

## READERS' QUESTIONS

### *A Shortcut to Heaven? Mother Love as a Factor in Materialization Post-Mortem Fate of Vivisectors*

**QUESTION:** *SOME WRITERS seem to teach that it is possible to go straight from the physical world to the higher spiritual world without having to pass through the lower region of the Desire World, thus escaping all the noisome sights which are peculiar to that region. You, on the other hand, always speak as if it is necessary to pass through every realm of Nature in succession*

**Answer:** We are well aware that some people make statements as above relative to the transition from the physical to the higher spiritual realms by way of what they learnedly call “the atomic sub-planes,” and for guidance as to who is right we can only refer you to the Law of Analogy—“As above so below”—which is the master-key to all mysteries, spiritual or physical, for the law is one, in whatever realm of Nature we investigate. You know that it is impossible for a diver to get to the bottom of the sea without starting at the surface and descending through the intervening water; it is also evident that it is impossible for an airplane to ascend above the clouds without first passing through the intervening space of air between the earth and the clouds.

The soul after death also gradually ascends through the various spiritual realms to the Third Heaven and at the time of rebirth it gradually descends through the Region of Concrete Thought, the Desire World and the Ether to physical rebirth. These are facts known to many who have investigated and beyond dispute or argument to the occult scientist as much as it is beyond argument to the

material scientist that the earth moves on its axis, and anyone who contends otherwise is simply mistaken.

Nor does the writer say this solely upon the basis of his own experience, for he is acquainted with hundreds of others who possess the ability of functioning outside the body in the various spiritual realms. He has never expressly discussed this phase of super-physical experience with any of them, but their repeated reference to things which happened to different ones when passing through the lower realms of the Desire World and the Ether make him feel certain that none of his acquaintances have ever mounted to the higher realms of the Desire World or the Region of Concrete Thought without first passing through the Ether and the lower strata of the Desire World, the Purgatorial Region.

Furthermore, even if there were such a short-cut as that mentioned from the physical world to the higher spiritual realms do you think that one of God's helpers would ever make use of it for the sake of escaping the noisome sights seen and the suffering to be found there? Most assuredly not! The Christ never turned in disgust from a leper or anyone else in sorrow and in affliction. He always sought them out in order that He might heal and help them.

What good do you think there is, and what work do you think an Invisible Helper can do in the First Heaven and the Region of Concrete Thought, where there is no sorrow, suffering and misery, but where all is happiness and joy? There he is not needed by any means. His work lies in the very

regions which these writers profess to be able to skip and if there were such a short-cut as mentioned no true Invisible Helper would ever want to make use of it. But as a matter of fact there is no such byway to Heaven.

#### MOTHER LOVE AS A FACTOR IN MATERIALIZATION

**Question:** *Is it possible for a mother who has passed into the invisible world to help her children directly or indirectly? Does she make hands of flesh with which to work, or in what way does she aid them?*

**Answer:** The Society for Psychical Research has investigated a number of cases where it has been shown that the mother has materialized in order to save her small children from disaster or accidents. There is no doubt that many young mothers are earth-bound for a long time by the love they bear their small and helpless children. We feel certain that if they were able they would often manifest to give them help and comfort, but the seed atom having been ruptured at the time of death, they are not able to draw to themselves even the most attenuated gaseous matter that would make them visible, except in a very few cases where the need is so great that it begets in the mother a desire of such dynamic intensity that for a moment or two it compels the physical atoms to marshal themselves into her body and enables her to do that which she desires.

Thus she performs a magical feat, without knowing how she has done it, and of course she cannot repeat it unless it happens under similar circumstances.

In this respect the people who have passed into the invisible worlds differ radically from the Invisible Helpers who leave their body at will. The silver cord is intact in their case, and this gives them a continuous connection with the physical seed atom. Its magnetism is therefore exerted and it requires a subconscious effort on the part of the Invisible Helper to keep the physical particles from flowing into the etheric vehicle in which he travels.

On the other hand, when he desires to aid anyone who may be in distress or to perform a certain work, he materializes a hand or an arm with the

greatest of ease simply by allowing the physical atoms in his closest environment to flow into the etheric matrix.

When he has performed the desired task, another effort of thought scatters the strange atoms and dematerializes the hand or arm. Thus, for instance, when working inside the body of a patient to manipulate a diseased organ or stanch the blood in an artery, fingers are made temporarily from the flesh of the patient without causing him the least discomfort, and are as readily dissolved when the work is done.

#### POST-MORTEM FATE OF VIVISECTORS

**Question:** *Does a surgeon feel in Purgatory all the pains his patients have felt in the operations he has performed. This would seem unfair in cases of constructive surgery.*

**Answer:** Certainly not. The sufferings in Purgatory are the results of moral delinquencies, and the resentment of those who are injured thereby. A surgeon who performs a constructive operation is doing a service which merits the gratitude of the person operated upon and the picture of such an operation in the panorama of life will react upon him in the First Heaven with the gratitude of the person he helped. It will make him more ambitious to serve his fellow men.

On the other hand, those unscrupulous surgeons who persuade people to have operations performed for the love of experimentation, or who take them out of charitable institutions for that purpose will certainly be as severely dealt with as they deserve.

As for the vivisectionist's purgatory, we have seen some cases compared with which the orthodox hell with its devil and pitchfork is a place of mild amusement. Yet there are no exterior agents of outraged nature to punish such an one—only the agonies of the tortured animal contained in his life panorama reacting on him with threefold intensity (because the purgatorial existence is only one third the duration of the physical life).

Those people do not realize in the slightest degree what they are storing up for themselves, or the torture chambers would soon be emptied and there would be one less horror in the world. □