

THE FUTURE OF SPIRITUALISM

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I

With great interest I read Dr. G. B. Kirkland's article in Light of April 11th. I also have for many years been of the opinion that what is needed is the reduction — or rather evolution — of Spiritualism to natural science, and I have no doubt that a promotion of that sort would mean the beginning of a period of tremendous and most important progress.

Even now it is possible to predict on what lines the discoveries so sorely needed will be. Sleep and dreams will be shown to be of a mediumistic nature. Life itself is of a mediumistic nature, the organism being an apparatus to hold the vital charge. Senescence and death is but the consequence of the imperfection of life on this planet, and what is aimed at is a life continually progressing.

It is a fundamental misunderstanding that we are by death brought into a fourth dimension or a spirit-world discordant to the life here on earth, and indescribable. On the contrary, life after death will be found to be a perfectly natural and biological affair. This inconceivably vast universe, where immense stellar systems, containing thousands of millions of suns, are but as molecules, is meant to be the scene of everprogressing life. After the body built of the materials of this planet has died, we get possessed of a new organism, built up in what could be called the vital field of some other planet. The after-life body of regeneration is just as physical as the discarded body which had taken its origin in the union of an ovule and a spermatozoon.

II

Most Spiritualists seem to persist in believing that those who have died live on as spirits in a spirit-world, even though

the so-called spirits sometimes succeed in getting through most emphatic statements to another effect.

So, in that interesting book, **Bear Witness**, by a K. C. (p. 74), a spirit is reported as writing: "**Remember that our soul inhabits a body of flesh as yours does.**" And in another exceedingly valuable book of spirit communications, **Talks with Spirit Friends, Bench and Bar** (1931, p. 194), a "spirit" says: "**We are flesh and blood**". Then there is that excellent little book, **From Worlds Unseen**, by M. A., where the effort of the "spirits" to teach that life after death is a natural, biological, planetary affair, has been most remarkably successful. So we read (p. 39): "What people call 'spheres' are in reality different worlds", and "when a person leaves one world and ascends to the next higher, he finds very little difference at first." On p. 42 we find some most important biological information, which it seems almost impossible to misunderstand: "Every soul has the power of occupying a body formed according to the laws of bodily evolution which are in force in the world it is then inhabiting. The main characteristics of the human body, with which you are acquainted, persist during all successive stages of development."

And in an Icelandic description of the after-life, by G. Davíðsson, based chiefly on communications purporting to come from the writer's brother, Ó. Davíðsson, a botanist, we find it most clearly stated that those who die, materialize a new body on another planet, where they lead a life at first very much reminding them of life here on earth.

III

Statements as those above-mentioned, and the many others of the same sort to be found in the literature of Spiritualism, cannot be disregarded if we seriously want to arrive at an understanding of life after death. And, in fact, in such statements we are furnished with the elements of the working hypothesis so badly needed for a satisfactory development of Spiritualism; and I can have no doubt that such a

development would be of decisive importance in the history of mankind.

The extension of biology to the stars, the establishment of astronomical biology — or astro-biology, as it could be called — and scientific inter-stellar communication, would mean nothing less than the beginning of the New Age foretold in so many prophecies — the age of real progress, when all nations of the earth will unite in an effort to link up with the more advanced stages of existence, and a clear understanding will be arrived at of the immense dangers threatening the future of mankind, unless it succeeds in developing a sufficiently comprehensive science of life and the universe.

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