

Rev. Dr. Sprocher, of the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, says that a miracle need not necessarily be a violation of the laws of nature. He asked if it was not entirely reasonable to suppose that an omnipotent, omnipresent being who created all such laws might know methods of manipulating without violating them in the performance of a miracle, methods that could not be comprehended by finite minds that had been groping towards only a partial understanding of those laws for thousands of years.

The questions asked after the delivery of the sermon did not approach in grasp on the subject the address itself. One man asked: "Could not God perform a miracle by destroying the sun and what would be its effect?" Unquestionably God could destroy the sun if he chose to do so," replied Rev. Dr. Sprocher, "and its effect would be our destruction. The natural laws of the universe, however, go on after the sun's destruction through some manipulation of them by omnipotence of which we know nothing. I do not believe God could do that, or anything like that, because God knew what He was about when he created the sun and the earth, and the people on it, and such a miracle would be a miracle without a motive as far as I am able to see."

Such a beautiful case came to us a few months ago. A young, cultured lady of beautiful life, but not a Christian, had gone to a Cleveland hospital for an examination, and was told that there was no hope for her. She went home entirely prostrated. When we took her case we only wrote her one letter and sent her some healing matter. We kept continually asking God to show her by His spirit that she had a right to live because God never intended anyone to die in youth and go into His presence unclad, and with only partial spiritual development. We kept sending her the thoughts that she was a child of God, and that He loved her just as much as He did any of His disciples, and the correct thought to annul her wrong thought. After some weeks we received a letter from her, and the first thing she said was: "God is my Father, and I am His child and I have no other desire than to do His will." She is getting better every day and is preaching "Christ's Way" to all who come in contact with her. I suppose you would have gotten down on your knees and asked God to forgive her sins, when God is always ready, and you would have told her to get ready to die. But we didn't. We just sent her uplifting thoughts; lifted her mind into the sunlight and let the spirit do its own work. We waste too much time trying to tell God what to do for people, instead of getting people up on the plane where God's sunlight is, and to reach out and take what He has given us from the foundation of the world.

PERSONAL: Will Lucy Combs please write me if she got the letter I wrote her in January.—Editor.

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HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

The Rhodora.
Lines on being asked whence is the flower.

In May, when seasons pierced our solitude,
I found the fresh rhodora in the woods,
Spending its leafless blooms in a damp book.
To please the desert and the sloughy brook:
The purple petals fallen in the pool.
Made the black waters with their beauty gay.
Here might the red-tail come his plumes to cool.
And court the flower that cheapens his array.
Rhodora! if the sages ask thee why
Thy charms is sweetest on the marsh and sky,
Dear, children, that eyes were made for seeing,
Then beauty is its own excess for being.
Why then wert thou, O fad of the rose,
Never thought to ask, I never knew,
But in my simple ignorance suppose,
The self-same Power that brought me then

Some people are sick because they have some trouble that causes them to worry and fret all the time, and they are unhappy themselves and make everybody around them unhappy and unharmonious. This is just as much a sin as lying or stealing. Why, beloved, "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him." Do you not believe this? "He that believeth hath." Even if your ills are imaginary, your believing you have them is just as bad for you as though they were real, for we can only suffer in reality. A cut finger could not hurt unless it was joined to the body, and thus to mortality, and if our troubles are real, it is our privilege to have them removed. If we believe, "He that believeth hath." When I can't see, I believe this we have thousands of friends who have been taught by us and who have heard us sing and lecture. These are sending us beautiful and wonderful thoughts of love. Do you see that to get into our right circle you are getting into the arms of all this vast host of helpers? Is it not worth while to "think this way" many times a day? I say it will bring you many fold of good. And when you send a tangible token of your appreciation and of your love it makes it all the more substantial. Suppose you send a beautiful rug, or a chair or a piece of furniture etc. Every time attention is called to the article splendid, helpful thoughts go to you; and this will go on for years and years multiplying as it goes. A beautiful quilt was given me lately. Already much good thought has been sent to the donor that cannot help but be felt and I know will be appreciated.

R. W. Emerson.
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"I have taken your paper for 2 years at least and I find in it something that I do not find in the many other New Thought publications. All have distinctive character and each help me to understand the problem of existence. I have been long on the way, thro all the seas—through Emerson and other Philosophy."

"On reading the April No. I see you say: 'Would you have the power of regeneration? I desire this and write you for advice and encourage to learn what suggestion you would offer. Do you take patients and people in your home?'"

Not one thought or word of encouragement that comes Christ's Wayward but will reap many fold to the sower. Now reader, think of it! The workers here are ever under the guidance of "The Host that encompasseth round about." Then hundreds and hundreds of persons are sending thoughts of prayer and hope and power to us. I believe this we have thousands of friends who have been taught by us and who have heard us sing and lecture. These are sending us beautiful and wonderful thoughts of love. Do you see that to get into our right circle you are getting into the arms of all this vast host of helpers? Is it not worth while to "think this way" many times a day? I say it will bring you many fold of good. And when you send a tangible token of your appreciation and of your love it makes it all the more substantial. Suppose you send a beautiful rug, or a chair or a piece of furniture etc. Every time attention is called to the article splendid, helpful thoughts go to you; and this will go on for years and years multiplying as it goes. A beautiful quilt was given me lately. Already much good thought has been sent to the donor that cannot help but be felt and I know will be appreciated.

"He is transformed by the renewing of your minds." This means that your spiritual nature should be monarch over your mortal and Christ showed us the way to demonstrate that fact, and He is teaching the "How" of it all through the Christ Way.

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Your knowledge of the Law is more important in the sight of God than your freedom from sickness although He does not delight in suffering. But as you will know, He being the all powerful one, could heal you even before you ask for relief, if that were the natural way. But wisdom comes through all experience and every ache and pain you have is pure gold to you and worth more than your college training, for sooner or later, some where along the road of your evolution, you must and will learn the cause and remedy of every inharmony.

* Every good thing overcome becomes an evil (see Gal.) and every evil properly adjusted and put in its place becomes a good.

Take selfishness for instance. It is the proper, normal care of the self overcome. And yet without proper selfhood, there would be no separation into forms, no separate identity. It is what separates the atoms and gives individual form and life.

But alas, alas, how many times we see it overcome, and the tenacity that so often goes with selfishness so narrow and contracts the form and power, that the individual must go back into a former state and start over because of degeneration of the parts.

Let me illustrate. Suppose a person were born in a water sign, or for any reason the body had the vibration common to water. This might come from various causes, a fright over a drowning or from other reasons. Much tenacity with selfishness would hold the over plus of water elements, closely in the body. The tenacity closes the gates and the selfishness holds the water at the water centers, viz: in the breasts, the kidneys, or the feet and legs, the result is dropsy, etc. Suppose the person were born in an air sign, or from study or environment became one with the air vibration. This character if given to tenacity from business needs, or any legitimate cause, we will say, and to self thought from an equally legitimate cause, will find that lungs and all avenues of respiration will be clogged with solid particles, instead of the water in the other case. The tenacity closes the gates of egress of solid particles and the most sensitive and vibrant center of the body (the lungs) will draw to it the waste matter, for the self thought makes an eddy pool to which the waste invariably travels like rubbish in the stream.

Alas! It were better to see that your neighbor is better served than yourself, your own self will give over to another, rather than your body should be a channel house for the deed of your own thought manifested. Let go! Let go your own way, your time, your money, your dearest treasures. Jesus taught this very lesson after He had healed the man who had dropped. He told His hearers: "to beware

of wanting to have the best seat or the first of self effort others. In childhood is the time to correct these coming faults. Such a child would be the most easily, the biggest piece of pie, etc., and many times the parents cultivate this very tendency to selfishness.

* The habits of years cannot be corrected in a day, nor work and unwork a year. But to start in with zeal and earnestness is to soon see improvement, and what will not one do for life?

But one of the greatest difficulties in the road has grown from crosswise training in the churches. For instance, we were taught that when a sick person died they became *well* as soon as they passed out of the body. This is false teaching. Were persons taught the *truth* they would make more effort to learn causes of disease and how to master the laws of health before they die!

The Word teaches us, all through the Testament that *death does not make any change in a man's character*, even though the body is laid in the tomb. In this body you are the impelling power of the "house you live in." If it has become uninhabitable, before the allotted age limit, it is because of your care of it, your thought influence over it. In fact you build it. The story of Solomon's building the Temple is an exact counterpart of how you have built your Temple through the ages past.

If you have not been able to hold your body, if your thoughts are sick, so that your body is sick, then your soul is sick, it is not properly clothed in a spiritual garment and you will be no better when you lay down your body. It is not easy for me to say this to all my hearers, all over the world. But is it not better for you to see this truth and get freedom at the first opportunity and NOW than to meet a condition beyond, unprepared and with no body for a house to dwell in?

You cannot progress in a form out of a body as well as in one. You can think and know and enjoy and progress, but unless you have climbed the heights very high, so that you have made a perfect spiritual body to dwell in and keep your soul's identity in, you will need your body to manifest through, and when you see this on the other side, you will bestir yourself to reanimate and get back into a new body as someone you learn how.

Yes, and there are some things you can learn about it here and now. But you say, "how can you know all this?" Easy enough. Study the law of Nature in every form of life. See how the same law holds good in high and low forms of life alike. There is no break in the chain all along the line of existence from the cloud up, why should we think there is a break in it beyond our sight outward any more than backward?

Is your soul dead? It can be made fat. How? Read the Word and see what kind of souls are made fat. Don't look for fruit unless you sow.

One lady writes me that she was told clear to Memphis, Tenn., to get treatments in a light cure—using the sun's rays. She thinks I would like to study into this New (?) method. Why bless her loving heart, that is just what we have been teaching in our Christ Way for 4 years, the light cure—not like they—the light of a material sun, but that and a thousand times more. And it is the *word*, that does the work. Not the Sun, but the thought the material sun produces. It is the thought that does the work.

You are far beyond the cloud, the black of grass and yet the neutral, the body christ in them is what unblinds them. Why, we use light, tones, colors, odors, flavors, foods, waters, companionship and spirit unfoldment. This is a far greater light than any Sun you ever saw or ever will see with these physical eyes. That is why we shall have our home so beautiful, appropriate and medicinal in color; why we chose a place with such a wonderful spring (I mean why God saved this place for us); why we shall build a nursery for perfection of certain odors; why we shall have perfect fruits, best of cream and eggs. But beyond and above this we shall know the spiritual meaning back of every material thing.

* Why beloved unless this be so, your faith (?) is vain, it is as a shadow of the real. A person can look in the sun all day, and have such cloudy thoughts that they get out the sun's brightest rays. Some diseases are unremediable? You, some by earth. But on the other hand I can put a patient in a dark room and teach him how to vibrate and make potent a ray of light in his own being that will blaze the sun.

* Why, where did we all come from, what are we all a part of? The Sun, of course. You and I were one in the very fire of the Sun. We have come along through it all, every form. We must believe this or we do not believe in evolution, and if not in that then we do not believe in progression or perfection. You and I may have been the positive and negative of one atom, lying side by side in the great hall of the sun. We were there or we may have loved each other, as atoms do, millions of years ago. Eh! How do you like the thought?

It must be so. Look at the apple on your plate. In that apple is the very first apple ever grown. First a seed, then a tree, then the fruit, then the tree again. All along it has come; it is there else apples would not be. Yes, and it goes further back, so do you and I. A part of me I got from my parents, they from their parents, back, back, I group my way (the infinite particle) then back to the unevolved form, then back to animal, back, back, to cloud, back, back to motion fire in the great earth ball that the sun threw off, back, back to the sun, my home of fire. But I must not stay there long, I want to trace my way back to the Christ Way College and our new and beautiful place, but the way is not dark

nor uncertain, for I have laid in the palm of my great Father's hand this while, and I had no fear. Ah, beloved, fear not. He who has led you all this way, knows the way back to Himself. Back I come, all through the different forms of development making power and forming, at least to some degree, everything in earth, moon, planets and sun, beloved me. And there in my wonderful Temple of life lies all the secrets of that wondrous past. Nothing outside of it that cannot be found inside. Why, beloved, you do not need a medicine chest. Do you want carbon, or iron or etc. Chew the battle and supply your own need. Yes, there are. The most wonderful bottles in your own body, as wonderful, as shapely and as transparent as any crystal bottle you ever saw. And all the elements are there also. A thought can send carbon power and its very vibration through your body; or iron, or acid or alkali, etc. And it goes where you want it, and need not interfere with other parts. O, the wondrous powers of a soul that is full of spiritual fire. Nor you nor I, nor any living being, can measure it.

* Marvelous healings are being reported. We shall not give detailed reports, only enough to encourage your faith. We want you all to rejoice, rejoice and be glad for it is not the Spring time of the earth, and the springtime of our great movement for helping thousands to health and success.

So we don't want you to think of any thing but the power of the Spring. Never has the Christ Way healing power been so manifest and so beautifully potent. Here we are, in a little retreat, away up the cliff above the city, just across the ravine from the growing Cottage, the preparatory building of the College proper. Nothing could have been more beautiful than the way we found this little cozy house just the place in which to over see the fixing of the grounds. But we never had a place where God's power and goodness and love could be more potent. O, the birds, the grass, the wonderful water, the budding trees, oh, the *rejoicing*. God be here, He shows the way so plainly. Some hard words to crack, but He is here, what need we fear.

* But besides that the joy bells are ringing as sweetly as they did in the old Independence Chapel, Tower in 1776. Why? For the same reason. We are free. Free from the grind of debt. Free from the money bondage. We are being so wondrously cared for. How could I have done all I have had if not been so. Yes, listen, and you can hear the joy bells ringing, ringing, ringing, and the freedom will reach to so many who are burdened with disease now but who will be made free.

* Do you think that the joy, and the great overflow of freedom, has made the "wheels go round," and that is why we are having so many good reports on heal-

ing? I guess so. Turn your faces Christ Wayward and catch some of the shining.

Now seems to be a time of great change among the patrons and readers of the Christ Way. Four or five letters lie before me, from persons who speak of this. You can make no mistake in looking in to the wonderful possibilities in casting in your lot with us. If you are hungering for the associations of New Thought, people and a place where harmony, success, financial, and body and soul development is made the chief motive of the life, then here is the place for you. We have numerous industries to be worked up and looked after. Rose, bee and chicken culture. We have room for 500 or even 800 chickens. We want some one to put in a dairy, or at least put something into it. We want someone to bottle the water and sell it all over the state. This water is *life*. We have fine facilities for making artificial stone, for our own different needs and for sale. But little capital would be needed for any of these and the markets and opportunities would be hard to duplicate. Then see what it would mean to be here in this delightful place and where you could get instruction and knowledge that you would not exchange for the richest gem. We shall pitch tents on the hill overlooking the city, for already the advance orders for rooms, is so great that for some of the time we shall need tents. No home need be turned away, and we assure you no better place can be found, no better vegetables than from our garden, no better milk, butter and eggs than here, but above all the "Host that encompasses," is here and God is here. Write us before coming.

The dear girl wrote me that she did wish she could give something to the new college or the work in some way, but had no ready money. She did not sit down and wait and leave us with bare wishes, but she went to work. She took enough "Help" to sell to make \$50, and that will be her gift. We shall use the money for a special purpose in beautifying the cottage. Her courage shall be remembered for years to come. Her gift will pay for the chimney.

Will not 25 persons interested in the Christ Way work send for 25 papers each this month to send to their friends? We will give you these for this purpose at one half price. Many of you write me that you are so desirous of helping the new project along. Do this much and "preach the gospel" to the many who need it so badly. Think of those all around you who are sick or poor. To get in touch with this work means to get health, wealth and above all the true Christ life. Try this a month and see if what I say does not come true.

Special Gifts.

To any one who touches or reads the Christ Way, and my faithful helpers who have, and will do so much, in the office and grounds, for the Christ Way, I give thought of loving thanks and pray that God will make their paths glorious. The thought goes in pink odor. To the P. O. and R. R. officials who have always been so kind and faithful I send sweet thoughts in purple salmon. To the old people who appreciate my work and give me good cheer and daily prayer, I send devotion in amber color. To the scholars of help thro the Christ Way I send faith in yellow. To the ladies I send love and kisses in rose red. To the sick who can be healed by this one powerful treatment at the joyful spring time I send faith and love in yellow and red. To the blessed young people who will take the marriage vows and start the blessed home and family relation, I send Home in Salmon. To those who are seeking their life mates in purest love and desire I send Matrimony in green. To all those who have helped me so graciously and unselfishly the past year, I send all the odors in pure white light. To the printers who add so much to our comfort and success we send comfort in red.

I had set my heart on a big open fireplace with crackling wood fires in the winter and a pretty fern bank in the summer. I tried to get some one to donate it. Then I quit trying and along came a man who loves to work up "hard heads." He listened to my plan and saw the need and said: "I'll put that in for you and furnish the hard-head too." I had no such beads to spare out of my collection here, so I accepted his offer and we are to have the prettiest old-fashioned fireplace you ever saw. I shall put his name and the lady's on it with an inscription about the seasons. I shall have that on birch bark that came from the Catskills.

We have been so fortunate as to have many just such gifts, but God has put it into the heart of one great man to make this wonderful place possible—his beauty, his ability to meet the needs of all cases, and then God has put it into the heart of another great man to put the soil under such splendid cultivation and production that we need have no concern about the "head of bread."

Ah, how the gratefulness of the thousands will make these "stars" shine in glory—that heaven may be brighter.