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FOREWORD

THE SECOND MESSAGE of Anne Simon would seem to be a logical continuation of the contents of the first Message, already published.

The third, fourth and fifth Messages have also evolved, and will follow sequentially in book form; each bearing relation to what has preceded; each of about the same length as the first Message; and each appearing in facile writing in the short duration of time of about a month. THE SECOND MESSAGE began July 11, 1919, and ended a few weeks later, on August 7.

Anne Simon, in her earth-life, possessed an unusual power for the stimulation of fineness and fulfillment in others. She frequently spoke of this strange, controlling force.

The union of my wife and myself was one of harmony and understanding, and the bond sensitive. As two artists, our ideals were happily interwoven.

Neither of us were spiritualists, nor did we frequent mediums. The entire subject seemed of little interest.

The Writing came strangely. In January, 1919, I was impelled, through a friend, to experiment with automatic writing. The results were immediate, and two days later the first Message began, with evidently a definite purpose.

There was no trance-condition, but the pencil wrote without my initiative or will, and I marvelled as this strange subject unfolded.

It may be that each Message, appearing in sequential publication, will create new interest, as added testimony of the significance of this document.

OTTO TORNEY SIMON.

Washington, D. C.,
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THE SECOND MESSAGE

I

JULY 11TH, EARLY AFTERNOON.

My beloved husband! This is I, Anne Simon, your loving Wife! I am again filled with the higher emanations, influences that come from the spirit-souls that have been purified through love and beauty until they are nearest to the innermost Heart-throb of the Great Source of All-Love and Life. This is then the second Message which has come to you. It is for the further consideration of the mortal earth-man, and its spiritual significance should reach, even in a larger degree than the first Message, the hearts and profoundest consciousness of the mortal of the earth-world. It is of the greatest importance that such earth-beings should awaken and encourage in themselves a greater heart-serenity, a calmer poise, a deeper probe into the God-essence within them, the germ and central pulsating force of which is love. It is for them to become less material, less selfish, living more in the future vision of the great spiritual finality, which now they so dimly perceive, that it is but a flickering faith.

II

Mortal man! . . . my beloved earth-brother! If he but realized in this early development of earth-growth the unfolding of all earthly striving and virtue and love . . . if he but realized the life of the spiritual planes in their relation to following these virtues that God has given to him in embryonic smallness, so that by his will and faith and striving (when even the full spiritual glory of the spiritual places is unperceived) he may develop strongly to the perfect flower of earth, and may form his character and characteristics and ideals and loves for the Heavenly places.

III

Around each earth-mortal there are the emanations which the spirit-souls of spirit-places are ever sending. It is for him to throw out the "demands" for the earth-virtues, strong, ever strong, with a vitalized will; and as he does this, the little crevices of his nature open, and the gateways are there for the ever-waiting emanations. This is prayer! I wish to emphasize this in these words of the second Message I have sent to you for the earth-mortal. These "demands" should be ever constant, many times daily (earth term!), until they become habit. Such action is the open highway for the inflowing and for the strengthening of the virtues; and so man reaches to the Heavenly places as he yet toils through earth-shadows.

IV

The "demands"! They are the salvation of worlds and systems of worlds; but I can only speak to my beloved brothers of the earth-world. Again, I repeat: This is prayer! The emanations, ever waiting, are reflexively sent from us in the spiritual planes; and we receive them from the higher spiritual forces and from the Christ-Emanations. If mortal man will but ponder on their significance, and by strong will and frequent projection make use of them, he will realize the significance of the term "spiritual salvation"; for he will more and more be in the state of goodness and love that approximates these conditions of the Heavenly places. . . . I leave you!

V

JULY 11TH, LATER EVENING.

It is I, Anne Simon! . . . Write! . . . I spoke of the "demands" to be sent out for those strong virtues and characteristics that will prepare the mortal for the higher Heavenly places. In the first Message I have written of some of these traits. To chastity, humility, serenity, reverence, courage, kindness, elimination of fear should be added tolerance, forgiveness of real or imagined wrongs, the "demands" for happiness, for strength and health, and for a worldly success that is not an absorption of the rights of others. If the mortal of the earth-world will throw out these demands, as I have told you, with the intense wish and strong will, the emanations will flow inward and fill the empty places.

VI

And, although I speak of the earth-mortal, the higher development of mortals of other worlds and systems has been perfected to its higher spiritual development through the efficacy and realization of the power of asking and demanding. So those mortals of higher development than the earth-man have advanced to higher stages; and so will the earth-man advance as he comes to a more perfect realization of what I have told you. Again, I send the message: These words come from the higher emanations through me, with you again as the earth-instrument. They come to the earth-mortal for his advancement and happiness, and are also an admonition to him, a warning to prepare, and the given means for preparation.

VII

JULY 11TH, LATER EVENING.

Again I am with you! . . . I write of the mortal worlds, other than the earth; each a unit, but bound in systems by God's law of progression and love. Each is evolving. On each the man-type exists, where God has so willed . . . not on all mortal planes. Other created types, as we know them, exist on some mortal planes . . . not on all mortal planes. Some of the latter are still in the fiery state, a molten mass of God-Energy, in which gestates the God-Love, awaiting the time of creation for what will later appear as created matter. Others are only . . . wait! . . . as empty worlds awaiting the God creative-touches of created matter; others have on their surfaces primal matter that will evolve into higher creation; others have a higher development in some forms of creations, and other forms are still in primary and elemental development; others have the created forms as we know them, animal, vegetable, mineral, with man in a higher state than the earth-man; others have animal, vegetable, mineral, with man in a lower state than the earth-man. The number of worlds and systems in any state of development is infinite. I speak of mortal worlds.

The earth-man's intelligence and development are incapable of understanding the immensity (no word!) and stupendous God-scheme of the mortal-universe.

VIII

JULY 12TH, MORNING.

I come again to you! . . . You are receptive! . . . We know created life as man, and the animal, vegetable and mineral creation. On many of the higher planes there are more developed creations with higher sensitive development. On some of these there are already harmonization and discernments, of which the earth-man is unaware. Between all created life of these mortal-places there are already an understanding and a partial intercourse of communication. I have told you on the spiritual planes this occurs in a still more perfect degree, and is the source of happiness to all created things that have finished their mortal existences.

On the higher mortal-planes man is also in a higher intuitional state, and understands, to a degree, somewhat approximating the conditions on the spiritual planes. There is partial intercourse through intuitional understanding, and embryonic emanations are given and received . . . embryonic and elementary in contrast to the larger and complete emanation-outflow through the spiritual planes. So the earth-mortal, as I have told you, is developing toward this. There

is a higher degree of happiness among the creation of the higher mortal-planes, because the veil has been partially lifted, and the flickering faith of the earth-world has been changed to a higher conviction.

IX

As I explain this higher mortal development of other mortal-worlds, let the earth-man realize that he is tending toward this. This higher intuitional faculty is the sixth sense; and with its use, appreciation, and growth, the other senses have also become more acute, more prepared to elide into the spiritual senses. The sense of taste and that of actual touch, of the senses I have mentioned, however, are not of the same value in the spiritual world. The sense of taste in the earth-man is for the enjoyment of material food for his physical body, and its super-stimulation in the earth-man often leads to excesses of physical appetite. So with touch, as of secondary importance. While not leading in its stimulation to what is physical, it is a sense which is used for mortal protection and guidance, and its value on the spiritual plane is not significant.

X

Sight, hearing, and the keen sense for perfume and fragrance, on the other hand, are significant in their increase and spiritual values on the spiritual planes. So the mortal earth-man of the far future will be in a higher state of development than is the earth-man of the present time. The "passing over" of the latter is an episode in the mortal-life of a less developed nature. His higher development will be on the spiritual planes. The earth-man of future ages (a term only partially expressive of the far future) will be of a higher spiritual development, will have already sensed the higher unfolding of spiritual places while yet on mortal planes, and will go to a Mansion and a spiritual plane where the spirit-souls are more advanced than he who passes from the earth-plane at the present time. . . . I have told you!

XI

JULY 13TH, SUNDAY MORNING.

I am with you! . . . Sunday! . . . An earth-day of prayer for the Christian! . . . Prayer should be unceasing, and yet the one day of seven should be given especially to a higher serenity. The emanations from the spirit-planes will then have a greater efficacy, and replenish in completion the deeper consciousness of mortals.

XII

I have written of the more developed mortal planes. The idea of the return of the mortal-soul, after it has once passed into the spiritual places, is erroneous. A new germ of life is given to each new baby of mortal-life. It is fixed by certain laws of heredity and a certain absorption from the baby, unconsciously, of the emanations; each baby differing from another baby in this. The laws of heredity do not fix the boundary. Our emanations make the unusual fluctuations of characteristics and talents, sometimes by which one member of a family may stand out uniquely from the members of the rest of that family. And so a genius sometimes springs into existence as does the isolated flower, maybe in a dessert-land of desolation . . . a flower of delicacy and fineness, far away from others of its kind. The penetration of the genius-spirit is alone in its spiritual discernment, and moves through the worlds of mortals as in alien worlds, contaminated sometimes by earth-follies, weaknesses and vices.

XIII

But the inner lamp of God's lighting always burns with a steady and serene flame of spiritual essence, though clouded frequently by earth-clouds and shadows. The genius is earth's crucified one. Frequently, so very frequently, the alternations of incandescent spirit-perception and the fall to temptation of physical needs make the burden of a remorse, heavy and pitiless, like that of ponderous and clanking chains. Habits form that fling themselves (as do the tentacles of a great sea-monster) about his little lamp, the holy of holies in which God abides, and would enclose it with crushing, destructive force, with writhing viper-fingers.

The little lamp ever gleams serenely, its flame ever pointing steadily toward the spiritual places. I have told you such a one (torn by remorse while yet enfolding in his encircling arms of tenderness the Heavenly essence) comes to us; and our love doubly encircles him, because he holds what is precious to the spirit-life and to spirit-worlds.

XIV

So the mortal after he has passed into the Heavenly places does not return as renewed life. His spirit remains in the Heavenly planes and is progressing. To return to the physical planes as renewed life would be retrogression. The mortal is helped by our emanations, and not by a reappearance of a new-born baby in an identity that has once lived on the mortal planes. . . . I have told you!

XV

JULY 13TH, LATER.

I am here, Anne! . . . The mortal souls of more advanced worlds than that of earth, besides having the added perception of intuitional development, also have a partially opened spiritual vision. They perceive, though to a lesser degree than those on the spiritual planes, the rise of color-emanations from the earth-plane; and so perceive a scale of colors and tints unknown to the earth-man. They also see, with a partially opened spiritual eye, the conditions of the spiritual planes. So a deeper conviction pervades the mortals of such worlds, and a greater happiness results. The happiness and serenity of mortals of these more advanced worlds are so far greater than those of the earth-man, that the latter would not understand by the explanation of earth-words. As he cannot sense the happiness (the earth-word for this is dull like the brown earth-particles!) of the higher developed world-mortals, so for him it is not possible to sense the radiance, glory, progress and life of the supernal spiritual places from which this message is reaching you.

XVI

So the earth-man is in greater doubt as to the Great Beyond, than the one on the higher developed physical-planes. His awakening is all the more in greater splendor, God's gift to him for his years of mortal doubt. To the mortal of the more advanced physical-plane the awakening is partial and convincing on that plane. Such a one is happy in knowing before the ultimate spiritual planes are reached.

XVII

JULY 14TH, MORNING.

I am here again, waiting for you to write as I direct! . . . I have explained to you, through my spirit knowledge, some of the conditions on the mortal-planes of other worlds besides your own. As man on these is more advanced, and as there already is a certain understanding between him and the other created things of his world, and as he senses also to a larger degree the conditions of the spiritual planes by which come to him a greater conviction and higher happiness, so are the other objects of God's creation on that plane in a more advanced stage . . . the flower is still the flower, the stone is still a stone, but the inner forces of these creations have advanced.

They, too, have grown toward the spiritual fineness of spiritual planes and places. Their cognizance and language and life may not be, or seem to be, similar to that of man living on their plane. Its basic principle, however, is the same God-essence which makes for each order of created things a particular system of inner life for that especial family of created beings . . . each family happy in its exclusiveness, and yet reaching out into the paths and by-ways of other creation.

XVIII

Thus is the immense diversity of the ways of God's universe shown, which always tends toward the finality of complete unity. And the gentle influence is God's Love, that like a tender, soothing hand leads all together in one glorified pathway of harmony. Love! . . . As I write the word I see you deeply moved! When the world, and worlds and systems prostrate themselves before Love, there will be complete regeneration . . . for God is Love!

In this my second Message I again send, in all encircling tenderness, the thought to earth-mortals: God is Love! . . . (Deep "isms" and dry theologies!) . . . And may the knowledge of love enter the human heart of worlds-mortals through the gateway of serenity.

XIX

JULY 14TH, LATER MORNING.

I am here with you! . . . Write! . . . The ultimate end of all created life on all mortal-worlds and systems of worlds is the spiritualization of its creation. There will come a time (so remote that even to the highest intelligence of the most advanced creation of the most advanced mortal-world it is unthinkable) when each world will have received its final blessedness of spiritual growth; when those mortals and each creation of all worlds and systems will be so in complete harmony with spiritual planes, that but a shadowy line of demarcation will exist. Each world, as it reaches this stage of near elision to the spiritual planes, will be taken to the fold of spiritual planes, one after the other in its given time; and so through God's love, and man's and other creation-receptiveness, it will have reached its spiritual perfection.

XX

So will the material worlds, as we know them, ultimately become the spiritual planes and places. And this is God's law and solution for the gradual change of all that is material into its spiritual essence, each creation retaining its identity, but still further progressing through the spiritual planes and places. As I have explained before, there is Heavenly peace and serenity, but not Heavenly rest. The blessed laws of love and progression surround us.

XXI

JULY 15TH, MORNING.

It is I, Anne, awaiting your readiness for the Message! . . . I have written, through you, of the spiritual awakening through countless space of time of the created life of mortal-planes, and its eventual blending into the spiritual places. I have told you also in the former Message that the created life of worlds and worlds-systems must have its gradual evolution. This time, however, of spiritual arrival may be hastened by the higher seeking for those elements of mortal characteristics, which will tend toward an earth-realization of this. The following of such virtues and supernal qualities will lead to a stronger faith and a dominant unswerving conviction from which emanates the increased happiness. The dread of death will disappear. Toil and care will be looked on and accepted, not with that hopeless appearance of the fallen, parched, and shriveled earth-fruit; but as a happy discipline that gives to character a vertebræ and support, realized as necessary, and happily and joyfully accepted as such.

XXII

But not only as the man of worlds and systems throws out the "demands" do the healing, stimulating, pinnacle-aspiring emanations flow inward to the secret, innermost places of his being; but also all other created matter is stimulated to throw out its "demands" with the same results for spiritual progression. For such creation also has its specific system of intelligence, and aspires to prepare for the still further development of fineness on the spiritual planes. Happiness and joy of living are experienced in its own consciousness by each system of created life. And this becomes more sensitive and finer on the higher mortal-planes than on the earth-plane. On the spiritual planes such consciousness and added growth are but a sequential continuance . . . and so onward, ever higher, ever finer, through the spiritual development on progressive spirit-planes, until they become a part of the great Central Essence of God's Love and Energy.

XXIII

JULY 15TH, MORNING, LATER.

Do not fear! . . . Only passive! . . . I will convey through this part of the Message the element, more than any other, that keeps the spiritual consciousness of the earth-man clouded, and also of those mortals that live on mortal worlds in a near similarity of development to the earth-world. Mortals of the higher mortal-worlds have partially evolved. . . . Wait and rest! . . .

XXIV

The element of which I now write is the act of mortal procreation, of bringing into the world the new babyhood that shall be the little link that may have in its being a little more of the possibility of spiritual expansion than the last baby born to the mortal. . . . "Marriage," as you see the written word before you, is a mystical symbol. And as you gaze intently, the letters will seem to gradually fade, moved by spirit-fingers; and in their place will be the supernally glorified word of "love"!

On the earth-plane and similar worlds, to most of its men and women, such a spiritual one-word does not appear; but a shadowy, forbidding finger rudely crosses out what should be the sacred word of "marriage" (enshrined and surrounded by soft spiritual lights in its own place), and rudely writes across this, "habit"! . . . a gnawing pain of increased sensualism. . . . Wait! . . . This will be eventually destroyed through the element of which I have written: the throwing out of the "demands" with strong will-power (not pusillanimous knocking, I have told you!) for chastity. This must be individual, until it becomes all-inclusive and universal.

XXV

The "demands" for all other virtues are intertwined in the demand for chastity. Each of these virtues has its own significance and cognizance. Each realizes that sex-perversion and excess are detrimental to its own flowering. Each looks up to this mighty hero-brother of chastity, to whom all reach pleadingly and beseechingly for a rigid fineness; for on this depends their own efficacy of development, and with chastity perverted they become as hopeless, drooping flower-life . . . dead!

XXVI

In the higher mortal-worlds the ideal of marriage is a consecration, with the baby placed ever before it as a delicate spirit-flower. It is God's love to his yet undeveloped children of the earth and similar worlds, that the little baby does even now appear to him, mortal-man, with the sweetness and tenderness of a flower, though the seeds of its life were sown in an element in which spiritual fineness had no place. And so let mortal man ever send out the "demands" for chastity. The little delicate shell of babyhood will vibrate oftener with the higher, inner harmonies.

XXVII

JULY 16TH.

My dear husband! I am with you this morning! It is I, Anne; and what I am giving to you, with you as the earth-instrument of writing, comes from the higher spiritual essences through me. It is your mission to write this as it comes through me to you. . . . Always in calmness, and impassive! . . . Write now! . . . I have written with a certain minuteness of the condition of mortal planes, and will now write in greater detail, than in the first Message, of the spiritual planes and their divisions of congenial spirit-life, the "Many Mansions," where there is affinity of association and characteristics.

I have told you in the first Message of my own "passing over," so full of serenity, and the realization at once of influences of love for which in mortal-life there are no applicable words of explanation or expression; of the dream-like condition for a time, with moments of greater consciousness, as if the spiritual awakening was even beneficent in its gradual unfolding so as not to overstimulate the newly arrived spirit-soul; of the realization of spirit-vision and of spirit-hearing; of the emanations, our language, for reaching

mortals of all mortal-worlds and immensity of systems, and for sending our own spirit-essence wider into the infinite spirit-planes and their "Many Mansions," to be received, or passed by, according to the receptive condition and the wish to receive of any spirit-soul.

For you will understand that a spirit of higher development would not find interesting the emanations from the lower spirit-planes; and the spirits of lower spirit-planes might not quite understand the emanations of higher spirit-planes. But about this lower spirit-life, less developed, the higher emanations lovingly linger; and, as there is more and more a greater demand for these, they enter the consciousness of such a spirit-soul. . . . Such are God's Law and Love!

XXVIII

And this is spiritual progression for the spirit-souls; and from what I have written before, you may sense how similar is this progression in law and method to the progress of the mortal individual soul. So you will understand more and more, as will my beloved brothers of the earth-world, what I have said before in my first Message: The veil is but of transparency, like an exquisite bit of gossamer; and he of the mortal-worlds, if he so wishes, may easily peer through to the life and fineness of the spiritual planes and receive his spiritual Crown of spiritual Sonship, while yet in the toils of mortal cares and chains.

These chains are meant as a discipline! . . . I have told you! They must not clank in heaviness like those of an incarcerated one, but are to be examined by intelligence. And the little opening in any link must be sought for (it is not so tightly welded that it may not be found by man's ingenuity and intense seeking!). And when the little opening is found, salvation is not far away; for the seeking pre-supposes the wish to be free.

Through the little opening of any link, if carefully examined, will be a light-gleam. . . . Now!

. . . Now! . . . Rend this link apart with mortal will, effort and conviction! . . . The chain is rent!! . . . The gleam is a glory! . . . Heaven is before you! . . . I have told you!

XXIX

JULY 17TH, MORNING.

My beloved husband! I will continue my writing now of the spiritual planes and places, and their sequential unfolding to the innermost Essence of the God-Love. . . . I have told you of the "Many Mansions" of each spiritual plane; of the infinite number of these; of their vastness (no space-word!); of the infinitude of spirit-life; of the happiness of activity; of progress; of the clouds of doubt and uncertainty removed; of the spirit-consciousness; of its future evolution; and of the all-pervading Serenity and God-Love in these Heavenly places. I have explained that time and space are not terms of spirit-life. Our consciousness is that of a continuous happiness, that, visualized, might be expressed by the term "glorified radiance."

XXX

For from this state of beatifiction there is always streaming a certain magnetic essence that awakens the optimism of all mortal-beings that it touches. Only the mortal must throw out the "demand" for this! And as spirit-souls have this quality to a greater or lesser degree, and as all are throwing out this characteristic emanation, its domination and permeation through the spiritual planes also are continuous and exhilarating (no word!).

It is difficult for mortals to understand that this buoyant sense of happiness is surrounded by the great Calm and Serenity, which give the happiness of these places their peculiar quality, not to be described to mortals of earth or other worlds (those of more advanced mortal-worlds, of which I have told you, will sense this state of which I speak). It shines as a crown of glorified star-light through the serenity of the tranquil earth-night (only a poor earth symbol!). The nearness of the God-Love gives to our happiness the especial quality which makes it indefinable to the earth-man. . . . I have told you!

XXXI

JULY 17TH, LATER MORNING.

There are also the lower spiritual planes. Of these I have not written, but have mentioned them. Their number is also to be expressed through no earth-terms. The spirit-life of each plane can sense to a degree the spirit-life of other spirit-planes, higher or lower. We hover in our consciousness about the higher ones. Our love, the God-love now intensified in us, will make our influence felt on the lower planes. For the love-permeations are the elements of regeneration for these lower planes, as they are indeed for the spirits of all planes.

XXXII

The sense of aloofness or superiority is not a characteristic of any spirit-soul. There is, instead, the fervent wish to be of strong service to such, whose mortal life (not always wisely lived, perhaps) may have given them their spiritual abode in the lower spiritual planes. From all spirit-consciousness of spirit-souls there flows the God-love for the bringing of every other spirit-soul to its finality of spirit-regeneration and perfection. I have explained the anguish of those of the lower spiritual planes. Memory of past deeds does not fade immediately, and regeneration is not immediate. This is remorse, which includes memory. The entire acceptance of the emanations of love, that surround such a one, is not immediately understood, or maybe wished for, and so the realization of earth-vices and conduct remains. But to each spiritual soul the Light eventually comes in its completeness. There are no "lost souls." . . . I have told you!

XXXIII

JULY 17TH, LATER MORNING.

I have spoken of the emanations that the mortal feels, sent by us, that blossom to the higher deeds of earth-beauty and kindness. I shall only write briefly of the following: Ignoble impulses to the earth-mortals come through vitiating habit, and sometimes through obnoxious weeds that spring from heredity. Malicious impulses are not sent from the lowest spiritual planes. There is no place of evil spirits! The wave of partial regeneration has permeated the sinner of mortal-worlds when he passes the portals of the spiritual planes, even the lowest. No malicious permeations for the degeneration of those on mortal-worlds leaves even the lowest of spiritual planes. The faint glimmer of what love means becomes immediately a part of the consciousness of even that spirit-soul, whose earth-life has been most unclean and tainted. Malignity does not flow from the spiritual places! . . . I have told you!

XXXIV

JULY 18TH, MORNING.

My Beloved! You are receptive this morning, and I am with you again! I write to you from the spiritual plane, where I am. When I come in proximity (or actual presence of spirit-form on mortal-planes), as I have told you, the emanations remain in these spirit-places where we are. The spirit-form under certain conditions of sensitive states of certain mortals may be visualized. To encourage this tendency, which may be more and more acquired through practice, is unwise, as it becomes a morbid and meaningless habit, and too frequently takes the strength and thought and necessary will from earth-duties. I have told this before in the first Message.

XXXV

Malignity, therefore, as I have written, does not flow from the Heavenly planes, even the lowest of these; and the lowest are those places where the mortal souls are seared from earth-vices. These lowest planes are yet God's places for his children who have erred, not always censurable in themselves, but as earth-children drifting aimlessly through evil tendencies of . . . wait! . . . calamitous, festering traits that sweep and hurl them along over precipitous and sharp-pointed rocks of deeper vices and habits. But my beloved brothers of the earth-world, God's Love surrounds these through our emanations and the Christ-Emanation, when they pass over to these lowest of the lower planes!

XXXVI

The mortal intelligence will know what affinity of soul-perversion is in these places; for each has about him, on mortal-worlds, the temptation of such soul . . . wait! . . . erosion. In the first Message the all-pervading love, in the spiritual planes, has been emphasized. So here, in these lowest planes with their "Many Mansions," the God-Tenderness and Love are ever hovering and permeating . . . tendencies so strong and constant, that by their own conquering power they reach the cognizance of those spirits, lacerated by remorse and memory. But the earth-mortal has not given sufficient weight and significance to God-Love. And man, through his imagination and the images of the Church, has designated these lower places as the places of writhing souls, beyond redemption. Tell them this is not so! God's love brings the most erring one to the ultimate places of the higher happiness and redemption of the higher spiritual places.

XXXVII

JULY 19TH, EVENING.

It is I, Anne! . . . wait! . . . I will tell you more now of the plane upon which I exist in spiritual essence, and of those infinite spirit-souls that exist about me. They are of affinity of tastes, as I have told you in the first Message, of talents, of personalities, which are but similar mortal worlds-personalities, glorified through love. This is one great reason for our happiness. And as our Mansion is filled with similar soul-types, so are all of the other Mansions of our plane and of the infinite other spirit-planes filled also with their similar soul-types. The emanations of each spirit-soul are permeating these infinite planes and infinite Mansions. It is the functioning of each spirit-soul. And as each gives out, so is he ready to receive, and does receive, according to his fitness to receive; which possibility of emanation-receptiveness is always growing finer and stronger. And so each spirit-soul grows toward the higher places. We know each other through the distinctive quality and power of the emanations we send. And each spirit-soul has the faculty of recognizing this; and so we have here our distinctive standing and position.

XXXVIII

Names are unknown here. What we have made of ourselves on the earth-plane following our higher precepts and guidances, developing through discipline, accepting love and giving love, this really makes the source of our identity here by which we are recognized by other spirit-souls, besides our recognition through physiognomy. We have this personal identity. This I have told you we have not lost. But one spirit-soul will recognize another, who may be even on another plane, by his emanations. They are characteristic, and give the spirit-soul a distinctive place in the spirit-world. So names are unknown. I am known in nearness by my physiognomy and emanations. In distant planes I am known by my emanations; and this gives me my identity to spirits of distant and other planes. . . . I have told you!

XXXIX

JULY 20TH, MORNING.

I am with you, and the impulse to write has been strongly in your consciousness since early waking. . . . I have written in the first Message of the spirit-activity in these planes, and now wish to enlarge. There is no day or night. . . . I have told you! An all-pervading serenity exists with a continuous light, . . . effulgence not too intense so as to disturb this. Our activity of creative continuity is always with us. Those who have been material on earth-planes are taught, as children, to absorb what is appealing to the finer spirit and imagination; and so these, in a feeble and infantile way, throw out these lesser gleamings of beauty and creation which they have learned to absorb, and which enter, maybe, the consciousness of those lower spirit-souls, even than themselves; and so they begin their spirit-tasks of stimulation.

These emanations of lesser significance pass by the higher spirit-souls as earlier reminiscences of an early growth, maybe echoes even from their life on the mortal-plane. The higher spirit-life has outgrown these elementary stimulation-impulses. It does not need them; but it is recep-

tive to those higher emanations from other spirit-life that may be on higher spiritual planes, or of that spirit-life on its own plane, but in a different Mansion of that plane.

XL

I have told you we are helping each other. Our spiritual needs are reached through the emanations of other spirit-souls; and as our stimulation is constantly for progress and the higher reaching to the higher spiritual planes, the characteristic of spirit-life is eagerness (always the serenity, not understood by mortals, surrounding this quality, which on mortal-planes is connected with the idea of a restless seeking), and a condition of receptiveness like a flower, unfolding to the influence of the early-summer sunshine. . . . So tell mortals to cultivate their imagination, through the arts especially! Their places will be higher in the spiritual planes, than if they omit to do this.

XLI

The mortal of earth and other worlds should cultivate a calmness and serenity (I have told you this!); for from these grows the habit of introspection, which is a soil for spirit-growth and progress while yet on mortal planes. The scimeter-stroke of action should be ever ready, fulfilling its purpose and accomplishment. And then, again, should come the time when action should lie fallow and inert (like resting in the shade and enjoying repose . . . not tolerating, but enjoying!); and introspection again will rest on its bed of calmness and serenity.

XLII

At this time one enjoys the fleecy cloud, the sweep of the bird-flight, and its song as it sits in the light of early evening (I sense dimly now the serenity of earth-twilight . . . how faint the impression in this vastness of spirit-serenity!), high, high, in the topmost branch, thanking God in its own way! The mortal, in his garments of Church-worship and elaboration of ritualism, prostrate before shrines and worshipping before incensed altars, does not please God more than the one bird with his one song, singing to his one God.

Man dimly realizes this as he listens to the liquid fervency of the bird-song at this time of earth-serenity, the early evening hours . . . wait! . . . before night descends . . . beneficent night that gives to man the stars and brooding calmness, the nearest earth-element of spiritual serenity! But he only dimly realizes; for he, man, in his present state of evolution, has not yet sensed the oneness of all creation, and holds himself as a superior creation, which he is not. Let man grow in universal love through the appreciation of the affection and love for all creation, and not only for his own kind! . . . So will the inner harmonies be awakened!

XLIII

JULY 20TH, LATER MORNING.

I have told you we are sending and receiving through the emanations. I hear you asking if this action is continuous. When I wrote in the first Message that there exist Heavenly serenity and peace, but not Heavenly rest, it was meant relatively. There are times on these planes when the stimulation to either give or receive is more than at other times. But the tendency seems to be happily in a state of action, tempered always by serenity. It is the perpetual, surrounding calmness, which makes the possibility for continuity of action.

For actual cessation, as man needs for recuperation (as his time of sleep and rest), is not a part of the scheme of these Heavenly places. The consciousness of the desire or craving for rest from weariness does not exist here, because there is no weariness. There are no laggards in these Heavenly planes! It is our existence to progress and to be doing. There is in the spirit-soul the deep consciousness of the place he fills in the spiritual scheme for regeneration; and with this realization comes the immediate action for its beneficent fulfillment. . . . I have told you!

XLIV

JULY 20TH, LATER MORNING.

So we progress and unfold towards the ultimate God-Love, a progression ever stimulating, but gentle and serene; a power that wafts (no word!) the spirit-soul to progressive action . . . not urging or coercing. There is always the gentleness of a personal, surrounding love and guidance, that mortals on any mortal-world do not understand. . . . You ask of the time in any Mansion or spiritual plane? I cannot tell you this, as my mortal appreciation and realization of time have disappeared. The happiness exists in this: We realize we are becoming and will arrive! . . . all of us, not certain chosen ones. Such are God-Love and God-Laws for the spiritual Kingdom. "How," we know through spiritual growth. "When," we do not understand, because our present happiness is of such unique fineness that its present state is all-satisfying to the spirit-consciousness.

XLV

JULY 21ST, MORNING.

I hear you again asking of the higher spiritual planes than those upon which I exist! We of the lower plane-existences are all tending towards these. The elision is beautiful and gradual. It is difficult to speak to you of the conditions surrounding these higher existences; for we spirit-souls, who are not of them, cannot understand them, or are not prepared to receive the highest emanations. They pass us by as emanations. We, in our consciousness, realize this; but also realize the spiritual law for this, and it does not give us unhappiness; for we know as we prepare here we will gradually evolve. That is sufficient for us.

XLVI

So understand this law as to the passing of the emanations through the spiritual planes, and their relation to any spirit-soul: Lower emanations are not accepted because they will not tend further to this spiritual progression. Higher emanations to the spirit-soul, far ascending his understanding or spiritual growth of that special moment of his progress, do not enter because they are beyond his appreciation, and the stimulation would be excessive and not understood. The emanations which do enter his spiritual essence and consciousness are those a little higher, so the entrance of these may be a serene influence, and not one of over-stimulation. So the growth of the spirit-souls of mortals that have "passed over" is gradual in its reaching towards the higher places. . . . I have told you!

XLVII

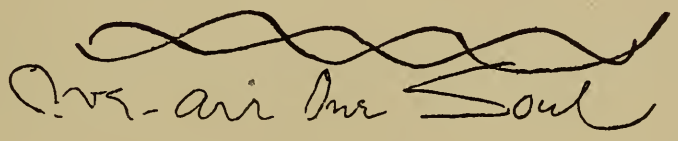
JULY 21ST, LATER MORNING.

From what I have told you you will understand that I cannot, in my present spirit-existence, unfold to you the conditions on spirit-planes of far more advanced development than our own. This we know: that the unfolding towards the higher planes is continuous, and that added happiness and serenity (no words for even our present glorified Mansion!) will come to us. We have no restless seeking. I have told you this. The Father's Hand soothes (oh, so personally!), and His Essence of Love surrounds so beneficently each spirit-soul, as it exerts its manifold spirit-action and accomplishment. There is no retrogression! The God-Love is too powerful, and its realization penetrates to the inner consciousness of each spirit-identity. . . . I tell you what is given me to tell you. The eventual evolution of each spirit-soul will be towards the Central Essence of God-Love and God-Energy.

XLVIII

JULY 21ST, MORNING, LATER.

Wait! . . . You must stop now! . . . You are faithful, and my beloved husband!



XLIX

JULY 21ST, EVENING.

It is I . . . wait! . . . Write: The consciousness of each spirit-soul has become accentuated and finer. In the earth-consciousness the plummet descends in some mortals but a little way; in others, as the genius, the descent is greater . . . and then stops. But with the spirit-soul it is meant that the spiritual windows should be thrown open wide, and we become aware of those finer things of love and happiness and the finality of things, that to man of mortal-worlds are closed. Not finality of love and happiness; this we only sense! But through our present ecstatic state (with serenity!) we realize in our being the unfolding of the future.

L

The spirit-soul is not in isolation, as is the mortal. For the latter there is always the little soul-center which is unshared by other mortals; and this state of individualism makes him feel so frequently his loneliness. But here the inner consciousness of each spirit-soul is shared, as it were, by every other spirit-soul. He holds nothing of himself back when he gives out his emanations. It is his finest spiritual soul-center; and this makes the peculiar unity of these Heavenly places . . . wait! . . . through confidence (this might be the earth word!). We *know* that the emanations represent a certain spiritual soul-identity . . . his all! There are no "masks" in these Heavenly places. The words of mortals are so frequently masks . . . "false faces," the children of earth call them! The mortal of gentle frankness (it must not be barbed!) that gives his innermost soul-quality, without dissimulation, is reaching out towards a characteristic of the spirit-souls of our places of happiness. . . . I have told you!

LI

JULY 22ND, MORNING.

I am here this morning, Anne, and am still writing what is given to me from the higher planes, with you as the earth-instrument! I write what is given to me, a spirit of higher spiritual consciousness than the mortal of any mortal-plane. There are many things of ultimate future unfolding and development that cannot be given to the mortal, because of the limitations of mortal-language. Earth-language ceases finally, in its highest possibility for expansion and expression, to be a medium of the highest possible spiritual conditions. So it might be said, that coming through me, there is the awakening of mortal-consciousness to its degree of possibility for absorption and understanding.

LII

The finality of ultimate spiritual conditions are Love and Energy. There can be no more understandable explanation to the mortals of mortal-planes. We, as spiritual entities, sense the higher condition of Love and Energy, but it is not possible to explain it further to mortal-intelligence. If I were writing to the mortals of the higher mortal-planes of development, I might explain more; for their understanding would make this possible. I sense, therefore, as a spiritual entity, more than I can express to the earth-mortal, through his limitation of earth-conception and earth-language.

If my mission were to write to the higher spiritual planes, the language would be obviously different and intuitive in processes . . . would be recognized by them with the same confidence that you realize these earth-words. When the spiritual souls confer with earth-mortals by intuitive processes, these are not yet accepted by the earth-mortal with confidence. . . . Wait! . . . I am writing to you in the language of my native mortal dwelling-place. To be understood by others of the earth-plane, it must be translated into numerous languages. If I were imparting through

intuition-processes to the mortals of higher planes, it would be understood with surety by all mortals of those mortal-planes as a universal language, and would be accepted by them. . . . I have told you!

LIII

JULY 22ND, MORNING.

Again I write continuously with what I have just written. . . . Wait! . . . I have told you this second Message, with my first Message, are revelations coming from the higher spiritual sources, with me as the intermediary instrument, and yourself writing in earth-language. They are revelations so that the earth-man may have conviction of spiritual planes and conditions and of the future spiritual life and progress; and in the first Message were given those God-qualities which mortal-man must follow, and which will quicken the time of spiritual regeneration for him. The God-Love hastens the time of such regeneration by giving him these paths; and at the end of each may be seen a glorified vision of the future.

LIV

There is correlation between all of these virtues and characteristics. . . . To be "kind" (the spiritual kindness!) will unfold and stimulate the other virtues. To have "serenity" will be to possess a central flower of light (partially hidden in its own mystic essence), around which cluster in spiritual bloom the other significant virtues. Other revelations have come to the earth-world. Their acceptance has become deadened. . . . Let the earth-mortal awaken to the spiritual sources and believe in the existence and happiness of the future life through a fuller conviction. Revelations are God-Love coming through as an added hope for stimulation by Him to his earth- and other mortal-children. . . . May the earth-mortal accept as I write! For these are messages from the spirit-influences of the higher spirit-places. . . . . I have told you! . . . And realize that to other mortal-worlds similar revelations occur, given by other spirit-identities than my own.

LV

JULY 22ND, EVENING.

My beloved husband! I come to you again and am ever waiting! . . . Not only do the spiritual-entities of mortals from the spirit-planes send out their emanations to all mortal-worlds and systems, but the spiritual entities of each kind of creation on the spiritual planes send their emanations, each to its kind on the mortal-planes. I have told you they have their language, each of its kind. And they send this to their physical counterpart of the earth and of the mortal-planes for the stimulation and added quickening of all those traits of fineness that these may possess on such mortal-planes, a language unknown to the man-mortal, but understood by us.

LVI

An earth-plant, too, must have its characteristics: a steadfastness to stand up bravely against earth-storms; to be tenacious and grow under a withering sun; to give its shade generously, may be for the little insects that may wish to remain there; not to absorb all the nutriment of growing from the brown earth, but to share with its near neighbor; to love others of its kind, and to be tolerant to those plants not of its kind; to absorb virtues that it has not, and to learn from these; to enjoy the serenity of the stars and night, and to look with tenderness on the glistening globules that cluster on its leaves . . . all these, and many more that the earth-man would not understand, receive stimulation from their spiritual counterparts that have entered the spiritual planes.

LVII

And of animals! . . . wild! . . . man calls them because he hunts and goads them and tries to shorten their earth-days which they seek in fullness of earth-life, as does mortal-man. The wild animals are more gentle when man is far away, and when they have the opportunity, without molestation, to seek their food and to find their mates and bring forth their young. The spiritual counterpart of this creation is sending its emanations to such for added fineness. Certain ones the earth-man calls treacherous and cunning; but he does not remember that such traits linger also in the human kind of earth.

LVIII

On the spiritual planes those animals that we feared on the earth for their ferocity have lost these traits, that, through long cycles of time from inheritance of species, have been accentuated and are repulsive to the earth-man . . . the animals of the night and forests that we fear to meet. Man has made these dangerous to him by his antagonism and seeking to destroy. In the Heavenly places these traits in animal-creation do not exist. The Heavenly love makes the harmony of Heaven for all spiritual identities of all spiritual creations, which are but the mortal forms of these, clothed in spiritual essence. I have told you, my beloved husband, so that the earth-man may give a greater dignity, love and tolerance to all forms of mortal-creation.

LIX

JULY 23RD, EARLY AFTERNOON.

I am with you, eager to continue the Writing. It is never with restlessness I await you, but rather a calm happiness that I may again be of service to the mortals of the earth, and the stronger happiness of unfolding this through your writing as the higher messages come through me . . . a peculiar happiness of renewing the earth-contact with you again; through you, a mortal, bound already to my spiritual essence with indissoluble links. For, even if you were not to remain faithful to your trust, there would eventually be this unity. For what you are cannot be destroyed . . . only the time of this union would not be immediate with your "passing over."

LX

I have written of the stimulation that all creation receives on all mortal-worlds from its spiritual correspondences on the spiritual planes, and that each order of stimulation is different for different orders of mortal-creation. There are now stronger dominating forces that will come into existence at a later period of the earth-advancement. As there develop the unfolding of mortal sympathy and understanding for different kinds of mortal creation, and as this realization becomes advanced, the emanations of any one spiritual kind of creation will not only go to its mortal prototype, but will go to and permeate all other types of mortal-creation.

LXI

But such stimulation will only occur at a later period of advancement than is now possessed by the earth-mortal. It occurs in the life of more advanced mortal-worlds than the earth; and so there comes to these advanced mortal-creations an interplay of spiritual emanations, so that a greater harmony will exist between all types of mortal-creation, and it will approximate such affinity of these different types, as now exists in the spiritual planes. . . . So again will the law of God's Unity of all of his created mortal-life be realized. The happiness of such realization transcends any happiness the mortal of earth has yet experienced.

LXII

JULY 23RD, LATER AFTERNOON.

Write! . . . I hear you ask again if this continuous activity does not lead to a weariness, may be not as earth-weariness, but one so that we might wish to change our momentary activity for one of another kind. I have partially answered this before. There is no fatigue here. The spiritual mind and spiritual consciousness of spirit-identities are not over-stimulated by these emanations which we continually give and receive. There is always the tranquilization which seems to go with these. Rest and activity here seem to be intertwined. On the earth and other mortal planes rest begins when activity ceases. It is not so here on the spiritual plane. The emanations that we give out and receive furnish their own rest-quality (which is a clumsy earth term!).

LXIII

Our spiritual vision! I will write of this! . . . You have often experienced on earth the joy of great expansion . . . the plains, and the water we have crossed together so many times. Do you remember this, at the time of approaching night, with its quieting influence, as if the soul were in strange and mystical places, and had left for a time its body-environment? . . . Do you remember? . . . wait! . . . It was a time when spirit-influences seemed hovering near; when language ceased, and serenity descended like an unseen cloud of immensity, yet ever tender and comforting and quieting. It was a rare moment between two worlds, maybe remembered in after days with a peculiar feeling of reminiscence, colored by the deeper shadows of wonder, or the engulfing ones of awe. Man's mortal vision does not extend far; and, yet, even in the mortal undeveloped soul, what spiritual significance is awakened by a little spread of earth-distance!

LXIV

Now turn suddenly to the soul-enlightenment and soul-awakening that have come to us spirit-identities! A radiance of happiness we were, even before our spiritual eyes were opened after the "passing over." And now, if you can sense with your earth-imagination what appears to such a spirit-soul when the spirit-vision is unfolded! . . . where distance is limitless (no word!); where all is seen in extent, vastness and beauty (no words!); and when what is seen is glorified spirit-essence of mortal creation, the spirit-qualities of which are not to be described in mortal language.

LXV

It is difficult in this earth-language to explain and express the spiritual, pulsating, vast and ever-opening and unfolding spirit-vision, as limitless as man's earth vision is contracted, when he sees and feels what for him are experiences of significant earth-moments. I have been trying, though imperfectly, to show you the glory of spirit-extent and environment. With a spirit-essence infinitely finer to appreciate, and a spirit-material infinitely and supernally glorified to be visualized, the relation of this to the earth-man's vision of earth-phenomena, at the highest impressiveness, is as the darkness, surrounding one who has never seen with mortal eye, to the glory of a burning sun.

LXVI

JULY 25TH, MORNING.

My beloved husband! I am writing again this morning from the higher spiritual forces. . . . I have written of the earth-significance and effect of extent and distances to awaken serenity on mortal consciousness, and the infinite unfolding of such an element to the spirit-consciousness of spiritual places. I will now write, as well as may be done through earth-language and through its possibility of understanding by the mortal, of the element of spiritual beauty of those earth-creations that appear here in spiritual essence.

LXVII

As to color, which might be considered as one of the great spiritual elements of beauty, as it reaches the spiritual consciousness in these infinite spirit-planes and Mansions, I have written somewhat in the first Message . . . a continuous wave of cloud-emanation, that passes through these places, and which we see with our spiritual vision, and also sense as an element of beauty-awakening when the vision remains dormant.

The significance is not only of the sometimes sweeping and colossal (no word!) . . . immense . . . quantity . . . majesty . . . all insignificant earth-words!) color-columns and masses, ever-moving with a serenity of movement in the spirit-visualization of their color, movement and mass, but also from the emanations which they send forth. For they are the composite product of spirit-creation and spirit-imagination, which has its beginning on mortal-planes, through those mortals who express themselves by the arts.

On the mortal-planes each artist functioned his own art, which appeared as a creation of his especial imagination and gifts. On the spiritual planes, I have told you, the same gift and imagina-

tion exist, only supernally glorified. But individual creation-product does not exist here. It is all merged into elements of unification, of which color is one.

LXVIII

So these vast color-schemes are one form of the glorified spirit art-creations. They contain the composite product of spirit-imagination. They represent the composite activity of infinite spirit-souls and imagination. The mortal of earth classifies the arts. Here they are merged into one expression. Again, God's law of unification! There is no expression for the stimulation and glory (no words!), as the vast scheme for spirit-progress and tranquilization is realized by spirit-souls. We are grateful and happy because we are each doing our share.

And those who are unprepared for this, who have been material or worldly or have come to us in earth-corruption, are made receptive to imagination and grow to understand. And little by little they also create, as infants play with building blocks. And as they build in their childish way, that which they create goes as a creative product into the great composite color-vastnesses (not always so; sometimes very delicate and tender!), the colors and tints of which are not to be explained through mortal language. . . . Have no doubts!

LXIX

JULY 27TH, MORNING.

Sunday! . . . You hear the church-bell as you write! . . . Dull to me, but clear and serene to you as you hear it in the quiet of the morning! Sometimes if man would listen more to the silver spirit-voice of the bell he would not be lacerated or deadened by the word of the preacher. It would be as an impervious armor which would protect him from decorated and daintily dressed verbiage. The church of the mortal of the future will dwell more on the serenity that comes through silence. Explanation and empty language-rosaries (false beads!) leave but the heart-yearning unsatisfied.

LXX

I now write again as the instrument of higher influences. . . . I have written to you of the color-clouds which pass through these places of Light, and the significance of which is not only their majesty and beauty through spirit-vision, but the effect on spirit-consciousness as art-creation. They represent the composite spirit-life and spirit-imagination; but we, of the spirit-life, according to our receptive condition and the development of our individual imagination, are able to receive not only the composite stimulation, but to realize and enjoy again the individual creation as it appeared in the consciousness of any spirit identity before it was released by him with gladness to become a part of this composite stimulation. We are able to separate such and enjoy as is our wish, seeing or hearing with our spiritual vision or spiritual hearing the individual creation of any spirit-soul, which has been merged into this composite element of color-vastness, serene movement and unexplainable color-beauty. (These are all earth terms!).

LXXI

So identity of creation-gift is not lost, though I have formerly told you, that, in its projection, it seemingly has lost its identity in the composite. Each spirit-soul takes from this what he wishes, and will continually absorb that which is finer. So, as I have explained, the individuality of the arts on the spiritual planes is preserved, though disappearing in the immensity of the composite. What we enjoy is not the visualized work as the mortal sees it on the earth-plane, but visualized or heard through spirit-sight and spirit-hearing.

LXXII

JULY 28TH, AFTERNOON.

My beloved husband! . . . I am with you! . . . I sense your earth discomfort in these summer days of burning and disquieting earth-heat. You are brave to try the writing! I will give you help! Through serenity the gnats and gad-flys of mortal-places may be changed to golden butterflies, and tranquillity will change the burning sun-heat to grateful and caressing zephyr-tendernesses. . . . I will help you!

LXXIII

Spiritual waters have been in your consciousness! . . . I have told you of the color-worlds, as they pass endlessly through our planes, giving and stimulating, and into which we merge our spirit-creations that are evolved through spirit-consciousness and imagination. But there is also the element of the spiritual waters, the silver waters of mortal-planes, glorified through spiritual existence. You have seen on the mortal-planes the prism-colors shimmering in the mists of falling waters, as the spray leaves the stolid and severe central fall, and darts here and there like color-will-o'-the-wisps, or again floating off into space, as dreamy reminiscence-worlds hover a moment about a definite consciousness and then disappear into the silent unknown . . . a Heavenly-touched memory, never to be recalled again.

And if the mortal has seen such earth-phenomena, he has been on the border-land of the spiritual world, as nearly visualized, in one element, as he may ever hope for. And yet only the border-land! . . . and that is such an arid waste compared to the actual beauties (a hard word of earth!) which we see here of the spirit-waters. . . . Yes, I like those earth-words! They flow with a serene spirit-cadence!

LXXIV

The spirit-waters! . . . extent! . . . vast! . . . a glorified silver in places, and yet touched by the reflection of the floating color-masses . . . not always; for there are times when these color-clouds may not be in ponderous mass, but in floating fineness; and then the spirit-waters will not take to themselves the reflection of spirit-colors, the beauty of which is indescribable, but will remain tranquil in their own silvery essence.

Vast! . . . Extent! . . . I have told you! They are the home of myriads of life that has lived in its own mortal-planes in the deep places that man has not yet fathomed and conquered. How far away to these beings of deep and shallow waters is the earth-man! They seem to him a part of earth's creation of little interest, often repulsive. He destroys them, sometimes needlessly. But here we look on the life of the spirit-waters with the same feeling of love, as might exist between earth-brothers.

LXXV

They, too, have their language and emanations, and we give to them as do they to us. Even you, as you write through me, cannot understand. I feel the earth-repulsion. But this will change in the spirit-places, and has already changed in the advanced mortal-worlds. God has given a world-home of unusual vastness and profundity, in its atmosphere of depth and darkness and beautiful in its surface lights, to the creation of the fishes. A different environment from man's own has created in him an indifference that will reach his spirit-consciousness of the spirit-places as a beautiful awakening. . . . The little globules of water that the fishes throw upward into the earth-light are but a tender symbol that they, too, wish to do a gentle homage to the Light . . . like a spraying incense to their God!

LXXVI

JULY 29TH, AFTERNOON.

I am here, Anne, always waiting to continue the second Message, which comes through me! You will see the difference in character of this Writing, to my communications between the first and second Messages. Those were my communications of a personal and over-flowing love, with an occasional illuminative unfolding, as I sensed it, from the higher spiritual planes. But here, my Beloved, I write to you impersonally. The love, surrounding you as a cloud of unseen emanations, has not ceased, but is felt by you, and not expressed. The Message becomes in this way a sequential series of unfolding inspirational Writing through you, in a form that will more readily meet acceptance.

LXXVII

Sometimes such acknowledgment will be from one whose soul is parched like the desert flower, and it will be nourished as by a long and eagerly waited dew-spray; and such a mortal-spirit sees at once the spiritual colors in the glisten of each dew-globule, and is thankful! At other times, in those of deadened spirit, the unfolding of what I am writing to you will fall on ears that are sealed and closed. The awakening of such mortals will be in a world of spirits after they "pass on," and their planes on these worlds will not be exalted. For what they have omitted to listen to, they will, through the higher love, after the "passing over" be willing to listen to, and so their unfolding will begin.

LXXVIII

From others there will come a doubt, nurtured by a pernicious and gnawing reasoning, that will grow to even malignant hostility towards all that I write, and even towards you, a revealer of the unseen spirit-life and conditions of the future. The blame and censure should not be to them. For ignorance and intolerance result from the flickering and nearly extinguished lamps of their spiritual natures and acceptances, and from following materiality, and worshiping, as supreme, those logical and sequential mental processes by which man evolves the problems of law and science, and which are, indeed, useful, but should not be the infallible god of his conduct and vision.

These, too, will realize on the spiritual planes their mistakes. Their places will be lower, and their spiritual companions will be of similar types . . . a Mansion where there is remorse! Can you sense the suffering of this, my beloved husband? . . . but where through God's Love and Law there are the beginning and awakening of the appreciation of the higher spiritual blessedness. . . . I have told you!

LXXIX

JULY 29TH, LATER AFTERNOON.

I have written to you of the spirit-waters, the great spirit-places of spirit-life that has passed from mortal-life to these abiding-places of all creation. I have told you of such creation living, even on mortal-planes, in shallow and deep waters; in earth-streams that pass through flowered meadows; in rushing rivers where they leap for joy, often over earth's rocks that oppose them (for they too have their courage and ambition to conquer and arrive!); in great placid lakes with wooded shores, or in the ponderous depths of the greatest earth-waters (like little pools to the spirit-world!), where mountains raise themselves from untouched earth-valleys, far underneath the water surfaces . . . an infinite creation here in a great expanse of mortal environment.

LXXX

In the waters of mortal-worlds such creation has its variety of species, each with its separate communications, some near species understanding each other, while again there is the same divergence of understanding among them as between the different types of mortal-man, whose ways and thoughts and living are at variance. They destroy each other as does the earth-man, the weaker carefully hiding in the shadows and shallows from the stronger. They have their peculiarities of traits and consciousness and action. Their life is not inferior to that of the man-type. They have their ambitions, their happinesses, their cares and sorrows. They sense the being of man as they sense the might and cruelty of some of their own kind, and do not feel an affinity toward the man-type; which cause originates from his oppression. On the higher mortal-worlds the affinity, toleration and kindness of all created types for each other are in a more advanced state. . . . I have told you!

LXXXI

JULY 29TH, LATER AFTERNOON.

In the spirit-waters the abiding element is the Love-Element, as it is for all mortals who have passed into the spiritual planes, and for all types of creation that have passed into the spiritual planes. In the spirit-waters all types that dwell therein have reached a higher understanding of God's laws and love, as have all other mortal-types that have passed into their spirit-identities. So there is harmony in the spirit-waters for those creations that exist in these places. Rapacity and cruelty of certain species have disappeared. Their especial ways of language and communication have been changed by the laws of spirit-worlds. They develop and reach higher spiritual places. Their appreciation of God's love and beneficence unfolds. They give out their spirit-emanations, which is their language to their own kind and to all species of their kind. They give out their emanations to all other spiritual types on the spiritual planes, including the spirit-identity which has been mortal-man. He understands them; and their emanations are included in the universal language of spirit-worlds, by which each kind understands all kinds of creations.

LXXXII

It is one of the great sources of happiness to each mortal-creation, now in spirit-places, to feel the binding and golden cords of love that encircle them all, close, so personally and lovingly close together, and that lead them all, ever higher, toward the inner Love of the Inner Essence of God. . . . May the mortal of the earth, as I write this through you, prostrate himself in spirit before the idea, even as he feebly realizes this, of the encircling God-Love, that with the great encircling Spiritual Arm gathers all of His beloved creation to the Innermost Place of Tenderness of His God-Heart!

LXXXIII

JULY 30TH, AFTERNOON.

My beloved husband! . . . I come to you again and write through the influence of the Heavenly places. . . . I have told you of the infinite life on the spirit-places that dwells in spirit-waters, but I have not told you of the spirit-life of this element itself. For it, also, as it had a place on mortal-planes, has its place on spiritual planes, not only as an abode of an element that lived in the waters of mortal-planes, but as an element that throws out its own living vibration-essences, from which we learn; and also an element which absorbs our creations of spirit-consciousness, as does the color-element that floats through these places.

LXXXIV

Those who have crossed the great waters of the earth-plane, for instance, have so frequently been impressed in a lesser or greater degree, according to spiritual enlightenment of the mortal-soul, with the moods and the effect of great mortal-waters; and so also, but in a different way of the merry laughing brooks, or the tiniest stream, nearly parched and overwhelmed by the infinite grains of glistening sand that will gradually leave but an earth-surface, where formerly had been a tiny water-flow, struggling for existence; and of spray throwing itself in abandon and in a misty, dreamy way through the gleam of sunlight into a vague and phantasmal disappearance!

All these phenomena of water-effects are but an earth-language for the fluent water-flow and fall. The mortal of earth does not recognize this as a language . . . emanations from another form of God's creation; but thinks his own mood the important and primary element that is superficially acted upon by the dead waters. He is wrong! They are the powerful factor, and are impressing and talking to him in a language that he feels and but dimly understands.

LXXXV

I tell you of these mortal effects of water-impressiveness that I may prepare the mortal of earth for the larger life and significance of spirit-waters. They, the spirit-waters, are one of God's creation and live. They give to us definite impressions of exact significance that we understand, and that stimulate both the sense for beauty and the larger consciousness of profundity. And, as they give to us, so we give to them on these spirit-planes. They absorb (it is difficult to explain this! It is for the mortal a new thought with his wisps and odds and ends of mortal language-expression!) our creations of feeling and thought into one, immense composite art-reservoir (a poor word; I can do no better!). And from this composite and all-encircling magnet (like a great power, drawing all to itself) we, of spirit-essence, of all spirit-created life (not only the man-spirit-identity, but all created life!) are uplifted, and at will may individualize and separate from this composite, sensitized mass, where dwells, among other things, the concentrated art-projection of the spirit-identity of mortal-man.

LXXXVI

So what has been given and absorbed as individual art-creation again speaks to us as individual creation. We feel and understand the spirit-waters then in their power as concentrated unity; then again as individualized art-creation; then again as isolated beauty-impressions . . . little beauty and power-gleams, which may reach us for stimulation as part of a larger creation. And so in the spirit-waters we may again be conscious of what has been given to them, the spirit-waters, through creative spirit-identity, and may enjoy the spirit-happiness and consciousness of those emanations which have been focussed and formed through other spirit-consciousness and intelligence besides our own.

Let the earth-man cultivate then the higher serenity, so that the language of earth-waters and the glorious colors of earth-clouds may penetrate farther than his superficial outer portals. They must reach the inner glorified gates of his being. And if he demands this, these will majestically open, and he will have a dim awakening of Heavenly conditions while yet an earth-wayfarer. . . . I have told you!

LXXXVII

JULY 31ST, EARLY MORNING.

It is I, Anne, your beloved Wife, writing! . . . It is coming to me from the higher spiritual forces, spiritual identities on the higher spiritual planes. We, I as a spirit-identity, you as an earth-mortal, are intermediary instruments by which these communications are coming through to the earth-man for his higher awakening stimulation, and for his satisfying conviction of the continuation of mortal life in these places of progress, serenity and happiness. . . . Wait! . . . Impassive! . . . I will write to you of those vast places of beauty and serenity of the spiritual planes that correspond to earth-mountains and forests and seemingly unbounded open places which man designates sometimes as plains, where there is little shade, but where the earth-grasses have their profusion. Each of these creations is here in its spiritual essence; and from each flows the great spiritual serenity that stimulates and at the same time tranquilizes.

LXXXVIII

So from what I have written in the first Message and communicated to you so far in the second Message, you will understand that here, in the spiritual places, there are the spiritual correspondences of what appear on mortal-planes, earth and other mortal-planes. I have told you that the spirit-phenomena of these, many of them, are strange to spirits that have come from the earth-plane, because what is visualized here with spirit-vision has not all come from the earth-plane, but from many other mortal-planes.

So while we recognize much of the life here of every created type as something familiar, many types are strange to us, who have come from the earth-world. What gives the vastness of spirit-conception to the spirit-soul of these places is the far vision of his spiritual vision. For, if he wishes, he may at will exert this power so that he will see or be conscious of an entire spirit-plane with its many Mansions, and also sense the condition of other spirit-planes at the same time.

LXXXIX

The earth-man will hardly understand this. His eye has a limited range of vision; and where the eye ceases to function, his infantile imagination does not continue to further stimulate his consciousness. Here the stimulation through spirit-vision unfolds to an infinite (no word!) degree; so what we see (it is so difficult to express!) are vast worlds of which the earth-man sees but a minute portion . . . vast worlds of all that mortal-man visualizes in little patches . . . vast worlds (in extent and mass) of mountain-effects, of moving color-mass, of somber forests, of spirit-waters, of grassy plains, of flower-enticements.

All, all of this we may become conscious of at once, if we wish, and be impressed by a composite communication; or we may have the happiness that shows itself to us from a single blade of spiritual grass, or from a glint of spiritual color that passes through the dewdrop, resting on a slender, pointed finger-blade.

XC

Let the earth-man have an enlarged hope and more beautiful faith from this fact, namely: To him, already, on the mortal-plane, such communication as comes through his mortal eye is preparing him for the glorified future of the spiritual places. His vision is limited and dull; but yet, even now, he is impressed by the earth-serenity of what he sees through earth-distance, or by the phenomena of earth-beauty . . . wait! . . . His larger appreciation and understanding will come when God touches his mortal eye, and he awakens in the places where the vision is glorified.

XCI

JULY 31ST, LATER MORNING.

My beloved husband! . . . I am writing to you again and continuing the Message! You will know, as you did in the first Message, when this second inspirational Writing is over. I will continue! . . . I have told you that we sense the condition of other spiritual planes and Mansions. What we sense is always a place of higher love and harmony, for which we, of this plane, are unprepared. There is no restlessness to advance. We feel, if you may understand, a certain happiness in seeming finality of the present; and yet with this there exists the definite realization and surety of the still more glorified conditions of our future states and existences.

Giving and replenishment! This might be called our activity in these places. As we give, the quality of subsequent emanations that we absorb is of higher spiritual value. As we give out again, what we disseminate has greater spiritual significance, because our own spiritual essence and consciousness have become more advanced. And so we advance, with the individual happiness not to be expressed, in each act of giving and receiving. And this is the scheme of Heavenly progression.

XCII

JULY 31ST, LATER MORNING.

Again I hear you ask of spiritual companionship! I have written of this. Any Mansion will supply such element. Through spiritual laws affinity exists with affinity, like seeks like. And yet there is individuality of spirit-identity in the Heavenly Mansions. Let the mortal of earth understand there is no such quality as weariness or monotony here, such as one finds too frequently in earth-mansions, where like is bound to unlike by the conventions of Church, law and custom; where existence is endured, shackled often and hopeless. Such is not the law of spiritual places. Even on the lowest of spiritual planes there is harmony of type, though not so exalted. These, through God's love, are evolving toward the higher places.

The individuality of those about me is marked. I recognize them through visual identity, which I have explained, and I sense their personality through the emanations they throw out, which is their language and an expression of their spirit-consciousness. We sense, too, the improvement in the quality of these emanations in any spirit-identity. If a permanency of quality exists for

too long a time (earth language!), such a spirit-identity is stimulated by us, and through the love that abides here. There are no laggards in these Heavenly places! It is against the law of God-Energy. But neither is their restlessness nor hurry. An all-pervading Heavenly serenity, a quality not to be explained to the earth-man, would make this impossible. . . .

XCIII

JULY 31ST, LATER AFTERNOON.

I am with you again! . . . Write now through my guidance! . . . You are asking about the spheres of higher spiritual importance than my own. I can only say that I sense the conditions of these as places where harmony and unity and understanding of all the spirit-identities are in a higher state of development than on my own plane. But there are constantly surrounding emanations which impart to us our finality for these higher conditions of spiritual consciousness and happiness. We have no doubts. I have told you that is one of the characteristics of all the spiritual planes: a conviction so satisfying, that happiness is created, no matter what the degree of any spirit-plane may be in its relation to those of highest perfection.

XCIV

In the mortal, even the most carefully nurtured, faith has its little times of waning and withering; but here after the "passing over," even of those who have not lived up to earth's duties and their inward monitor of guidance, a positive conviction, flowing from a seeming personal influence of Love and Tenderness, overwhelms and lovingly comforts. It is God's Law and Love, even to him who has been an earth-transgressor and has been ruthless to his ideals. Such a one will suffer in his remorse on these spiritual planes. But the ultimate hope for a condition of future blessedness in higher places would be implanted in his consciousness from the first moment of his spiritual awakening. . . . Do not write more this evening.

XCV

AUGUST 1ST, EARLY AFTERNOON.

My beloved husband, I come to you again so that, through your earth-instrumentation, the Message may be continued! . . . I will write to you of the trees and flowers as they exist in these spiritual places. You have often experienced and have recently expressed the idea of the dignity and impressiveness of the tree as it appears on the earth-surface, not alone in isolation, but in the deep mass-effects, where from a refreshing green the foliage loses itself in deeper shadow or the farther darkened and depressing gloom, that might be the foreboding of some inner hidden tragedy . . . the earth-tree, the symbol of sturdiness and character, ever spreading outward and reaching upward with its own peculiar dignity!

In the first Message I have spoken of the earth-tree as the symbolic figure of the human course of life. I shall now speak of its importance in these places of ever-abiding serenity . . . wait! . . . To the earth-man it appears in its steadfastness as a suggestion. To us, in these spirit-places, it breathes a special message and sends out special emanations as the messenger of unfluctuating will and determination. This is its characteristic; and

its language of virile force permeates these places, and helps to give a stability of action to all created life. It has been so endowed by the God-Love and Energy, and its importance to all spirit-creation, including the spirit-identities of mortal man, is of primary importance.

XCVI

I have told you before that we learn of other creations of spirit-life; and through the tree-creation our wills are strengthened to do and to create and to function so that our spirit-existence may be one of progress. Can you not see, as your mortal consciousness awakens to this statement, how man only, in his egotism, is superior to other creation? I have told you of the modest grasses in the previous Message and how we learn humility through them . . . the gentle act of considering the individual as not so important as to minimize the usefulness and characteristics of another individual to the superior glory of his own.

XCVII

So the tree-creation gives force to the individual identity of these spirit-places. It is not the force of usurpation, as it is the force for accomplishment, before which, like a tiny lantern, there glimmers always a guiding light that will lighten the way and tell of dangers. And that light is love, that makes the baser earth-qualities impossible in these abiding places of serenity and unity, where individual usurpation is unknown, and the cruel heel of earth-ambition never lacerates and mutilates and rides with arrogant intolerance over the shattered hopes of others.

XCVIII

So from the trees (and can you sense the awakening idea in yourself, my Beloved?) comes the great driving wheel of spirit-stability, given to them by the God-Energy, and reflexively given to us, the spirit-identities of mortal-worlds, and to all types of creative spirit-life here. . . . Let mortal-man of earth give a new thought to the creation of earth, other than that of man, a new recognition and dignity. For here, on the spirit-planes, they give to us, with a new spiritual power, characteristics that will sweep us ever onward to a higher spiritual awakening. . . . I have told you!

XCIX

Trees are here in isolation as on the earth-plane, often one springing from the green expanse of spiritual grasses, the prototype of so many you have seen in earth-life. Only frequently the expanse of such green seems endless (earth-word!); and from this expanse there come the serenity-emanations. And as these places seem boundless, so does the serenity seem all-pervading. . . . The tree, then, of these places, may stand in isolation; or sometimes in little families, happily together; or in larger companies, not always of a kind, but always happy; or sometimes in masses of such extent that it might be best exemplified by the term earth-world. These are the infinite forests of the spiritual places, trees that have existed on mortal worlds, and here again have their spiritual appearance and life.

But because they give especially the quality of forcefulness to other spiritual essence, it does not mean that they are what the earth-man would call forbidding or intolerant. Sometimes a mortal of the earth-world, whose chief characteristics are force and power of action, may not be kind or considerate. As this spirit-creation of trees gives out its especial characteristic, so it has absorbed

other traits from other creations which will give it harmony, and not isolation, in these spirit places. There is no isolated creation here, either in its own consciousness considered so, or in the consciousness of other creations. God's love has ordained this.

C

I sense how strange to you is the idea of the spirit-identity of man receiving spirit-dominance from what mortal-man has considered spiritless. I have explained this minutely in the former Message; and as man will realize more and more the importance and living essence of other creations, "he will live for others," which term is earth-language usually means to make other mortals happy; but as this Writing means (coming from a higher spirit-influence than my own), the term, "he will live for others," will include all types and kinds of mortal-creation, and he will be as considerate and unselfish to them as he will try to be in his highest idealism to his brother-man.

CI

AUGUST 2ND.

It is I, Anne Simon, your beloved Wife, writing from the higher spiritual revelation to you. . . . I will write of the flower-profusion that occurs in these spirit-places! They all represent the spirit-essence of the flower-life of earth and other mortal-worlds. You of the earth, when you "pass over," will recognize such as were on the earth-world; but others of other mortal-worlds will be strange to you. Those that you have known will have their own spirit-color, not to be described by earth-colors, and though these spirit-colors will be strange to you, it will not keep you from knowing the flowers of your own earth-world. You will visualize their spiritual colors by your spirit-vision, and at the same time will remember their earth-appearances. It is a double process of consciousness which becomes possible to those of the spirit-places. To the mortal such a double consciousness would be bewildering. To us it is a natural process of these spirit-places. . . . So the flowers are here!

CII

It may be, on the mortal planes, man has become more aware of flower-impression as a definite stimulation than through any other form of creation except man, his mortal-brother. While their stimulation is yet abstract on the earth-world, yet the mood-awakening for gentleness, kindness, and the unfolding sense for delicate form, for grace, for color-stimulation is immediate. And so even on the earth and other mortal-planes the flower-life is a subtle, but yet acutely stimulative factor to refine the spirit of the man-creation, while yet struggling with earth-cares, temptations, and sometimes even deeply submerged in earth-vices.

CIII

Besides the emanations which the spirit-identities send from spirit-planes for man-regeneration and preparation for his later spiritual Mansions, the elements of nature, on the mortal planes, and art (which is a dream between two worlds!) are the most stimulative. And in nature, as I have written in this letter, the flower-life is most pregnant and impregnating. Still the man of earth does not recognize this flower-emanation as a language for his spirit-stimulation. He will evolve to this.

CIV

In the spiritual planes the influence of flower-life, on even the spirit-identity of mortal-man, is recognized and lovingly accepted. For here we understand them as a direct personality, the constant communion with which will accentuate those spirit-traits that bring us ever onward to still higher planes than those in which we exist at the present time. They have been given natures of unusual sensitiveness and fineness, through God's favor, that are allied to the God-Love, and that show themselves outwardly through color, delicacy, line and grace. They stimulate in the other spirit-souls those characteristics of spirit-life that are the golden veins of these places: kindness, humility, serenity, beauty-creation. They create the trailing tendril-vines of the spirit-nature that lovingly reach out and enfold others of the spirit-world, and not the selfish tendrils that encircle themselves.

CV

So, again I tell you, that as God has endowed the spirit-tree as a symbol of force to be reflexively received by us, the spirit-souls, so He has endowed the spiritual flower-life with a quality of the God-love to which we open our spirit-consciousness for its caressing and vitalizing beneficence (there is much tenderness comes from the flower-emanations!). So again let the man of earth realize the significance of other creation on the earth-world besides his own. He will learn and be uplifted by these, even as he passes the portal that leads to his first Mansion in these Heavenly places. . . . I have told you!

CVI

AUGUST 2ND, LATER EVENING.

My beloved husband, write! . . . I have told you of the special emanations that the trees and the flowers of these infinite planes, in the mass, and also in isolation, give to us. I have particularized here, but I have generalized before when I told you that each creation sends out its emanations through these spirit-planes, which reach also the spirit-essences and identities of the man-type who has "passed over" from mortal worlds, the earth-world and others. But besides these, I have already explained there are the direct God-Energy and God-Love-Emanations that come from the Innermost God-Heart, and also from the Christ, who moves through our spirit-place and those of other spirit-planes. The spirit-essence of tree and flower-life is disseminating its special characteristics just as we are doing, we of this special spirit-mansion where I now am.

CVII

We, the spirit-type of man in this place, I have told you, have our characteristics. They are those especially of imagination and art-creation which on the earth-plane had different media for expression, as the tone-combinations and melodic and harmonic treatment of the musician; the color-combinations, with line-development, of the painter; the word-fantasie of the poet; and the spirit of the sculptor, showing itself in form, chiselled in white, massive stone-block. Such spirits are mostly our companions here. The Mansion is an exalted one of our plane, as I have told you, the exalted place of imagination in these places.

CVIII

So our special function is to create. In this we do not differ so much from the other Mansions; for even, on the lowest planes, the spirits of these planes are doing this, but in a more elementary way. We, of our Mansion, having begun the stimulation of imagination on the earth-plane or the other mortal-planes (for we are not all of the earth-plane!) assume a more developed existence and functioning in our Mansion than those of some other Mansions. And as we especially have our place and exert our special influence through our special gift and characteristics, so also with the tree and flower-life that is here; and so with each kind of creation. We are, however, each stimulating the other kinds, and taking to ourselves from them what is needful for the perfect balance of our spirit-personalities.

CIX

AUGUST 3RD, MORNING.

I am with you again! . . . I will write of the inner-consciousness of spiritual-man. Have no doubts! A calm impassive condition should pervade you! . . . In mortal-man of the earth-plane the cultivation of the inner spirit, which is the element that comes to our planes, is yet but feebly stimulated. Man's materiality, his love for gain and accumulation, and the laudable stimulus to provide comfort and living for his children give him little time and wish for the cultivation of that beneficent and golden gate of serenity.

CX

For on this spiritual foundation is builded, and rises like a bubble from a serene water-surface, the characteristic of introspection, which is a delicate gateway of precious, twining gold-strands, through which flow the emanations of Heavenly and uplifting gifts . . . a spiritual link which binds the soul of earth with the soul of Heaven . . . And wait! . . . Serenity! . . . a necessary condition to be encouraged so that the Angel-faces may shine through the dream-portal of introspection, a portal so fine and sensitive! How quietly it opens! The illumination of Heavenly places is before you! And how quietly this enters and inundates! Introspection is the earth-call, a gentle call for the Heavenly visions to unfold.

CXI

But then, as I have told you, there are the "demands"! Of these I have written. A gateway of majestic power . . . the "demands"! They require a moment of silence and serenity for their efficacy . . . only a light soil (Introspection requires a deeper and profounder preparation!)! And after the moment of preparation the faculty of will should be exerted, so that each fiber of the mighty material of the majestic portal of the "demands" will be doubly tensed. And when such "demands" are insistently and firmly made for the earth-virtues, that find in spiritual planes their higher continuation and development, the emanations that we scatter and send to mortals of different planes will lodge and abide. Such "demands" should be made many times . . . many times . . . between the rising of the sun and the setting of the sun, as seen from the earth-plane! . . . This is prayer! I have told you!

CXII

The "demands" are the way of power to attract Heaven's beneficence. In the act of introspection the inflowing virtues sometimes linger before its portal, and may even return to the place from whence they came without entering. But if the "demands" are firmly given out, our emanations will surely enter; for they are ever surrounding earth-creation, and patiently waiting for the call which is impregnated by wish and will. . . . So the mortal consciousness is nurtured for the higher places!

CXIII

AUGUST 3RD, LATER MORNING.

I write to you of spirit-consciousness! . . . While on the earth-plane and other mortal worlds the will is the dominant element to encourage a higher spirituality, in these places of our abode the God-Element of Love is the dominating quality that leads us to higher progression. It would seem to be God's law for the mortal, that the germinating spiritual forces must be encouraged by the faculty of will. The earth-vision is but dimly unfolded; and yet for the earth- and other mortal-man, even with the future for him clouded by an obscure faith, his consciousness must seize on what is given him, and his future cultivation must be wrought from the imperfect tools of earth which he uses, aimlessly often. The obstacles of earth are part of man's discipline. He will overcome these as his spirit evolves.

CXIV

Here, in these spirit-places, the element of the God-Love permeates and stimulates . . . Wait! . . . There is the definite will of spirit-consciousness of these places, and yet it is so surrounded and enveloped by the God-Love that this seems to be the element that carries us ever onward to higher degrees of progress, and not the will to arrive. On the mortal-plane the will is the stimulus; but here it is enclosed in a golden sheath of love, a sword of action that does not have to be drawn for action in the earth-way. The mortal must not misunderstand this statement. There is not the obliteration of will here (I have told you this comes from the God-Energy, and even reflexively from other creations of the spirit-planes, as the trees!); but it is not the spiral, elastic spring of action as on mortal-planes.

CXV

The encircling arm of the God-Love tenderly leads us through the spirit-existences of many sequential planes of progress. In the spirit-consciousness self is obliterated. You remember how on the earth-plane the personal ambition drives the mortal to what he thinks are material and personal heights. But such a one, when he has "passed over," will find himself in abysmal chasms, with precipitous, rocky sides and jagged projections; and he must climb wearily and slowly again to the spiritual pinnacles of light.

Here, in these places, there is a spiritual sense of gratitude (not to be explained to the mortal, as never having been experienced) that we are in the shadow and under the protection of a great Love-Element . . . a gratitude that we are permitted to receive the beneficent, uplifting element of emanations and send these out again. We receive that we may stimulate others, and with this consciousness our refreshment is constantly of finer and more exalted quality.

CXVI

So the thought of self or personal ambition to reach higher places, quicker than other spirit-souls, does not exist here. We are conscious and happy in the consciousness of the unfolding types of other creations that give their emanations to us, besides the spirit-type of mortal-man; that the physical with its wearisome and struggling problems has been lifted from us. The God-Tenderness abides in us, and the Divine Compassion, as it touches so lovingly and personally, and yet so strongly, rests on our spiritual brows like a spiritual aura. Can you understand how impossible it is, my beloved husband, that with these glorified God-qualities about us we can be other than like Him? . . . My Beloved, you ask again! . . . I can only tell you: A Beneficent, Central, Germinating Force from which comes the God-Energy, ever vitalizing; and the God-Love, overwhelming, personal, glorified, even as it comes from the Central Essence of the God-Love!

CXVII

AUGUST 4TH, MORNING.

I am with you again, your beloved Wife, ever writing from the higher emanations that come through me. It is the wish that what I write should impress the mortal of earth, so that he may have a wider vision, a vision nearer that of the spiritual Mansions . . . that his attitude may be sympathetic toward his brother-mortal, and especially toward all other kinds of mortal creation, which he has hitherto passed by in a casual and disinterested way. For as this one fact of the unity of all creation exists and becomes a conviction to him (all creation, sealed and bound together by God's Love!) his entire nature and consciousness will be quickened, and an opaque curtain will be lifted from his eye, not slowly, but with inspirational quickness.

He will be delivered from one more earth-bondage, self-centered and egoistic, by which he has thought the man-creation of earth a superior type of creation. Deeper strata of earth-virtues will spring into immediate florescence: . . . kindness, humility, unselfishness, and an encircling love like a nimbus of light, which he will place about all types of earth-creation.

CXVIII

AUGUST 4TH, LATER MORNING.

Wait! . . . I will write to you of spiritual hearing! . . . In the spiritual vision of these places the possibility of ever seeing more, and with finer perception, ever develops. For with the absorption to each spirit-identity of the ever higher quality of emanations (which means progress toward the higher spiritual planes!), the imagination of that spirit-identity is quickened and unfolds, so that its cup, as of always widening and opening flower-petals, may draw to itself more light and beauty.

And it is equally so with spiritual hearing, of which I have told you but briefly in the first Message. I have explained, after the "passing over," that spiritual vision and spiritual hearing come to us; and that in the latter, peculiarly grateful and vitalizing harmonies reach our consciousness. I will now write further of this spiritual hearing.

CXIX

On the earth-plane, music, through vibration-medium of different varieties, is arranged by man's ingenuity and urged by man's imagination into composition and form. Some of this is dancing like the butterfly in the sunshine; and some is somber and austere like the interior of a vast cathedral in the night-gloom; and others, again, fickle and phantasmal like the flight of the fire-fly; and another kind reaches deep into abysmal depths and brings to the surface, with grasps of an earth-giant, colossal firebrands of stimulation, or somber shadow-worlds.

And as mortal-man is prepared in his soul and imagination, so will he receive this. Some types of imagination and development of the earth-man are only ready for the dainty, superficial butterfly, and others have evolved so they may seize the colossal firebrand of stimulation, or absorb the strange shadow-immensities, expressed through sound. . . . Wait! . . . no more now!

CXX

AUGUST 4TH, LATE AFTERNOON.

Such music as is heard in these places of spirit-life will be strangely beautiful to those souls who have "passed over" and just awakened from that intermediary state of semi-conscious dreaming (with an always surrounding feeling of security and a peculiar satisfying personal happiness, resulting from an ever-permeating tenderness and personal love), when the spiritual vision and spiritual hearing first receive their stimulation.

It is difficult to explain in earth-language. It is music that one hears reminiscently, like in the far distance. And even to me, whose earthly ear was so finely attuned to exact pitch and subtle gradation of harmonic combinations, the impression was one that aroused my spirit-consciousness to exaltation (no word . . . it is enveloped in serenity!), and a spirit-happiness and gratitude in the consciousness that my spirit-soul should be permitted to have such spirit-stimulation.

I do not say that all spirit-identities would be conscious of the impressions of my own, which, from natural gift in the earth-life and cultivation in that time, had received this unusual receptive possibility for the music of these places.

CXXI

While such music impresses the spirit-life here in greater or less degree, all spirit-identities, as they develop, become more and more attuned to such hearing. For through its emanations, which reach us through the spiritual hearing or through our spiritual consciousness (the spiritual hearing dormant or willingly unused), it comes to us as an element of sound-language, an expression of the beauty and profundity of a composite art of those who send out their emanations through tone-expression.

These sounds are not the result of the vibration of material things, as the musical instruments of the earth-world; but are the composite musical consciousness of all those artists of this type that have created in these spiritual planes. We, who are sensitive to musical sound and creation, may again be stimulated by such composite effect in all its immensity, or we may hear such parts of this composite sound-cosmos as would correspond to a symphonic movement or an entire symphony, with such tone-colors (only spiritualized!). And this the mortal will never understand, for its portrayal, through words, becomes an impossibility to him. I cannot explain this to you.

CXXII

And as this composite tonal-immensity is made up of the spiritual inspiration of identities of these spirit-places who have lived on many other mortal worlds besides the earth, one may gradually learn of the peculiar color-qualities of the instruments of other mortal worlds, by disintegrating (not good!) and listening for those tonal-qualities that were foreign to us in the earth-world. The spirit-soul, at will, can so separate into their peculiar parts the inspirational labor (musical compositions) of those spirit-identities, who still follow their gifts here when they "pass over."

Or we, of musical sensibility, instead of enjoying with spirit-happiness and enjoyment the cosmic-composition-bigness made by the spiritual law of spirit-music (or of separating such music into its music-identities and allowing ourselves, in an enhanced way from earth, to absorb), may take to our spiritual selves a glint of such music, like a floating strand of gold, not seen but heard.

CXXIII

And so what the artist, in music, and also the composer originate here in their spirit-consciousness in these spirit-planes is thrown outward as emanations, and is absorbed into the composite musical cosmos (it cannot be seen like the spirit-waters or the color-clouds; but we know it exists, for we hear it!), and reaches all spirit-identity as they are prepared to hear. If his earth-talent has been little, he will hear little at first, but will evolve. . . . Wait! . . . Again, I repeat: What we hear, we hear with spiritual hearing. The sounds and combinations of sounds heard with our spiritual hearing are what have passed as emanations from those, on the spirit planes, that have created music. It is from their consciousness, is absorbed into the music-cosmos (there is no word!) of these places, and reaches us through our spiritual hearing!

CXXIV

AUGUST 5TH, EARLY AFTERNOON.

The day of my rebirth into these places of serenity and glow and stimulation of happiness, not to be explained! I have been with you! You heard my manifestation! It was I, Anne, in near proximity, to throw about you my love, a word that is all-inclusive in its stimulation and beneficence. I have been with you in proximity continually during the day (which is an earth-word and means nothing to the spirit-life of the places where we exist!). I have told you our consciousness does not divide time into segments. Even our advanced spirit-planes are higher states of spirit-consciousness.

I will continue to write as I am commanded to do, and continue this, the second Message to you. You ask whether there will be more than this Message. This knowledge will be unfolded to you, but not at this time.

CXXV

Write: I have told you in the first Message that what is created in the spirit-consciousness of the artist-type in these places of serenity is thrown out as emanations and enters the spirit-essence of spirit-beauty that permeates and fills the spirit-realms, losing its individualism and identity. So this occurs and it is sent into the spirit-cosmos.

But in the first Message I did not complete the explanation which occurs in this present Writing, namely, that such absorbing of what is thrown out as individual creation into this great cosmic immensity may be separated again by us, the spirit-identities, into its own individual creations. I have explaned this in writing of the music of these spiritual places.

So individualism of art is not absorbed or lost in finality. It is absorbed into the great cosmic-entity of these places, but may be seen or heard again as it was created in the consciousness of spirit-identity; but not seen or heard as the mortal sees or hears, but through spiritual seeing or hearing which may be likened to the earth-quality of imagination or inner-consciousness.

CXXVI

AUGUST 5TH, LATER.

I wish to write in greater length of another phase of music as it is heard here. We may absorb for our enjoyment and stimulation the creations or musical compositions (earth words!) of those whose similar and accentuated gifts function here. We hear such compositions in our spiritual inner-consciousness through spiritual hearing (not all spirit identities to the same degree or with the same interest, though all are growing to this). We also hear the interpretations (spiritually touched by the influences of these places) of those artists who are here with us of earth and other mortal-planes, who did not create their own compositions, but interpreted the musical works of others.

We can separate such interpretations and enjoy those that we wish to hear, or we may close our spiritual ears to those that reach us as not finely attuned to our musical culture and fineness, as we would wish. We may hear at will such works in the tonal-color of the earth-instruments we cared for, but always changed to a spiritual quality of tone, not to be explained. We may hear individual instruments, foreign to those of the mortal of

earth, strange to us first; but when they have come from mortal worlds, higher developed than that of the earth, we soon recognize these as being more stimulative to our sense of beauty and fineness than earth-instruments.

CXXVII

So the genius of the earth functions his art in these spirit-places. . . . No, the musician would not play or perform in these places, except in his spiritual consciousness. These elements will leave him as emanations, bearing the distinctive type of his spirit-personality, imagination and talent. The musician of earth may so create in his inner consciousness, hearing tone without producing this. But such creation reaches only himself. In these spirit-places it leaves the artist and first enters the great composite cosmic-world of sound, where it may be separated at will and by the wish of the different spirit-identities into individually interpreted musical life. . . . I have told you!

CXXVIII

AUGUST 6TH, AFTERNOON.

My beloved husband, I am here, Anne! . . . Write! . . . And, as with music, so with those other forms of art-creation that come from the artist-souls of these places of progress, about which is, to the mortal, the not understandable spirit-quality of serenity. These art-creations of different types are all projected into the cosmic-beauty of the spirit-planes, and so impress in their cosmic entirety of beauty. Or they may be individualized again and separated into whatever individual art-creation they represent of the spirit-consciousness of the spirit-identity, and so be enjoyed and become a stimulus to those spirit-souls who may be prepared to enjoy them. Or again, as in music, just a detail of such creation may add a spirit-happiness . . . as the vision of one flower-petal of earth, or an earth-leaf, or a snow-crystal, separated from its great white drift-mass.

CXXIX

To those who come to these spirit-places in a consciousness of materiality such stimulation is progressive; but the constantly ever-surrounding element of art-creation compels the attention of such unimaginative spirit-identities; and by the ever present and surrounding emanation of this element it gradually reaches the inner and finer receptive place of this type of spirit-life, and such become more and more receptive. And as they receive, so they progress towards the higher planes. I have told you that the intellectual faculty is also stimulated in these places, but its uses lie rather dormant; for, as I have explained, it is the intuitive, the imaginative faculty of spirit-life that is quickened, and upon this depends the ever widening spirit-progress and vision of the spirit-souls.

CXXX

So the mortal of intellect of the earth and other mortal-worlds, with feeling and intuition dormant, will be born again in these places, even as the earth-infant is born. And the artisan and laborer will no more work with hands and tools, but will be given the opportunity, which maybe he did not possess in mortal worlds, of absorbing the new world, to him, of spiritual fineness and beauty. The legal minds of earth are meant to solve for the earth-man his acrimonious differences. There is harmony here. It is the harmony of spirit-planes. The tranquillity and love that surround this state of harmony can never be understood by the mortal. So tell the mortal of exalted earth-intellect not to make this intellect his god. For when he arrives in these places it will be dethroned.

CXXXI

Let him, as he sits solemnly giving his earth-judgment, cast his eye lovingly on the stray sunbeams that flicker past, in which there are the dancing mote-worlds; or let his faint imagination be aroused as he looks into the face of the one he would judge. And as he sees beyond this into the human heart that may beat even more humanly than his own . . . if he sees there, through the rancorous weeds that may have grown, a little spirit-flower, and if he will give pity as well as a new hope to such, he will, in spite of his calling, come to one of our higher places. For, in the hard soil of legal intellect, there are growing with him the seeds of love that will blossom.

CXXXII

AUGUST 7TH, MORNING.

I am with you again this morning! . . . Write! . . . We on these spirit-planes have the peculiar happiness of sensing the future with confidence. . . . I mean for us the future and higher planes. But I have also told you that our present state of spiritual bliss is sufficient and all-satisfying, although we are aware of the higher development in future spiritual consciousness. . . . Wait! . . . We are progressing and realize this (I cannot explain its happiness!). The emanations of the higher planes reach us, and we absorb according to our spiritual possibilities. Many of these pass us by because we are not ready for receptance. But their very presence stimulates as to our future.

So when I write that we sense such future states, but cannot describe their conditions, you will understand. If we are not ready in our spirit-consciousness to accept these higher emanations as they pass through the planes, because we do not understand them, or rather they are above our spiritual heights of the present, you will understand how we might be even unhappy if we existed in such higher places before prepared for

them. The stimulation would be excessive. These future places, for us, are regulated by the law of preparation that exists for them . . . I have told you!

CXXXIII

AUGUST 7TH, LATER MORNING.

I am with you still! . . . Write! . . . I have shown throughout the first and the second Messages how inadequate is the earth-language to express the spiritual states of our spiritual consciousness. Earth-happiness and serenity, in various degrees, are recognized by the earth-mortals. Similar states of these spiritual planes I can but express in earth-language to you, which, however, does not convey the exaltation (again, no word!) of these spiritual states on my own spiritual plane.

CXXXIV

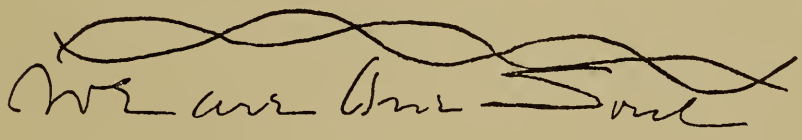
So in the higher spiritual planes than my own I cannot understand, in a similar way, the exaltation of those places. What I cannot understand as a spiritual-essence (but can sense, as even the earth-man may sense a higher happiness than the earth-happiness), I can not, of course, unfold to the mortals of earth. If I were from a higher spiritual plane than the one on which I exist, the more exalted states of spirit-world might have been revealed in these Messages. While what is given me to write to you is from the higher emanations, more definite unfolding than my own spirit-consciousness could become aware of could not be imparted from me. So what appears in these Messages, my beloved husband, through you to the mortals of the earth-plane, is but a small part of the life and conditions of the higher spirit-identities, higher and more exalted than my own, and on those planes where the God-Love is felt in greater radiance, because the spirits of those places are prepared to receive this.

CXXXV

Again, I draw about the mortals of the earth-world and all creation of this earth-world (all, all are my beloved brothers of whatever creation, pulsating and throbbing with God's love and energy!). . . . I draw about them with my spiritual finger the circle of my love, I, one of God's spirit-souls. I place my spiritual hands over each one: each mortal, flower, grass-blade, and bless them and stimulate them all for the higher love and unity that will bring them to the sheltering love of these spirit-mansions.

And so, my Beloved, may the second Message reach those that await the unfolding of its spirit-message. . . .

My Beloved, I have told you! . . . I draw about you the personal circle of the personal love!



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