IS THERE A WORLD OF SPIRIT BEHIND MATTER?

Dr. Heysinger Finds That Scientists Corroborate Many of the Claims of Spiritism

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Dr. Heysinger has found that scientists corroborate many of the claims of spiritism. "It seems, then," he concludes, "after some discussion of theories that attempt to account for the after death experience, that all theories of an after death experience should be considered as one of the possibilities of the human organism and its energy."

Many chapters of the book are devoted to the discussion of spiritism, both of the psychic phenomena. The conviction that there is something besides matter or stuff in the physical universe, something which has at least certain certain characteristics, as an objective reality, though of a nature and kind and in fact quite different from ordinary scientific knowledge and to evidence that psychology, including both the spiritualistic theory of the universe and the manifestation of so-called spirit phenomena, is winning the right to be regarded as a true science and to be studied in all its phases by scientific

Regarding spirit phenomena, the author brings forward, as evidence of their reality, the testimony of well-known and respected men. Augustus De Morgan, for many years Professor of Mathematics and afterward Dean of University College, London, who has been listed as one of England's six greatest contributors to the advancement of science, a hundred years ago:

"I am perfectly convinced that I have both seen and heard, in a manner which should make belief impossible, things which are not possible by any rational being to be capable of explanation by imposture, coincidence, or mistake."

William Crookes, whose investigations of and belief in spirit phenomena are well known, declaretshis opinion concerning the crucial matters in his President's address to the British Association for the Advancement of Science. He declared that he would not retract. I adhere to my already published statements. Indeed I might add much there to."

Crookes' own account of his experiences with the materialized "Kate King" is quoted at length.

There are many pages also which detail experiments in telepathy, crystal vision, phrenetics writing, "dowsing" or water finding, and other operations resulting from accounts of happenings in countries in all parts of the world, and yet the notes are in such a way that it is not strange that Dr. Heysinger sings this little paean over what he believes to be the new and more subtle nature of the world of science and learning.

"The time has come at last, and empirical science and the divinest vocation and Spiritualism are advancing with giant sweeps. And this time they come victorious and wide-spread, and failed, even during this weary time of waiting, and a reawakened psychology, with new weapons and new science, in the reno of the low, glorious golden fulness, full of fullness, and the sky is all sight with their approach."

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