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Of the

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Dedication.

"To all who know the right—
And, knowing, dare to do it;
To all who love the light—
And, loving, dare pursue it;

"To every true and noble soul,
In the present, or in future ages;
To all who'd reach a higher goal—
To you I dedicate these pages.

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EXPLANATION
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CREED CRUSHER, OR SPIRITUAL MILL,
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Thus remarkable and original design is from the hand of a celebrated Physician and Designer, Dr. T. J. Lewis, of Boston, Mass. It represents a hopper into which the angelic power of our beautiful Spiritual religion has thrown all its opposing churches, with their creeds, mummeries, hypocrisy and priests, together with the crimes of civilized society, to be absorbed by the Universal Globe of Spiritual Truth. It shows, at a glance, the rapid strides the truly scientific and divine Spiritual phenomena have made, and are now making throughout the world, since their first re-development by the good angels, through the Fox family, of Hydesville, Wayne county, New York, March, 1848—only nineteen years ago.

Already has our beautiful Spiritual religion absorbed into its Unitary Fold, 50,000,000 of souls, from all the various sects, creeds and ranks of society—not excepting even the Emperors and Queens of Europe and Asia, and some of the most intellectual Atheists of the world—thereby giving us a “New Heaven and a New Earth,” or practically bringing the people into that harmonious state spoken of by that wise philosopher and beautiful medium, Jesus of Nazareth, in his prayer—“Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done, in our earth-bodies, and on earth,” and not in some far-off orthodox pasture. The Spiritual Globe of the Universe, in its divine revolutions, by angel hands fresh from the Summer Land, is, by its gradually grinding away, purifying and absorbing into itself all the creeds and inharmony that result from the present false system of civilization—better named refined barbarism—leaving no sinful political, sectarian sawdust, to be blown into the spiritual eyes of the people, by crafty, cunning officials, to produce what the people have suffered from, for the past five thousand years—viz: spiritual blindness—“That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.” Eph. 4 c., 14 v.

THE SPIRITUAL HUBS

Of the Universe (see design) are anointed with the oils of Common Sense, Charity, Equity, Love and Truth, as should be all men and women’s souls. Love and Truth are the polarities of Justice.

SPIRITUAL GEOGRAPHY.

The names of the Towns, Rivers, Islands, &c., on the globe, include a few terms belonging to our Spiritual Science, together with the names of but a few of many noble men and women who have suffered and sacrificed self, family, friends, and life, for the cause of Freedom and our divine Spiritual Religion.
EQUITY.

The design is just, as it recognizes the Equality of the sexes, there being two male and two female angels represented. May the day come quickly when the American Republican Ballot Box shall be free to every true son and daughter of Freedom.

POETRY.

Those beautiful lines are grandly, equitably and aptly true to the spirit of the design. Read them.

GOD FOUND

To the best of human perception, nature abhors a vacuum; therefore, substance only can exist, which, when scientifically viewed, is always chemically ethereal—is ever changing. The self-existing of matter being positively self-evident, so also is its self-action, as the two are twins: the first position can not be accepted without accepting the second. Dense forms are only temporarily so, as modern science demonstrates that 3,000 degrees of heat changes the most dense substances back to their ethereal home; and that matter, in its original ethereal state, is chemically a unit, or one kind of substance. The reason why the various forms or bodies of the universe differ in their chemistry, color, shape, sex, habits or modes of life, is owing to the density or rarity of the substance composing them. This is the reason why the planet, horse, bee, bird, angel, man, woman, &c.—all made of the same kind of God-substance—differ from each other, but the limitation of the human mind can never measure exactly those differences. We should ever bear in mind that the substance making up any of the different forms of the universe, from the largest to the smallest planets, animals, insects, vegetables, including men and women, is never new nor old because it can never be added to nor taken from the universe, but is an ever present, changing, self-existing, self-acting substance, now and forever, worlds without beginning or end—for there is nothing new nor old, as substance, under the sun. (Bible corrected.) As substance only exists, and is never new nor old, consequently it never retrogrades nor progresses—in the sense that it never deteriorates nor improves—hence the progression of any substance, or human-substance-forms, is, to the intelligent mind, an impossibility. Centuries ago, the difference between good and bad, or harmony and inharmony, could be measured with the same degree of certainty as in the present century, yet the proportionate amount of evil of the nineteenth century is as great, if not greater, than in any past century. Jesus was a well-born substance-form, eighteen centuries ago—yet the world, since that time, has failed to show us one individual who has been elevated up to or beyond his good qualities as a whole. Now, I ask—What has become of, and what constitutes progression? Progression, as generally understood and used, has been misapplied, to represent an improvement in the quality instead of the harmonious action of substance or any of its forms, and that innate harmony, equity and order, is as permanent as substance itself, without which, harmony, equity and order can not be. Progression may also be applied to the motion of bodies, but not in the sense that substance can be improved in its quality. The last born angel strata of any planet, is chemically the same as the first born angel strata, born many millions years before. As the time never was when substance did not exist, hence it never had a cause beginning, consequently can never have an effect ending. The perpetual existence of substance, viewed in a primary and ultimate sense, totally precludes the idea of Cause
and Effect, as a personal God-cause creator and destroyer. Cause and effect are only applicable to the perpetually changing dense and ethereal forms and states of matter, by their recomposition and decomposition into each other: for of natural-spiritual-unparticleized-equitable-orderly substance, are all things made, and unto natural-spiritual-unparticleized-equitable-orderly substance shall all things return. (Bible corrected.) There can be nothing outside nor inside the universe of substance as a supposed to exist principle or power to make it alive or act, because, what would be otherwise a vacuum is already infilled with God-natural-spiritual substance, consequently, substance itself is perpetually, innately, integrally alive, or self-existing and self-acting; therefore incontestibly must be, the life, the soul, the spirit, the mind, the instinct, the intuition, the impression, the form, the order, the motion, the sound, the principle, the power, the magnetism, the sensation, the everything. In an absolute sense, life, soul, spirit, mind, instinct, intuition, impression, form, order, motion, sound, principle, power, magnetism, sensation and substance are all one and the same, or synonymous terms. There can be no life, motion, sound, song, or language, without the primary existence of substance-forms. The substance-body of a bird must first exist, before we can hear its song. The reason why all substance, not perverted, assumes equitable and orderly forms, is because it is itself inherently, innately, and integrally, equity and order; and as like always produces its like, hence, out from the universe of equitable, orderly, living, God-substance, must be born all equitable, orderly forms. The equitable, orderly God-substance that forms the eye, eyelid, eyelash, eyebrow, eye muscles, optic nerves, and brain, is the condition, existence, necessity, adaptation and use, of such dense substance-forms, to adapt them for self-protection, and to use the ethereal light for sight and seeing, and are just as divine, or natural-spiritual, in a horse, hog, bird, cat, hyena, reptile and fish, as in a man or angel, and no one can draw a line of divine or natural-spiritual difference between them. In an absolute sense, any substance, when reduced to its ultimate ethereal, homogeneous state, is unparticleized, therefore there can be no such thing as fine or coarse substance, high or low states; they are merely relative terms to define temporary conditions of substance.

Without the ethereal light, air and magnetism, there would be no necessity for organized eyes, ears and lungs; there would be no demand for those ethereal conditions of substance called light, air and magnetism. Existence, necessity, adaptation, use, action, principle, power, &c., can not be without the existence of substance. The grandeur and sublimity of the thunder storm, the sun-lit hills and forests, the star-spangled atmosphere of our planet, the life-supporting air, would afford no enjoyment nor use, without the material existence of brains, eyes, ears and lungs, which are but a small part of the grand, sublime whole, of the universe of self-existing, self-acting, unparticleized, equitable, orderly substance, as God being “All in All.”

"Lo! the poor Indian, whose untutored mind
Sees God in clouds and hears him in the wind."

The existence, necessity, adaptation and use of all substance positively define that its dense and ethereal states exist for, and are perpetually interchanging with, each other; hence the dense human body exists for its ethereal spirit body and band, and the ethereal spirit body and band exist for the dense human body—and the same is true of all other forms.

The wise and gentle Nazarene, by trying to see how far he could induc-
tively reason from the surrounding seen effects back to their causes, found himself lost in a mist of doubt. This led him to find his ignorance, and thereby that true gem of eternal happiness, Humility—"For except ye be spiritually converted, and become as little children, ye can not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven or Harmony."—Matt., 18 c., 3 v. (Bible corrected.) That humility found for him the truthful passiveness so essential for a full spiritual influx into his mediumistic body, through the phrenological Central-Sun-Soul organ of his brain, which, being connected by spiritualized material rays to each of its surrounding planetary organs, made him intuitively or spiritually the people's prodigy for all true knowledge.* In a word, Good, or God is inherently, innately, integrally All in All, as the Universe of self-existing, self-acting, homogeneous, unitary, magnetic, ethereal, unparticleized, equitable, orderly-substance. In more condensed language, God is a circle of universal spiritual substance, the circumference of which is no where—its divine center every where—for

"All are but parts of one stupendous whole."

These axiomatic remarks will tend to explain in brief this divine subject—God and Soul—on the second fold of the Ribbon supported by angel power. See Design.

FREE SOIL.

All land is naturally FREE for all life, without the incumbrance of titles, deeds, doubts, and lawsuits. Mankind, under a true Christian state of society, have no more right to buy and sell land, than they have to buy and sell air, light, water, electricity, or their children. Even the noted Indian Chief, Black Hawk's superior wisdom led him to say, in opposition to the injustice of the white man's encroachment upon their free territory, that "a man had no right to sell what he could not carry away." The ownership of land first led to a perversion of the organ of Acquisitiveness, which in turn led to the invention of money, or filthy lucre, and that money led to perverted selfishness, competition, strife, deception, poverty, inequality, gluttony, crime, intemperance, squiting tobacco juice, and loss of virtue. Let the people, through the Ballot Box, make all lands FREE for use only: then muscle and mind will become the only currency, and sixty minutes' labor per day, will give every true natural-spiritual Christian all he should require. "For the earth is the people's and for other life in the fullness thereof." (Bible corrected.) Jesus had large and active acquisitiveness, but he used it only to acquire natural-spiritual wisdom from that Bible not made with hands—the Bible of Nature—and with his spiritualized benevolence, gave it away as fast as he received it. Mankind's organization demands that they live only a rural life. This but briefly explains the great subject of Non-ownership on the third fold of the Ribbon.

FREEDOM.

Strange as it may seem, a large majority of the people are ignorant of the real authorship of American and the World's present and ultimate Freedom, which may be historically and justly traced to Freedom's Medium, THOMAS PAINE. It was the patriotic spiritual thunder of Mr. Paine's soul, that lionized the previously timid souls who formed the Continental Convention of Philadelphia, and nerved them to strike for Freedom—"For the Rights of

* Note.—The author has discovered that the Central-Sun-Soul organ has its locality in the Optic Thalamus of the brain, which will be more fully described in a larger work.
Man”—to declare themselves Free and Independent. Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Lafayette, General Washington, and our brave Continental Army, were Mr. Paine's most ardent admirers. Mr. Paine was the only man in the country who could and did do without fee or reward, what other minds and the Continental Treasury could not do: he raised the funds necessary to feed, clothe and inspirit our then brave, ragged, bootless, starving, desponding army. Previous to the war, when the members of the Continental Convention argued that England had men, money, ships, ammunition and experience, and we had neither, they began to tremble in their shoes,—at that critical point, Mr. Paine was introduced to the Convention by Benjamin Franklin, to reinstate brave and patriotic sentiments in place of their doubts and fears. (A member of that Convention remarked, that they should all hang together for the cause of Liberty. Benjamin Franklin, who was Mr. Paine's right-hand man, replied—"If they did not all hang together they would be sure to hang separately.") Mr. Paine's Christ-like patriotism and philanthropy had left him penniless. Upon which, General Washington—being convinced, in his own soul, that Mr. Paine was the leading Star and Pillar upon which our Republic's and the World's ultimate Freedom is founded—recommended Congress to grant him the assistance he so richly deserved; and they, to their eternal honor, did so, despite the shameful abuse and falsehoods of those very laymen and anti-Christian clergymen who, had they been true followers of that wonderful Medium, Jesus of Nazareth, would have admitted that their descendants would be indebted to Mr. Paine for the free Pulpits, Colleges and Schools they now enjoy, yet so basely misrepresent and desecrate.

VIRTUE.

"Virtue is the only source of happiness. That virtue which requires to be ever guarded, is not worth the sentinel."

"Virtue that transgresses, is but patched with sin. Sin that amends, is but patched with virtue."

CIVILIZATION.

As the past and present terrible state of society has proved a failure, reformatory minds are asking the question, "What shall we do to be saved" from the Hells of Civilization based upon man's artificial Government, instead of a Natural-spiritual Government? "Some writers have so confounded society with government, as to leave little or no distinction between them; whereas they are not only different, but have different origins: Society is produced by our wants, and Government by our wickedness; the former promotes our happiness, positively, by uniting our affections—the latter negatively, by restraining our vices. The one encourages intercourse, the other creates distinctions; the first is a patron, the last is a punisher. Society, in every state, is a blessing; but government by man, in its best state, is but a necessary evil. Government, like dress, is the badge of lost innocence: the palaces of kings are built upon the ruins of the bowers of Paradise." When the Central-Sun-Soul organ is spiritually cultivated, it purifies the body or "Temple of Life," and man needs no other form of government but the Kingdom of Spiritual Truth, which is within the reach of all.

The question to be put, and answered by the Universal Congress of Angels, is, "What is the true mode of life for the human family of the present age, aside from their past and present modes of life?" All mental and physical pains result from past and present transgressions of Natural-spiritual laws or condi-
tions, causing unnatural births, thereby causing us to live unnatural lives, and do those things that brutes would be ashamed to do.

SPIRITUAL MIRACLE.

The Protestants and Catholics in the United States, with their aids of eighteen centuries of time, persecution, superstition, priestcraft, colleges, churches, nunneries, monasteries, inquisitions, schools, book education, profession of sectarian literature, personal Gods, Devils, material hells, immense wealth, aristocracy, official power, and three hundred years of labor, number but eight to nine millions, with forty-five thousand preachers; while the Spiritualists of the United States, without any such aids, number eleven millions, with fifty thousand mediums, in the short time of nineteen years.

SPIRITUALISM.

Spirit intercourse is a fixed or natural fact. It is universal, and not under any special miraculous interposition of a supposed to exist Deity. The fundamental principle of Spiritualism recognizes the universal Brotherhood of man, upon which alone can be based all reform movements that are to benefit the race. Spiritualism, as taught by the Angels, through the man Jesus, was known to the Hindoos, and to Confucius, of China, many centuries prior to the Christian era. Spiritualism of to-day is simply a re-development of the same phenomena, with elevated intellects, and wisdom, to explain and practicalize it. It is rapidly becoming popular and fashionable among the rich sectarians, whose aristocratic notions have heretofore led them to hypocritically worship Creeds, Mummery, Priests, and unknown personal Gods, Devils and material Hells. The creed churches are rapidly, yet slyly, using our spiritual thunder: it elevates their souls; it gives them hope; it is a lever in the hands of Angels (see Design), that is rapidly lifting the people of the Globe out of Ignorance, Superstition, Crime, Priestcraft and Political Gambling, up into Wisdom, Knowledge, Truth, Justice, Love, Charity and Unity. "Now, concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."—Cor., 12 c., 1 v. "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man, woman and child, to profit withal."—Bible corrected, Cor., 12 c., 7 v. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."—Cor., 12 c., 13 v.

NO SECT IN HEAVEN.

A DREAM.

Talking of sects until late one eve,
Of the various doctrines the saints believe,
That night I stood, in a troubled dream,
By the side of a darkly flowing stream.

And a "Churchman" down to the river came,
When I heard a strange voice call his name:
"Good father, stop! when you cross this tide
You must leave your robes on the other side."

But the aged father did not mind,
And his long gown floated out behind,
As down to the stream his way he took.
His vale hands clasping a gilt-edged book.

"I am bound for heaven, and when I am there
I shall want my book of Common Prayer;
And though I put on a starry crown,
I shall feel quite lost without my gown."

Then he fixed his eyes on the shining track,
But his gown was heavy and held him back;
And the poor old father tried in vain
A single step in the flood to gain.

I saw him again on the other side.
But his silk gown floated on the tide;
And no one asked, in that blessed spot,
Whether he belonged to "the Church" or not.

Then down to the river a Quaker strayed
His dress of sober hue was made—
"My coat and hat must be all of gray;
I can not go any other way."

Then he buttoned his coat up to his chin,
And staidly, solemnly waded in;
His broad-brimmed hat he pulled down tight
Over his forehead so cold and white.
But a strong wind carried away his hat—
A moment he silently sighed over that—
And then, as he gazed at the further shore,
His coat slipped off and was seen no more.

As he went into heaven, his hat of gray
Went quietly sailing away, away;
And none of the angels questioned him
About the width of his beaver's brim.

Next came Dr. Watts, with a bundle of psalms
Tied nicely up in his aged arms;
And hymns as many—a very wise thing—
That the saints in heaven all might sing.

But I thought he heaved an anxious sigh.
As he saw that the river ran broad and high;
And he looked rather surprised, as one by one
The psalms and hymns in the waves went down.

And after him, with his manuscripts,
Came Wesley, the pattern of godliness;
But he cried, "Dear me! what shall I do?
The water has soaked them thro' and thro'."

And then, on the river, far and wide,
Away they went on the swollen tide;
And the saint, astonished, passed on alone,
Without his manuscripts, up to the throne.

Then, gravely walking, two, saints by name,
Down to the river together came;
But as they stopped at the river's brink,
I saw one saint from the other shrink.

"Sprinkled or plunged? May I ask you, friend,
How you attained life's great end?"
"Thus—with a few drops on my brow."
"But I have been dipped, as you see me now:
And I really think it will hardly do,
As I 'in close-communion, to cross with you.
You are going, I know, to realms of bliss,
But you must go that way and I will go this."

Then straightway plunging with all his might,
Away to the left—his friend to the right—
Apart they went from this world of sin.

And now, when the river was rolling on,
A Presbyterian Church went down;
Of women there seemed a numberless throng,
But the men I could count as they passed along.

Concerning the road, they could never agree—
The old or the new, which way it should be;
Nor ever a moment paused to think
That both would lead to the river's brink.

And a song of murmuring, long and loud,
Came ever up from the moving crowd:
"You are in the old way, I'm in the new—
That is the false and this is the true;
Or, "I'm in the old way, you in the new—
This is the false and that is the true."

But the brethren only seemed to speak;
Modest the sisters walked and meek,
And if ever one of them chanced to say
What trouble she met with on her way,
How she longed to pass to the other side,
Nor feared to cross the swollen tide,
A voice arose from the brethren then:
"Let no one speak but holy men,
For have ye not heard the words of Paul—
Oh, let the women keep silence all."

I watched them long in my curious dream,
Till they stood by the borders of the stream;
Then, just as I thought, the two ways met—
But all the brethren were talking yet,
And would talk on, till the heaving tide
Carried them over, side by side:
Side by side, for the way was one.

The toilsome journey of life was done;
And priest and Quaker, and all who died,
Came out alike on the other side.
No forms, or crosses, or books had they;
No gowns of silk, or suits of gray;
No creeds to guide them, or manuscripts;
For all had put on Christ's righteousness.

How well does the above poem teach the Biblical fact that "The letter killeth; the spirit only maketh alive." The book-learned scientist, with his blunt instincts, fails to foretell the coming storm; whereas the hog, bee, bird, &c., with their unperverted instincts, never fail. Book-learning perverts and blunts the mental and physical powers of the race. The natural limitation of life prevents any one mind from reading all the accumulated facts of any one science (as Astronomy, for instance), even if life were extended to one thousand years; hence, again the application, that "The letter killeth." Spirituialism is a soul-science, embodying all natural-spiritual truths of the universe. As angels are its guardians, mankind should respect and practicalize it.