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FOREWORD

This book is addressed to all persons interested in the history of the development of spiritualism, particularly to the professed believers in the Bible who have shut their eyes and ears to its deeper teachings, and opposed with asperity those who dare use their higher senses.

It does not seem illogical for that great institutional Church which keeps so much lore locked in its temples, and which feeds the multitude on legends, reserving the Holy Book for the favoured few, to keep the crowd in the outer courts, or if in the temple, to pull the curtains of the sanctuary close about the mystery. Though it seems strange that this powerful organization which has preserved the wisdom of the past to such a degree, and has had in its ranks hosts of saints and martyrs who have borne witness to the truth that communication with the spirit world is possible and right, should oppose the great psychic wave now spreading over all this earth.

Not all the saints or souls who have had celestial vision have been of the hierarchy. Many have come from the peasant class, entirely uneducated in learning of this world. Joan of Arc and Bernadette of Lourdes are shining examples of the fact that the Lord sometimes gives great gifts to those whom the world adjudges poor and also that celestial visitors do not belong to a past generation. To-day the poor peasant girl, Joan of Arc, is a saint, and Lourdes is visited by thou-

sands of pilgrims every year who believe that Bernadette found the wonderful spring through direct communication from the Blessed Virgin. Ann-Catherine Emmerich, another poor peasant girl, is now on the calendar of the saints. How many know that she was a great trance medium of the 19th century? Her messages from the Spheres were faithfully recorded by her priest, and her life is most interesting and convincing.

But if it is logical for the "Mother Church" to hide the truth of intercommunion from her babes, of whom she has millions, probably not ready for strong food, it is certainly illogical and more than strange that those Churches that base their belief upon the Bible, the classic of spiritism, that consider it the Word of God, and even cling to the theory of "verbal inspiration" (some even insisting on the inerrancy of the Scripture), should shut their eyes and ears and juggle with their reason and read with the curtain drawn so tightly over their brains, that they are like trees walking. If the Master were on earth to-day might he not say: Oh blind and perverse generation?

If all those who call themselves Christians; if all those who seek light would but read the Bible without prejudice, but digest the words of Jesus, they would soon see that God has not left his children in ignorance of the way to communicate with him through his holy angels; they would soon learn that his Ministers of Light now, as in times of old, are leading, helping, teaching those who ask their aid.

If we only believe that with God all things are possible, then follow the teachings of the Master, we surely shall not only know the doctrine, but be able to do great things. Jesus of Nazareth is not only the Saviour of the world, the great example for mankind to follow, but he is the greatest psychic ever on this plane of existence, and the greatest spiritistic teacher. He not only shows the way, he demonstrates that inter-communication with those gone Before is right. Did he

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not take three of his chosen disciples to the Mount and let them *see* and *hear* him talk with Moses and Elijah. (Matt. 17, 1-3; Mark 9, 2-13; Luke 9, 28-36.) Although the teachings of Jesus have been hedged about with dogmas and theological treatises, and the theologians have raised a mighty wall about the Garden of God, so that many of his dear loving children do not as yet see the far country, yet, as the walls of Jericho fell, when the trumpets blew and the people shouted, so now, when many sorrowing souls are crying aloud for help, the walls of prejudice that hide the sanctuary shall fall. The curtains that veil the sacred ark shall be rent, as was the veil of the temple centuries ago, for the Lord's arm is not shortened, and many on this side and on that are making ready to tear away the veil.