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SCIENCE studies the operation of natural forces, occultism studies their origins. Science studies effects, occultism seeks causes.

Do not undertake Theosophical studies, and never attempt to penetrate into occultism unless you are prepared to renounce many things pleasant to the lower senses. Do not aspire to pose as a martyr if you flinch from the idea of martyrdom.

THE Master is for the pupil. If you do not wish to study, if you have no desire for knowledge, if you cannot sacrifice anything for spiritual attainment do not be surprised if the treasures of wisdom are not scattered before you.

OCCULTISM is not the science of performing feats of magic, but the knowledge of life. Breathing, seeing, hearing, digestion, the circulation of the blood, all these are occult arts. The study of these things, and others still beyond the ken of science is true occultism.

Christadelphians deny the existence of anything in man beyond the body of flesh and blood. But they recognize his consciousness as something different from the organs through which it acts. The sight is different from the eye, the hearing from the ear. But thought itself is only a more complex sensation than sight or hearing, etc. It is the synthesis of all these and something more. Now as it is not the eye that sees, but the power of sight, so it is not the brain that thinks, but the power of thought behind the brain, or consciousness. As this power is developed (and in some it is so weak as to be unable to recognize itself), it will rise to the cognition of higher states of consciousness than is possible to the average man. It is this consciousness which passes from one body to another in reincarnation. When it leaves the body the body is "dead," though various physical operations may still be carried on in it.

If you wish to destroy Karmic effects, destroy the fixed consciousness of "yourself." Live in the universal life and you will inherit the universal Karma. This is "good," for the Karma of the manifestation is to return to the manifestor.—Jasper Niemand.

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