

# LIFE IS ALL ONE GREAT LIFE

## There is no death; there are no dead

ALL RELIGION is based on existence after death. Remove from religion the idea of spirit, and what is left? If mortals are concerned about the few years they live in the flesh, why should they refuse to inquire about their state of being throughout eternity? If those who have passed through the change called death, can and do communicate with those in the flesh, is it reasonable to believe that any power greater than God could make this possible? You know that tomorrow morning there will be sunrise—that a stone tossed into the air must fall; and these things you know because Natural Law is Immutable. Unchanging Natural Law means harmony, and harmony is love. Harmony dominates the universe. Through the harmony of God's own law, the spirits of those who lived in the flesh, the spirits who have passed through the portals of death, communicate with those spirits still in the flesh—through God's law and not through the machinations of a superstition-created devil.

Years ago, it was evil to use anaesthetics. The sorry doctrine of the fear of God delegated unto God a lust for blood and suffering. Do you believe in that manner of Maker? And do you believe that stumbling, groping, erring mortals are so all-powerful as to "call back" the spirits of those they knew and loved, when life in the flesh is the lowest form of life? Does the inferior command the superior? Is that true even here on earth?

The world DARED to seek education, DARED to discover and invent, DARED to progress. And there are millions of persons right here in America who have the courage to believe that the life, the personality, the love which they knew in their dear ones, has not been transmuted into cold, unemotional, indifferent individuality by death—a natural process far less mystifying than birth!

## Spiritualism Reveals Life's Great Truths

THE TRUTH never injured any one. Was the savage happier because an eclipse meant the intervention of evil spirits? Was mankind brighter and more elevated when pagans fed Christians to the wild beasts in the Roman amphitheatres? Was the world better when Columbus was ridiculed for daring to believe that the world was round? Did ignorance and superstition and fear of God ever elevate the race of man?

What was the cornerstone upon which the United States of America had its beginning back in the early colonial days? RELIGIOUS LIBERTY! That's the answer. If you are not

privileged to believe as you like, what is left in life? God is your God the same as your brother's God. You came here not accidentally—not to labor and fret and question and suffer a few brief years and then smoulder for eternity in hell—but to PROGRESS! God gave you brains. USE them! He gave you

the power of thought. Don't permit it to shrivel and waste. Put it to use. If you CARE to know life, exercise your God-given instincts and mental powers and DARE to inquire. If you care for the evidence, procure it and examine it. Learn why we say: THERE IS NO DEATH; THERE ARE NO DEAD!

The zealot, the religious crank, seeks to force upon you that which he believes. The work of THE WILLIAM T. STEAD MEMORIAL CENTER seeks only to place before you its remarkable evidence, and delegates to YOU the right to decide for yourself.

If the dead are only the bodies—if LIFE NEVER ENDS, it is in keeping with what you know about God's natural law that must be harmonious always in its operations, to believe that God would leave the door open between earth-life and spirit-life; not only once in all history, but many times in every generation.

### The Open Door Between Earth and Spirit

THERE ARE millions of persons right here in America, and many more millions throughout the world, who KNOW that their dear ones continue to live after their mortal eyes have closed in death. Some of these millions are members of churches and some are not. Some have felt the presence of their departed loved ones—others have seen them and heard their voices.

In every mortal, the veil between earth-life and spirit-life is very thin—and as knowledge progresses, the fabric of this veil is worn thinner. Each twenty-four hours, on the average, EIGHT THOUSAND PERSONS PASS THROUGH DEATH'S DOOR, AND AS MANY BABIES ENTER THE FLESH! Sixteen thousand times every twenty-four hours, the door between this life and spirit, is swung open. Eleven times a minute—better than once every six seconds, day and night, the door between the two expressions of life is opened. Is it not reasonable to believe that there are persons with the gift of seeing through?

Just as God endowed some persons with talent for different things, God also endowed others with the gift of MEDIUMSHIP. Of all gifts bestowed upon mortals, none could permit more intimately to the greatest of all things—LIFE. Did God make this possible? What more sacred gift could a mortal possess? If we believe in God, how can we delegate to any power of evil an ability to penetrate the riddles of death and the mystery of the grave? Your own God-given common sense will point out the answer.

In the paragraphs that follow, we shall make statements that millions will accept because of their experience. If these statements seem unusual to you, ask yourself if you already know all the things that mankind has learned. If our statements are outside of your experience, is that due to our error or your lack of previous investigation?

The most wonderful experience of my life was the first time my husband and I visited Mrs. Cook's seance at the Stead Center. In fact, this was before the Stead Center was incorporated. It was while Mr. Stead was still on earth.

Our little daughter Alice had recently passed into the spirit-world at the age of 9 years. Neither my husband nor I was familiar with Spiritualism. We were willing to learn, but we knew nothing about Communication. Mrs. Cook had never seen us, nor had we ever seen her. Not even our names had been mentioned. We were strangers.

Shortly after the seance began, a voice came to us and said, "Hello Papa and Mama Jennings. I am Alice Ophelia Jennings."

Not only were these facts correct, but we recognized her voice as the same voice that had been silenced in the flesh such a short time before.

She proceeded to describe the flowers at her funeral, giving us the names of those who had sent the flowers. She stated that there was one floral piece that she could not tell who had sent. There had been just one piece in the floral offerings that had no card attached. "All of the room had been nearly filled with flowers. She told us the dress we had put on her body and the flowers that had been placed in her hand. She named the songs that had been sung, and sang one of them for us. All of this information she volunteered.

Since that time, we have had countless beautiful experiences, many of which have been in our own home. In fact, without the presence of the medium, I have seen Alice as well as other loved ones. Many times, when I have been alone, I have heard their voices speaking to me clearly. Upon attending the next seance, they have come and repeated what they told me in my home.

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MRS. CECIL M. COOK  
WHOSE GREAT GIFT OF MEDIUMSHIP IS KNOWN  
TO THOUSANDS

death are here to comfort and help us in every possible way. Naturally, my husband and I are firm believers in the truth of Spirit Communication.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Cecil M. Cook  
609 W. 60th St.  
Chicago, Illinois.

Attest:  
Mrs. L. C. Jennings  
Mrs. Jennings

What started me into an investigation of Spiritualism was the passing into the spirit world of a person who was very dear to me.

While this gentleman was still perfectly well, he requested me that, should he die, I would see that his body was placed by the side of his mother's. He had always loved his mother very dearly. I promised to meet the request if it were possible.

A short time after this conversation, my friend was stricken and passed away suddenly in another city. The telegram informing me of his death did not reach me in time for me to attend the funeral. I was quite certain that no one else knew of his request. Thus I was deprived of keeping my promise.

A short time after this, I learned about Mrs. Cecil M. Cook, and I attended one of her seances. My dear one came to me, giving me his name and calling me by my own. I asked him what I should do about the promise I had made, not mentioning the nature of the promise. He replied, "What I asked of you then was a worldly wish. We see things differently when we pass into the spirit world, and it means nothing to me now where my body lies. I am done with it. I am with my dear one and we are very happy. So I don't want you to worry about the promise, nor do I wish you to move my body."

Thus our very first conversation related to the subject of

### The Remarkable Mediumship of Mrs. Cecil M. Cook.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT is published by and for THE WILLIAM T. STEAD MEMORIAL CENTER, a religious body incorporated under the Statutes of the State of Illinois. Our Medium and Pastor is Mrs. Cecil M. Cook, who has served the public for the past seventeen years. In her circles have sat many well-known men and women. Divines, business men, lawyers, physicians, instructors—men and women in all of life's walks—have known Mrs. Cook's gift intimately. They dared to inquire. They dared listen to the voices of their dear ones in spirit.

In our seance-room, we hear conversations in any language or dialect on earth. The same evening, we have heard conversations between mortals and spirits in a dozen different tongues—including Hebrew and Hindustani. It is a matter of common circumstance to hear strangers greeted by spirits who give most unusual names—names we never suspected had ever been borne by any one.

Incidents known only to the sitters (and not in their minds at the time—positively not due to telepathic force) are spoken of at every seance. Some of the voices come through trumpets; others are independent. Singing by men, women and children in spirit (sometimes singly and at other times by several) is so clear and loud, it can be heard by persons passing in the street. Everybody present hears the same thing, and there are many members of our religious body who receive the voices in the light.

We include in this announcement, a few letters that will prove of interest. Other letters are produced in our free booklet, "Communication," that will tell you more about our Medium and our work—and about the books we are just beginning to publish.

For years, Mrs. Cecil M. Cook submitted to the most rigorous tests imposed upon her by so-called scientific investigators. She was bound, gagged, put in sacks and cages, handcuffed, and had her mouth and hands filled with flour—but the voices came just the same. She produces the same results in private homes and hotel-rooms and in any city. No medium has been tested more than she.

a definite promise that had been made prior to my friend's passing.

This is only one of almost countless tests I have received, many of which are too personal to mention in a letter of this nature. I wish the world could receive some of the messages I have had, and still receive, and could have my assurance of the continuity of life.

Sincerely yours,  
Anna B. Harrison

212 E. Garfield Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois.

I had resided in Los Angeles, Cal., for some years, and had been a regular attendant at the seances of a medium in that city. When I came to Chicago, I was naturally interested in locating a direct-voice medium, and three days after my arrival in this city, I learned about Mrs. Cook. It happened to be one of the evenings on which she held seances, and I called up about twenty minutes before the seance began, asking permission to attend, but not giving my name or any facts concerning myself. It was manifestly impossible for the medium to learn anything about me.

I had been in the Center only a few minutes when we were asked to go up to the seance-room. My husband and others in spirit came to me, calling me by name and giving unmistakable proof of their identity. They referred to the seance I had enjoyed in the West, and conversations were taken up where they had been dropped only a few days before, just as though I were still in the same seance-room in Los Angeles.

Very respectfully,  
Mrs. Cecil M. Cook

309 Center St.  
Chicago, Illinois.

### The Work of the Stead Center



The William T. Stead Memorial Center, 533 Grant Place, Chicago, Ill.

"COMMUNICATION," A MOST interesting 32-page booklet, illustrated, tells about THE WILLIAM T. STEAD MEMORIAL CENTER, Chicago, Illinois, and its work. In this booklet is one photograph of Mrs. Cook that will more than merely interest you. When this photograph was turned over to the engraver, we wrote on it our caution to the engraver to not retouch the hair. There was something in the hair which we wished to preserve in the reproduction. We succeeded by printing this engraving on the inside of the front cover, which is of heavy enameled paper.

Here are a few of the subjects covered in "Communication": "Communication an Established Fact," "Death Means Passing Through an Open Door," "If a Man Should Return from a Far Country," "Those Who Die Are Not 'Called Back,'" "The World-Next-Door," "What is the Next World Like?" "The Same Proof 2,000 Miles Distant." There are letters giving the experiences of men and women who came in doubt. There is an interesting story about our Medium and Pastor, Mrs. Cecil M. Cook. There is the story of why we call this the STEAD CENTER—why we contend that Mr. William T. Stead CONTINUED TO LIVE after the sinking of the S. S. Titanic in the mid-Atlantic April 15, 1912.

"Communication" will introduce to you, "God's World," our book—but we prefer first of all to give you the facts, so that you may decide the degree of your own interest in pursuing further the subject of Spirit Communication.

We have purchased this advertising space to tell our story. We respect whatever religious convictions you may have. We have no quarrel with any sect. In every faith, we are taught to see worship of the ONE GOD—and we are taught to see and respect the beauty of that faith. And our attitude remains unchanged without respect to what the devotees of any faith may say about our own beautiful truth.

### We Invite You to Send for Our Free Booklet "Communication"

TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES and our work, we have prepared this 32-page booklet, "Communication." It is 6x9 inches, and has beautiful covers, pictorially presenting our view of life—here and beyond the grave. This booklet contains several thousand words of interesting material. It explains about our publishing endeavors, and about "God's World," our first book. Sending for a free copy of "Communication" places no promise on you to patronize our publishing department. At the same time, as part of our own honest convictions, we wish you to know that we are publishing this book, "God's World," copyrighted in the United States and Great Britain.

Just as Life itself is the greatest of all subjects, so is Communication a subject of vast interest. We can not tell you the story in this space. We do tell a most interesting and important story in this free booklet, "Communication." THIS IS A RELIGIOUS WORK NOT FOR PERSONAL PROFIT. It is not some individual's money-grubbing promotion. It is honest, and it is serious. Telling the world that LIFE IS ALL ONE GREAT LIFE and that DEATH IS ONLY A LOGICAL CHANGE, LIKE BIRTH—A CHANGE OF THE STATE OF BEING, BUT NOT OF PERSONALITY, is altogether too sacred and serious to be handled for personal gain.

It is our great privilege to tell the world THE TRUTH ABOUT SPIRIT COMMUNICATION, and you will find that newspaper and magazine articles that have been published about and against Spiritualism, are but primal efforts told crudely.

We have been SEVENTEEN YEARS building the foundation of this work, and the result of our painstaking study and care, fortified by THOUSANDS OF SEANCES, is now at your disposal—ready for your most searching inquiry.

If YOU wish a free copy of our booklet, "Communication," it will be sent prepaid and with no obligation attaching to you, if you fill in and mail the following coupon TODAY.



Date, \_\_\_\_\_

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O 533 Grant Place,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Please send to me your free booklet, "Communication."

Yours truly,

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