AFTER-LIFE PHYSIOLOGY

My effort to make Spiritualists more interested in afterlife conditions has been in part frustrated by some omissions in my letter in Light of October 20th (page 622). What I should like to be understood is, that a much more bioradiative and respirative, and much less digestive mode of nutrition, makes for a much finer figure than is possible on this earth; the waist is better built, the chest bigger, the shoulders broader. Even the finest athletes of our earth are weaklings compared with the afterlife man of right tendencies.

On page 668 of the same issue of Light, I read the following in an article by Rollin C. Ogburn, of Los Angeles: "Two changes do occur at death. We become discarnate and we enter into a non-physical environment."

The statement that after-life environment is non-physical is in the greatest possible contradiction to what we are being told again and again by persons who have passed on. It is also in the greatest contradiction to what we know of the uniformity of nature, that there should be so colossal a discrepancy between the life before and after death. Let us understand that death does not mean that we get outside nature, and the result will be greatly facilitated communication with those in the Beyond, the inhabitants — as can be said with absolute certainty — of other planets of the material universe.

It is of fundamental importance to realise that the physical organism — called by Plato a fetter and grave of the soul — is destined to attain to perfection — that is, to become the perfect instrument and helper of the spirit. We are, in a way, making an attempt to frustrate the wonderful design of the Creator, by clinging obstinately to the belief

that our effort to acquire a satisfactory physical organism is decisively and irreparably defeated at death.

If Spiritualism is to become a perfect success — and our mankind will perish if it does not it must, in a sense, cease to be Spiritualism.

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