

the knowledge of God—and this is one of the greatest acquirements possible to man, and the very highest possible to him as soul. This is Yogism, or the science of the soul. But this sort of soul philosophy is not taught as the highest science of the Rig-Vida. The system of the Vegas is the last of the Darsanas, and it deals exclusively with the spirit, or man as an active agent, self-responsible, and his relation of the Infinite Spirit, as the active energy of God-Brahma.

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**MRS. SPECHT'S ANSWER TO HOWARD'S FIRST LETTER TO  
HER, WHEREIN SHE IS ADDRESSED AS "GENTLE  
LADY."**

To the Reverend and Respected Master, the Sage of Aru:

Before opening your letter, most esteemed Sage and teacher, I felt the solemnity and sacredness of the duty that devolved upon me to receive it in the proper spirit and the inexpressible weight and bearing it would have been upon my destiny. Not daring to hasten the opening of it, I whispered for aid and guidance from the Christ on high, who never fails me when I abide in the pure rays of the sanctified presence, my eyes lighted upon the words of Isaiah iv., 6-24th verses: And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations, etc., etc. I had felt some intuitive perception, unwilling within me at times during the last few months, that there was some one of your holy order endeavoring to communicate with me, and I told the precious Father that I knew if expedient for me I would receive it at the proper time, and so I now consign myself into His keeping, duty, like Paul, who says, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transferred by the renewing of your mind, that ye may have that what is good and acceptable and perfect, will of God." And I read, "Do it not." The profoundest depths of my soul were stirred and which sunk within me into reveries of—

But there is a very tried impression that the Great All Father has wisdom; wisdom, righteous love, not that the wisdom by which we gain the Holy Ones being affinity. And so I fain would prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." For has He not said in Isaiah iv., 11, 20th verse:

"And I will bring the blind by the way that they know not. I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them." I have not destroyed my manuscript, but I have abandoned it, and will not take it with me to the country unto which I journey in a few days. And as