and make you a god. Do not expect to do all in one day, or if you do entertain this hope do not be discouraged if you fail. Life is not expressed in its fullness in a day, neither is man completed in the twinkling of an eye. We build the ladder by which we mount upward. I have had to learn this lesson by first traversing the dark valley, and I would save you the pain which it costs. Assert your freedom from day to day, and in a short time you will need no man to tell you how to be a king.

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Lectures on Mental Science

The series of lectures, given by myself, through the kindness of Mrs. Rombough, at her residence on Walton St., have been very successful; her parlors being crowded at each meeting.

The first of a new series of lectures was given Wednesday, 17 August, at Harmony Hall, Forum Building, cor. Gerrard and Yonge Sts. An excellent orchestra gave a large number of popular selections which were much appreciated by the audience. Much credit deserves to be given to the well-trained musicians of the evening; which were as follows: Messrs. Charles Eggett, Richard Stapells, and Gordon Sheriff, violinists; Mr. E. Byron, double bass; Mr. William Rooney, cornetist; Miss Josephine Young, pianist; Mr. Charles Bayley, conductor. Mr. Shortiss, the city's well known tenor, sang "Calvary," and the "Holy City," and Miss Fox, one of Toronto's soprano singers, rendered "Angel's Serenade," with violin obligato played by Mr. Eggett; she also sang "Sing Sweet Bird," which fairly delighted the audience. Perhaps the real "feature" of the musical programme was a cornet solo by young William Rooney, who played "The Lost Chord" with such excellence, that the audience were simply carried away. Miss Josephine Young's ability as an accompanist is so well known, that it goes without saying, that her playing was perfect.

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