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Communicating with God's World of Spirit – its laws and its purpose

Personal experiences of a Catholic priest

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2. 0 The Laws Governing Spirit Communication with Material Creation

2. 1 The law of “OD-Energy” (Life force)

Introductory Remarks I have come to realize that everything that God has ordained is eternally valid. Nothing can be added to it and nothing taken away from it. God has arranged it thus so that we may revere Him. (Ecclesiastes 3:14)

Already at my first contact with the spirit world I was promised that I would be taught about the laws governing the ways in which communication by spirits with the material world and especially with mankind takes place.

The fulfillment of this promise would be for me a new and incontrovertible proof of the truth of what I had previously learned from this source. I myself knew nothing of those laws. Still less could the mediums, who were inexperienced in all branches of science, know anything about such laws; hence they were unable to impart any teachings on the subject from their own knowledge.

The promise given to me was kept in a far greater measure than I had dared to hope. The instruction I received about the laws relating to communication with the spirit world exhibited a clarity and a power of conviction inherent to truth only. All my questions were answered exhaustively, down to the last detail. Never did I find the slightest contradiction in what was taught me. Everything meshed, as in the mechanism of a high-quality clock.

My teacher was the same spirit that on the occasion of our second meeting had promised to initiate me into every truth, and it used the same boy as its medium as then. The fact that the boy had only an average education also gave credence to the words of the Apostle Paul:

1. Corinthians 1: 27-28: ‘God has chosen that which the world calls foolish to shame the wise; and the things the world calls lowly and contemptuous have been chosen by God to bring to nought that which looms large in the eyes of the world, for no mortal shall be able to boast of his own accomplishments before God.’

The beginning of the psychic full-trance transmission

“You mortals,” so the spirit began its teachings, “seem to assume that only the world of matter is subject to laws.”

That is a mistake!

- *For God is a God of law and order in spiritual as well as terrestrial creation. In His doings He Himself observes the laws He made, disregarding none of them. “Thus, we spirits too must observe the laws of nature ordained by God whenever we wish to communicate with the material world. This is true for the good as well as the evil spirit world.*

You are in the habit of calling everything a ‘*miracle*’ that you *cannot* explain with nature’s laws as you know them. For those familiar with the forces acting in the material and the spiritual world there is *no such thing* as a ‘miracle’, for everything happens according to the same immutable laws, not one of which supersedes or changes another.

If you lift up a stone with your hand, the law of 'gravitation', as you call it, acting on the stone is not thereby set aside, but it is overcome by the greater force of your hand. If, however, a stone were lifted up by a hand *invisible* to you, you would consider that a 'miracle' because you would not see the force, and hence would think the stone was rising of its own volition. And yet in both cases a force must be present that causes the stone to be lifted. Whether you can see the force or not does not affect the process itself. In either case the force of gravitation acting on the stone is overcome by a stronger force.

- *Even God Himself, in consequence of the laws enacted by His Own omnipotence, cannot make a stone raise itself.*

He might indeed have made matter subject to different laws; but having made the laws governing all earthly events as they are, *He too* must, when a stone is to be lifted, implement a force that is greater than that of the gravitation acting upon the stone.

The same thing is true in all fields.

There is also *nothing* 'miraculous' going on when the spirit world communicates perceptibly with you mortals and speaks to you. Whenever I speak to you through this boy, I do so according to *fixed laws*, which I am bound to observe and which would have to be observed in the same way by any evil spirit wanting to speak through him.

Consider your telephones! How many of nature's laws must be complied with before a conversation can take place! You must have a current. Wires and other elements required for the transmission of speech must be installed. They must correspond to the laws of electricity and of acoustics. It makes no difference whether the telephone is used by a good citizen or by a criminal; both are subject to the *same* laws of telephone communication.

In order that you may understand the things you will witness in the domain of spirit communication it is *important* that you learn the most important laws involved in communication between the spirit world and material creation. When you have grasped these, you will be able to understand most of what you will encounter in this field, things that so far seem so inexplicable to you mortals.

Because of their different natures, spirit and matter cannot act upon each other directly. Not even your own spirit is capable by itself of activating a limb or organ of your body. Not even I, who have taken possession of the body of this boy, can make his body sit up or raise his hands or produce a sound with his organs of speech by my own efforts alone. In order to do these things, your own spirit and I as well require a *power current*. "In the same way, the operator of a machine requires a constant supply of power furnished by steam or electricity if his machine is to function. If that supply is lacking or is inadequate, the machine will stand still.

- *In our case the spirit is the machinist. The machine is the body or matter. If the matter is to be set in motion by the spirit, a power current is necessary.*

The learned men of old called this power current in human beings the '*soul*', as distinguished from 'spirit' and 'body'. Thus, they taught, quite correctly, that man is made up of spirit, soul and body. The Bible calls the power current or vital energy the '*breath of life*'.

Genesis 2: 7 '... and God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life; thus, man became a living being.'

Scientists of today call the power current in man the '*Odic force*'. This '*Odic*' or life force exists in and around all things created by God. Every human being, every animal, every plant, every stone, every mineral, all water, every heavenly body, every spirit and all other existing things possess Odic force. It is nothing material, but is spiritual and always associated with a spirit.

- *It is the life force of the spirit, which is therefore always its conveyor. Hence, wherever there is life, there is Od, and wherever there is Od, there is spirit. Since this Odic force exists in and around all things created by God and is always associated with spirit, it follows that there is a spirit in everything created.*

That sounds incredible to you, yet it is the truth. Any spirit associated with a material body possesses, first of all, the Odic force required for its own existence as a spirit, and next, sufficient additional Odic force to induce life, growth and activity in the earthly body. Similarly, to make use of an inadequate earthly parable, a locomotive requires a certain amount of steam power to put itself in motion, and a certain amount of additional steam to enable it to pull the cars that are coupled onto it. The car coupled onto your spirit is your body, for which your spirit requires special additional Odic power.

However, the Od set aside for the body differs from that set aside for the spirit, since anything that is to act upon matter must be *assimilated* and *adapted* to it to some extent. Hence the Od of earthly bodies is *less spiritual* than that of the spirits inhabiting them.

- *The physical Od resembles your terrestrial power currents, which are neither purely material nor purely spiritual. Their true nature is unknown to you, although you experience their effect on a daily basis.*

For your *terrestrial* power currents, you employ material conductors, designed to carry a current of the strength best suited to your needs. You have machines and equipment of all kinds, and plants whose operation requires current of a certain strength. If the current is too powerful, it will destroy your equipment. If it is too feeble, the equipment will stop running.

In like manner the Odic current of all physical beings is carried by a conductor throughout the body with all of its wonderful units, which you call organs, in the required strength. If the current exerts too powerful an effect on a given organ, it will create disorder. If it is too feeble, the functions of the organ will cease.

- *The blood is the conductor of the Odic force.*

If the conductor is destroyed by loss or decomposition of the blood, the Odic current also ceases, just as your power currents cease to flow when your conducting wires are damaged by outside agencies or by corrosion.

Because blood is the conductor for the Od, and hence physical life is impossible without blood, the Bible calls blood '*the seat of life*'.

Deuteronomy 12: 23 'Blood is the seat of life.'

- *The physical Od is not created by the spirit of the respective body, but is derived from the food taken into that body.*

2. 1. 1 The nature of matter (Psychic full trance transmission)

In order that you may understand what I shall have to say further about Odic energy, I must explain to you the *nature of matter*. “Have you ever tried to understand how the bodies of living organisms are formed? Consider your own body and its growth! Was it, by any chance, built up by adding on finished substance, as a house is built by placing one stone upon another? You know for yourself that your body was not built up in this way.

- *The body is nothing but Od condensed into matter*

This is true of all bodies, not only those of human beings, but also those of animals, plants and minerals. Their growth and their taking material form are subject to those self-same laws of Odic condensation. “The Od of individual material organisms comprises a mixture of Od of the most varied strength and kinds, produced by wonderful laws unknown to you mortals. The mixture is *different* in human beings than in animals, *different* in animals than in plants, and *different* in plants than in minerals.

This difference in Od mixture obtains not only between the primary stages of nature, but also between individual organisms within the *same* stage. Thus, the Odic composition of the various human races differs: that of the Negro is not the same as that of the white man or of the Indian. Furthermore, not all members of the white race have the same Odic composition. This is true also for all the other races of mankind. Every individual has his own Odic composition.

- *There are, therefore, no two human beings with exactly the same Od and the same applies to animals, plants and minerals.*

Since, therefore, the physical structure of a living organism results from the condensation of the Odic mixture peculiar to that organism, each body has its own individual physical properties. In every living being, flesh, bones, nails, hair, and all other parts of the body have their distinctive characteristics, which are based on the Odic composition of the individual in question. In your human eyes it is one of nature’s deep secrets how Od, which exists in an ethereal form and is invisible to you, can be condensed into tangible matter. *That* it is possible you know from your own daily experience, for you can see that your body does not grow by the direct application to it of finished matter. You know that the acorn does not grow into an oak by having more and more bits of oak wood attached to it, but that its growth represents a process taking place within the organism. You know, furthermore, that the food you eat does not attach itself to the inner surfaces of your body and promote growth in that way, but that an unknown something flows into all parts, great and small, of your entire body, condensing into flesh, bone, nails, hair and other tissue, and by thus condensing becomes matter.

- *That something, which is unknown to you, is Od.*

Where, you may ask, does this Od, which is so necessary for the formation and support of all living beings, come from? You can find the answer yourself, if you stop to think about what the needs of your physical existence are: you require air, water and food. But *not everything* present in the air, water or food can be utilized by the body. Above all, it cannot be assimilated by the various parts of your body in the form in which it occurs in the air, water or food, that is to say, not in its material form. Even air is matter. Everything must first be converted into an ethereal form, and conducted in the form of Od to all parts of the body, great and small.

- *The conversion of the material nutrients into Od proceeds by way of the dissolving that takes place in your bodies during the process of digestion.*

The air you breathe comprises a material mixture of Od, from which your lungs extract only those parts of the Od that your bodies require, exhaling those they cannot use, in the process of breathing. The Od in the air is not used for the construction of the body as such, but rather more for the creation of various energy streams that come from the digestion of food, its dissolution in Od, the mixture of various Od types and finally its compression into physical matter. All dissolutions happen through hot and all compressions through cold streams of Od. This is why you can only exist without the Od in the air for a few moments. Because when it is lacking, all other Od effects stop of their own accord.

Water also has an Odic composition of its own. The Od of water is needed most of all by the bodies of human beings, animals and plants, for these bodies are for the most part a condensation of the Od taken from water. Therefore, water-Od predominates in the foods derived from the plant and animal kingdoms, so that when you eat this food, you generally also receive the necessary quantity of water-Od.

Because the Od of water plays so important a role in all bodies, they cannot go without it for any great length of time. Your professional fasters may be able to do without solid food for weeks on end, but if they were deprived of water, they would soon die. For the same reason animals and plants perish when denied the Od of water for a prolonged period. Now you also understand why the torture of thirst is the greatest torture that any living being can experience; it constitutes death in its most painful form.

Now we still need the answer to the question: where does the Od found in air, water and food come from? It comes from the earth.

- *The earth, as a heavenly body, possesses an Odic mixture and an Odic radiation that contain every kind of Od required for the support of all living beings on it.*

The terrestrial Od consists of the Od peculiar to the earth as a heavenly body; in addition, the earth absorbs into its own Odic mixture the Odic radiation of all the heavenly bodies within range of the earth. Each of these heavenly bodies has a specific Od peculiar to itself, of a nature and composition not found in any other heavenly body.

According to the position of those heavenly bodies with respect to the earth, their Odic radiation will have a greater or lesser effect upon it, and since the position of the heavenly bodies relative to each other changes every second, the Odic radiations sent to the earth by those bodies will vary accordingly.

- *The blending of the Od of your earth with that of the heavenly bodies around it is of the greatest importance to life and growth upon the earth.*

You must also remember that every kind of Od possesses powers peculiar to itself.

- *To the extent, then, that the bodily Od of an infant at the moment of its birth stands under the one-sidedly strong influence of the Od of one or more heavenly bodies, to that extent the infant's own Odic composition will be affected.*

At the time of birth, this composition is, as it were, still fairly neutral, but at that instant it is given a fixed permanent trend by the Odic radiations and mixtures acting upon it. “If, in producing a mixture in a glass, you pour in a large amount of one substance, that reduces the amounts you can add of other substances. The whole mixture will then be characterized by that substance of which you added a large amount – in colour, smell, taste and other external features. You cannot later reduce the amount of the substance of which you added too much, nor can you dilute it by adding larger amounts of other substances, for the glass cannot be filled beyond its capacity.

- *The same is true of the Od mixture of a newborn infant. The total amount of Od is predetermined and cannot be increased.*

If, now, a particular type of Od constitutes the *major component* of the whole, it will determine the infant’s growth and development for all time. Since the different Od types each develop completely individual vital energies, the particular nature of the major component of the Od will give to the newborn infant – in addition to its individual *physical* characteristics – an individual set of *character* traits.

- *It is, therefore, neither superstition nor idle fancy to assume that one can draw conclusions about a person’s physical nature and character from the moment of his birth.*

The influence of the Od of the heavenly bodies upon your life on earth, upon your vital energies, your character and your temperament is much greater than you realize. You yourselves have a saying: ‘He was born under a lucky or an unlucky star’.. This refers to the effect exerted by the Odic radiation of a heavenly body on living beings at the moment of their birth. All this is so closely related to the great questions of the destiny of human beings that I could not entirely refrain from speaking of it.

- *All bodies of terrestrial beings are therefore condensed Od, derived from the Odic radiation of the earth and that of its surrounding heavenly bodies.*

An example taken from nature will illustrate to you this *process of dissolution and condensation*: “You know that moisture from the ground and from bodies of water evaporates under the influence of heat, although this is generally imperceptible to your eyes. At a certain height above the earth, the vapor, which was invisible at lower levels, condenses into a thin, barely perceptible veil of mist. As condensation progresses, this veil becomes distinctly visible as a cloud, which grows denser and denser under the influence of cold, until, after condensing even more, it falls to the ground as rain or snow. If the water is chilled still further, it condenses into ice and becomes a solid. Here you have the condensation, step by step, of an ethereal substance invisible to your eyes into solid matter, which you cannot only see and touch, but which also exhibits considerable resistance. Thus, the sheet of ice that covers your streams, ponds and rivers is *solidified* water, of the same composition and distinctive properties as the water from which it is formed and which in turn is *condensed vapour*.”

- *Thus, just as vapor rises from the earth and step by step turns into solid matter as ice, only to dissolve again into water and back into vapor, so it is with all terrestrial bodies. They are derived from the Od of the earth, invisible to you, which is condensed into matter by the process of growth and which returns to the Od of the earth after the death of the living organism.*

The words ‘of earth thou art, to earth shalt thou return’ therefore apply to all terrestrial beings. This is the continual cycle that will endure until all matter is finally dissolved into Od and not re-

condensed into material bodies. Later I will have more to tell you about this. From what I have said you can deduce that in every terrestrial being there are three forms of Od:

1. The *Od of the Spirit* embodied in this being.
2. The somewhat more condensed Od that is still invisible to the human eye and that is the body's *life force*.
3. And the Od that has become solid matter, which you call the *body*.

The *Od representing the life force* of the body always remains connected with the Od of the spirit and hence with the spirit itself. It is the bodily 'fuel' under the control of the spirit, just as your terrestrial power current is the 'fuel' at the engineer's command. If, therefore, the 'fuel' for the body is *diminished* below the point required to maintain life, *the spirit departs from the body* and corporeal death ensues. Similarly, the machinist abandons his machine when he can no longer keep it running for lack of power.

- *When terrestrial bodies die, the Odic force remains with the spirit, for earthly bodies possess no independent Odic force of their own; only the spirits that have taken possession of the bodies have such force.*

Nevertheless, the spirit can with *its own* Odic force through the exercise of its willpower strengthen the Od of its body, which may have become *weakened* by sickness; it can stimulate the activity of sluggish bodily organs and thereby eliminate injurious matter from the system. In these circumstances it is of course essential that the weakened body avoid eating harmful foods, and that it promote the effect of the spirit Od by means of a wholesome diet. To use another concrete metaphor, the spirit in this case works by its own Odic energy like a powerful pressure pump upon the physical Od and on the conductor of the Odic current, namely, the blood.

How much strength the spirit of a person can infuse into the physical Od of its body through *its own* Odic force by *exercising its willpower* can be seen through numerous occurrences. Often paralysed persons threatened with great danger receive such strengthening of their bodily Odic force through the willpower of the spirit, which is focused on saving the individual, that their paralysis is gone and the use of their limbs is restored to them, at least temporarily.

The same effect is produced by a patient's heightened *hope for healing*. This is also an act of will, and, through the strength it imparts to the Odic force of the body, it leads to many sudden recoveries, which you regard as miracles.

- *Willpower expressed in courage, hope, faith and cheerfulness is therefore the best remedy and, incidentally, the best safeguard against contagious diseases. The Od of the body, reinforced by willpower, forms as it were a protective wall that prevents the entry of noxious germs. The greater the willpower, the stronger this invisible armour.*
- *A spirit's lack of willpower, despondency, fear and timidity have the opposite effect. They act like a suction pump that draws the physical Od, together with the blood, inward out of the body and its organs, thus weakening the system and paving the way for infection.*

Just as the spirit is able to lend strength to its body's physical Od when this has become weakened by sickness, so the Odic force of healthy persons may be transmitted to, and invigorate, the sick.

Odic transmissions of this sort are what you call '*magnetisation*'.

- *Od can be transmitted by any living being to another, not only from human to human, but also from humans to animals, plants and minerals.*

By transmitting your own personal Od to plants you can promote their growth. You can magnetize water, oil and similar substances, infusing them, as it were, with your own Od and thereby hasten the recovery of the sick who drink of that water or who are anointed with that oil.

Man can also use the Od of plants, beasts and minerals for his own healing.

- *It is upon this reciprocal transfer of Od that the laws of healing power within God's Creation are based.*

Thus, the skin of many living animals radiates a particular Od that has healing powers. The healing power of many plants is widely known, although unfortunately the people of today are not as familiar with the curative properties of specific plants for the various diseases as were the people of ancient times. The same is true of the minerals. Most people think it superstition to believe that every precious stone has an Odic power of its own, and yet it is precisely the Od of precious stones that possesses unusual purity and strength and invigorates the persons wearing them.

It is, of course, essential for the wearer to select the stone that is best suited to his personal Od and one that does not contain Odic forces that conflict with the individual's own Odic radiations. You have books that will instruct you further as to which precious stone is best suited for which individual, depending on the wearer's date of birth.

A very important factor in all healing is *the transmission of Od from one person to another*. A sick child soon feels better when its healthy mother snuggles it against her body, for by so doing she transmits her own healthy Od to the sick child and strengthens the latter's Od, which has become enfeebled by sickness.

- *A healthy person who sleeps with sick or old people imparts a share of his Odic force to them. His sick or old bedfellows are invigorated thereby, while the healthy person grows steadily weaker by the continued expenditure of his Od.*

That is the reason why healthy persons who sleep with old or sick people for any great length of time take on a *sickly appearance*, which is a consequence of the weakening of their own Odic force. For this reason, children should *not* be allowed to sleep in the same bed with old folks.

- *Od flows through all parts of terrestrial bodies and radiates even a bit beyond them. This radiation that surrounds terrestrial bodies has been called 'aura' by your scientists.*

Everything in Creation has such an Odic aura, even the great heavenly bodies.

- *What you call the gravity of the earth is its power of Odic radiation, whose range bears a specific relation to the size of the globe. This is also true of all other cosmic bodies. There is not a point anywhere in the universe that is unaffected by the Odic radiation of some heavenly body.*

The Odic aura surrounds the material body at an *equal* distance from every point. Consequently the 'aura' has the *shape of the body* to which it belongs and which it encompasses. For this reason, one

speaks of the '*Odic body*', or the '*astral body*', or the '*fluid body*', of material beings, as distinguished from their material bodies. It is what the Bible calls the '*spiritual body*'. It is not visible to your corporeal eyes, but so-called '*clairvoyants*' endowed with the gift of spiritual sight can see these Odic radiations or '*Odic bodies*'.

- *The spirit is the source of life, but the scope and the activity of your lives are determined by the Odic force connected with the spirit and hence called the life force. This force manifests itself in vibrations of the Od.*

Every expression of intellectual life, every expression of life about you in nature, all natural forces are Odic vibrations.. All thought and all volition are expressed in the corresponding Odic vibrations, set in motion by the spirit, as the bearer of the Od. Every physical sensation, every mental emotion is caused by Odic vibrations. All tones, colours, Odours, tastes and tactile sensations are produced by specific Odic vibrations. In the spiritual world these are vibrations of the *pure ethereal* Od.

In material creation, they are vibrations of Od in its more or less *condensed* form. "Everything that you see on earth, all growth, blossoming and ripening, all power currents and radiation, electricity, radio, ether waves, light, darkness, all the nuances of tone, colour, Odour, taste and touch, all power currents in the universe, the force of gravity exercised by the heavenly bodies and their motion in space – everything rests upon these Odic vibrations.

A sage of ancient times observed: 'Everything is in a state of flux.'

He should have said: '*Everything is in a state of vibration.*'

The great *divine secret of numbers* is based on the vibrations of the Odic force flowing through the entire universe and permeating its tiniest particle. You little humans will never fathom this secret. You seek the unity number in world events, but you will not find it. It is true that you have discovered many facts connected with this secret of numbers. You know the number of vibrations that produce the notes familiar to you, and you are trying to discover the number of Odic vibrations on which the colours are based, but what does all that represent in the vast ocean of truth inaccessible to you? You cannot break the seven seals of God's Creation; you can only bow your heads in wonder and reverence before the Almighty's wisdom and omnipotence.

From what little I have told you about Odic vibrations, let us now draw a few conclusions that are *important* for our purposes.

You will find that it stands to reason that *harmony* in Odic vibrations stands for beauty, health, happiness, peace and good fortune, whereas *disharmony* in these vibrations must be the cause of ugliness, sickness, suffering and unhappiness. Just as disharmonious tones and colours offend your esthetical sense and, as it were, actually cause you mental pain, so it is on the spiritual plane when a created spirit loses its harmony with its Creator. The disharmony is reflected in corresponding vibrations of the spiritual Od. It produces spiritual ugliness, sickness, discontent and unhappiness, in short, spiritual suffering, which grows in the same measure as the spirit's disharmony with God *increases*.

The extreme of disharmony, where the created spirit and its Maker are total opposites, thus also means the greatest measure of spiritual anguish and misery – it is what you call *hell*. And since the greatest disharmony in Odic vibrations also represents the greatest contrast to beauty and light, which presuppose the most perfect harmony, so hell must be a *condition of the utmost ugliness* of

the Odic body and of the most profound darkness. These conclusions are based on eternal laws.

It is not God who throws you into hell, but *your disharmony* with everything good and beautiful, with everything that is spiritually wholesome and pure, with light and life. That is why hell is *spiritual death*, into which a person plunges whose spiritual nature is in greatest contrast with the Divine nature. Disharmonious Odic vibrations of the spirit are the *diving rudder* of spirit flight, whereas harmony is the *elevating rudder*.

- *The most important task of every living being is to banish this disharmony out of its spiritual life.*

However, the Odic vibrations of living beings are influenced not only by the thoughts and moods of their own spirits, but also by those of other beings whose Odic vibrations they take in. If, therefore, *clairsentient people* come into close enough contact with the Odic vibrations of others, they will take in their feelings also. This law is the basis for the ability to ‘feel one’s way’ into the sensations, character, way of thinking and fate of another person.

All Odic vibrations in a living being leave behind in their *own* Odic bodies impressions similar to those made by the vibrations of the notes of a song on a phonograph record, allowing that song to be rendered audible again and again afterwards, and not simply as far as the notes are concerned, but with the same expression of feeling the singer gave to the song while singing it. This is also the basis of the *power of memory*: the deeper the impressions made on this Odic plate, the more easily they can be recalled.

The same process that takes place in material form in the case of a phonographic record goes on spiritually in the case of the sensations impressed on the consciousness of clairsentients as soon as they come into close enough contact with the spiritual Odic record of another person. This contact produces in their own Od the same vibrations, and consequently the same sensations, as those present on the records of the other person.

From what you have learned you know that specific vibrations of Odic force produce not only a specific tone, but also a specific colour, smell, taste and tactile sensation. The sensations of cold and heat are likewise based on such Odic vibrations.

- *There are clairsentients who can see a tone as a colour and who can even tell colours by the sense of touch, being able to detect differences in colour from differences in the radiation of heat or cold given off by the various hues.*

Others can discern the emotions of love or hatred, of good or ill will, of courage or fear, of faithfulness or unfaithfulness in their fellowmen not only through their own sensations, but in the corresponding *coloured pictures*, and so are able to portray the concepts of love, faithfulness, sorrow, joy, hatred or envy in a coloured picture. All this rests on the Odic vibrations that accompany their sensations.

- *Od is therefore also the conveyor of our physical sensations.*

Hence, if the Od is *forced out* of a limb of your body, that limb also loses all feeling. The Od may be forced out of the entire body or out of parts of the body in a great many ways. It may be expelled by *strokes* or by *internal ruptures* that interfere with the operation of the blood as the Od carrier.

- *Physicians habitually expel the Od by means of anaesthetics.*

Alcohol consumed in excess will also cause the expulsion of Od and thereby bring on partial or complete insensibility. The sense of feeling returns as soon as the body has gotten rid of those foreign substances.

Contrariwise, feeling persists even after a corporeal limb has been *separated* from its body, for the Odic body of a terrestrial being remains intact, even after a limb of the corporeal body has been removed.

- *A person who has lost a leg, therefore, still has the Odic leg, and since Od is the conveyor of feeling, the person often feels as though he had not lost the corporeal limb at all, even after it is gone.*

He feels pains in the knee, the calf, the heel or the toes of a leg that is no longer part of his body. Anyone who has undergone amputation will bear out this statement.

- *Because the Od remains with the spirit when the latter leaves the body at corporeal death and is the conveyor of physical sensations, it is possible for the disembodied spirit to experience the same sensations as a spirit still inhabiting the material body. For this reason, the spirits of the departed are able to feel pain as acutely as they could during their earthly life.*

Spirits of those deceased who because of the lives they led have been committed to a lower (inferior) sphere believe that they still inhabit the earth as human beings. This is because: first, they still have the same sensations they had as living human beings; second, they look upon their Odic bodies as bodies of flesh and blood, because the Odic body has *exactly the same* shape and appearance as the material one; and finally, they have lost all recollection of their corporeal death.

- *The Od of each living being has a distinctive Odour.*

Since Od is spiritual in its nature, its Odour is perceived through spiritual powers of perception and not through the physical sense of smell. The Odour of the Od of each living being differs from that of any other. Just as there are no two individuals with the same physique and the same features, so no two human beings have the same Od and the same Odic Odour. As every spirit, even a disembodied one, possesses an Odic body, so, likewise, disembodied spirits have their own characteristic Od smell, which is the more *unpleasant*, the *lower* the spirit. That is why the old books, when reporting of the appearance of the Devil, speak of his arriving with a vile stench.

Due to the fact that the Od extends beyond the body in the shape of the aura, it can be perceived by others from its smell. Something of the Odic scent of a living being adheres to every object that its Odic radiations touch.

- *It is by the Odic scent that a dog can tell its master's belongings and tracks.*

The Odic scent leads police dogs onto the trails of criminals. Only when the original trail has been obscured by later ones whose Odic scent is fresh does it become difficult or impossible to follow the old trail.

- *The Odic radiation of a living organism with its characteristic scent adheres not only to coarse-grained matter with which it came into contact, but also to such fine-grained substances as the ether through which the organism passed.*

Thus, everything in Creation leaves behind an Odic trace of its presence that links the day of its coming into being with the last day of its life. I can best explain this by a material example. If a wagon laden with a finely ground substance [e.g., flour] is driven along a road, and a constant stream of this substance runs through a crack in the bottom of the wagon to the ground, the course travelled by the wagon can be traced by following the trail of the substance, which is like a band connecting the point of departure of the wagon with that of its destination.

- *Such a band is formed by the emitted Od of every creature on its way through life. It is the trail by which migratory birds find their way back to their homelands and the swallow finds the same roof under which it had once built its nest.*

The Odic sensitivity of these creatures is *extremely well developed*. You call it animal ‘*instinct*’. But this instinct is active only so long as they are in good health. Sick animals, because of the weakening of their Odic powers, lose their Odic sensitivity for following their own or another creature’s trail. For this reason, migratory birds that are in poor health cannot find their way home, and a sick dog cannot follow its master’s trail or its own.

There are *also human beings* whose Odic sensitivity is so great that they can perceive the Odic scent of another individual at some distance and find it pleasant (they find the person likeable) or repulsive (they dislike the person), even if they have never met or otherwise come to know the individual in question.

- *Mutual attraction or repulsion ‘at first sight’ is merely the reaction to Odic sensitivity. Hence the popular expression: ‘They can’t stand each other.’ (in German: Sie können sich nicht riechen. ‘They cannot (bear the) smell (of) each other.’)*

Od is among the most wonderful things in God’s Creation. The Odic band not only keeps you in touch with everything with which you came into contact in life, but it also reflects your entire life: every experience, every act, every utterance, every thought of yours is reproduced by it as in a film.

- *It is the ‘Book of Life’, in which everything is recorded. It is a photographic record that retains and reproduces everything. It is a film that does not lie, and whose revelations cannot be denied. It is the evidence by which you will one day be judged by your Creator.*

For every terrestrial being its predestined fate is imprinted in its Od from the outset and can be seen both in the Odic body as a whole as well as in every particle of the Od. The fate of a being can therefore also be read in the Odic particles adhering as emissions to everything with which that being has come into contact. Not all that you do or suffer in life is predestined. *Most* of it results from the self-determination of your own free will. Only the general path of your lives, together with certain turning points along that path, is predestined. What you do while traveling that path and how you act at those turning points is for you to decide. That is your responsibility.

- *Your life has one purpose only: to raise your spirit to a higher level on the road that has been mapped out for you, to bring it nearer to God. Your path through life is one of tests. Its nature and length are fixed in advance; these you cannot change. The turning points on that path are intermediate exams, and corporeal death is the end of the path.*

Whether you do your duty as you go along the predestined path or not depends on your free will. Whoever passes the final examination, his spirit will continue to progress in the Beyond until it reaches its final goal: union with God.

- *Whoever fails must take the tests over again until he can pass them. Passing or failing are not predestined, but depend on your own merit or shortcomings.*

The Christian religions do not recognise this truth.

They do not know that the Creator works like an architect who first draws the plans according to which a building is to be constructed. These plans do not give all the details of the interior construction of the building or of the materials to be used for that purpose, but *only the outer contours*. In a like way, God has laid out the *major lines* for the life structure of every individual, according to which life is fixed in outline, leaving each person free to decide upon the *interior* details.

There are many references in the Bible to the fact that man's fate is predestined.

Ecclesiastes 9: 12: 'Man does not even know the hour that has been set for him.'

Psalms 139: 16: 'All the days of my life were set down in Thy book ere they ever took shape.'

And in the Book of Ecclesiastes, you read furthermore:

Ecclesiastes 6: 10-12: 'Everything that happens has been determined long ago, and from the beginning it is set what a person will experience, and no one can demand an explanation from Him Who is stronger than he. The subject is much talked about, but that is useless, for who knows what is good for a person in life?'

Psalms 31: 16: 'My fate lies in Thy hands.'

The prophet Jeremiah utters the words:

Jeremiah 10: 23: 'Oh Lord, I know that man's fate lies not in his own hands and that a person going through life may not direct his own steps.'

Deuteronomy 32: 35: Their doom is rushing upon them.'

Birth and death and the span of life that lies between them are predestined and *beyond* man's control. No one, not even a physician, can therefore save a person's life. Every person dies at the appointed moment.

Ecclesiastes 8: 8: 'No one has power over his day of death.'

Christ confirms this truth with the words:

Matthew 6: 27: 'Who is there among you with all his worries who can prolong his allotted time of life by a single span?'

The Lord said to Moses:

Deuteronomy 31:14: 'See, the time is near when you must die.'

Just as a human architect can make alterations to his original construction plans, so it is within the realm of possibility for God, by way of exception, to permit changes in anyone's destiny. Only He can lengthen or shorten the time of a person's life. As the Bible also tells you, God sometimes prolongs the life of one of His servants who has proved faithful and shown himself to be a trustworthy helper in God's Plan of Salvation for winning back those who have fallen away from Him. Thus, to Hezekiah He sends the message:

II Kings 20: 6: 'I will add fifteen years to your life.'

He shortens the foreordained life span of others because they not only fail to perform the life work allotted to them but try to dissuade their fellowmen from fulfilling their duty to God.

Psalms 55: 24: 'These bloodthirsty liars will not live out half their days.'

By "bloodthirsty liars" the Bible does not mean those guilty of actual bloodshed on earth, but of killing the souls of their fellowmen by enticing them away from God.

Proverbs 10: 27: 'The fear of the Lord prolongs days, but the days of the wicked shall be shortened.'

God inspires the prophet Jeremiah to announce to Hananiah:

Jeremiah 28: 16: 'This very year you will die, because you instigated people to disobedience towards the Lord.'

Ezekiel 22: 4: 'By the blood you have shed (by inducing people to separation from God) you have become guilty, and through the idols you have made you have defiled yourself and caused the Days of Judgment to draw near and you have come to the end of your years.'

- *The destiny of the various nations is also foreordained.*

You do not understand these matters because you have no true conception of the causes and ends of the great events of the world. Above all, you are ignorant of the purpose underlying the material Creation and do not know what relationship exists between the incarnated spirit and God's Creation.

"Of these things I shall tell you more hereafter.

I have inserted my remarks *relating to destiny* because they were necessary in connection with my explanation of the Odic force, since otherwise you would not be able to understand what I am about to say about '*clairvoyance*' in its relation to Od.

- *Clairvoyants' are living beings, humans or animals, whose spirit is able to detach itself from the body to such an extent that its power of vision is similar to that of the spirits of the Beyond, which have left their terrestrial bodies altogether.*

A well-trained clairvoyant is able under certain circumstances to read the destiny of another person imprinted upon that person's Od. He can read the whole past of a person whose Od he sees, and not only the part that was predestined, but also those events that have already occurred as a result of the exercise of the individual's free will.

- *Of the future, however, he can read only what is foreordained, but not that which depends on the person's free will.*

The manner of a person's death can be foreseen by a clairvoyant *only when* this also is predestined, for it is not a part of every person's destiny. As a matter of fact, what is foreordained in some cases is left for the individual to determine in others. It is *only the hour of death that is predestined for everyone.*

In order for 'clairvoyance' in this area to be possible, the 'clairvoyant' must in some way establish contact with the Od of the person whose destiny is at issue. He must either have that person before him in the flesh so that the Odic emissions can reach him, or else he must touch some object that has been in that person's possession and to which, consequently, some of his Odic radiation clings.

The ability of a clairvoyant to read sealed letters or to recognize objects he cannot see with his corporeal eyes is also based on this Odic radiation.

- *The more powerful the Odic radiation emanating from the object, the more distinct the clairvoyant's vision.*

If a clairvoyant's spirit is able to detach itself *completely* from his body and actually to leave it, then it is in a position to follow the Odic trail of another person and to ascertain his whereabouts at the moment.

Not all clairvoyance, however, comes about through Odic radiation. Many events that happen at a great distance from the clairvoyant are seen by him at the instant of their occurrence due to the fact that his spirit, having left the body, *is present* at the scene of the event, or else, even though the spirit remains with the body, because the news is imparted to him by the spirit world through 'clairaudience' or shown to him in a picture through 'clairvoyance'.

The future of individuals with whose Odic radiations the clairvoyant has not come into contact, as well as the future of countries, peoples, cities and other communities can be seen by a clairvoyant only when it is shown to him by the spirit world by means of pictures. Producing such pictures, which may depict the coming events either with faithful accuracy or by means of 'symbols', is not difficult for the spirits charged with that task. *Od is the material employed by them for pictures of this kind.*

The future of nations and other coming events were generally revealed to the prophets of the Old Testament by means of symbolic pictures.

Od also possesses colour. This, too, varies for each creature, ranging from the deepest black through trillions of shades to the most resplendent white. You mortals cannot conceive of the diversity of these colours. On some autumn day, study the yellow of the leaves. Among all the leaves that have turned yellow you will not find two that have exactly the same shade of yellow. A similar diversity is to be found in all the colours.

I have repeatedly indicated to you where the reason for the great differences in the scent and colour of Od lies, namely in the spirits of living creatures.

- *The lower the thinking and desires of a spirit in relation to God, the uglier it is as a spirit. Spirits, too, have shape.*

Your human spirits have the shape of your human body, or, to put it more correctly, your human bodies have the shape of your spirits. So also, the bodies of animals are shaped like their spirits, for the physical body has the same shape as the Odic one, and the Odic body is shaped to conform completely to the spirit.

- *With the help of the Od the spirit builds up the physical body to correspond with its own image and its own shape.*

Your so-called scientists will of course ridicule you if you tell them that the incarnated spirits have the shape of the bodies that they inhabit. They cannot conceive of a spirit that has a shape. They believe that only what is material, limited by time and space, can have shape.

They are sorely mistaken!

Spirits are not shapeless, as indeed there is nothing in all creation that has no shape. Spirits have form and shape, and *yet they are not* bound by either time or space, as are material bodies. How, unless each of us has its shape, could we spirits recognize one another? The Angel Michael is different from Gabriel, and Gabriel from Raphael and other spirits, to mention only these Biblical characters.

- *The fact of the matter is, then, that all spirits have shape, beginning with God and His high spirits, all the way down to the most hideously misshapen figures of the depths and to the spirit world incarnated in matter.*

Beauty is harmony and ugliness is disharmony. That is a law that applies to all Creation. The most beautiful face in a portrait can be made utterly hideous by a disharmonious stroke of the brush. In the same way the spirit becomes the uglier in form, and especially in the features of its face, the more disharmonious its attitude toward the Creator, in whose image and likeness it was originally created.

- *Just as the Od surrounding the spirit takes on the latter's shape, so too it shares in the beauty or ugliness of the spirit's colour and scent.*

For this reason, you witness, in the materialization of spirits as it takes place nowadays, that the Odic radiations of a good spirit give off a beautiful light and, as the condensation of the Od progresses, emit a *sweet* scent, whereas the Od of low spirits is *shrouded in darkness* and always causes an *offensive* smell. It is true that mortals cannot always perceive this scent, as it can be detected by your physical sense of smell only in rare instances. These are facts which your scholars have had ample opportunity to confirm.

The harmony or the discord of the spirit is also *transmitted* through the Odic body to the physical body. For this reason, a person's character is expressed in the lines of his body, particularly in the features of his face, and even in the shape of his limbs.

- *Those who are familiar with this law can therefore read the character of the spirit from the lines and shape of the various parts of the body.*

Also, the body's posture, its way of walking, and its *gestures are expressions* of the spirit. For this reason, also a person's character can be judged from his handwriting. That is why the messages communicated through a human medium by the spirit of someone who has died will be written in

the handwriting peculiar to the sender while he was alive on earth; the handwriting changes only when the character of the deceased has undergone a marked improvement in the Beyond.

- *Since a person's destiny appears pictured in his Od like building plans and is transmitted by the Od to his physical body, it can be read also in the lines and marks of his body.*

Hence, whoever is familiar with these marks will be able to see at least a part of what a clairvoyant can see more fully in the Od.

I could dictate to you a very interesting book on all of these interrelated facts, but it is not my task to enrich human knowledge; I am charged only with telling you enough of these matters to enable you to understand the facts of communication by spirits with the material world, and the laws on which that communication is based.

- *Inasmuch as Od is spiritual in its nature, it also has the property, in common with spirits, of being unobstructed by matter of any kind.*

In the same way that it permeates its own (physical) body without meeting resistance, it can pass through *any other matter*, once it has left that body. There is nothing that can obstruct it. "You have something similar in the case of so-called Roentgen rays (X-rays), so it will not be difficult for you to understand what I am saying.

Furthermore, just as in nature powerful forces are developed under the influence of heat, accompanied by the formation of clouds, and become visible in the shape of lightning, so the spirit world can, with the help of the Od, create very powerful energy currents, either hot or cold. In the case of lightning, you speak of hot flashes, which melt whatever they strike, and of cold flashes, which do not set fire to things but act only through the enormous pressure they exert.

- *Heat expands and dissolves, while cold contracts and condenses. This is a law that applies not only to the world of matter, but to that of spirit as well.*

As you are able to convert matter into steam with the aid of high temperatures and even to cause this steam to become invisible to the human eye, so too is the spirit world able to dissolve matter completely. It also makes use of hot power currents, by means of which it converts matter into an od-like, that is, etherealized form.

- *For, as I have explained to you, all matter is nothing but corporealized Od, which can be dissolved into spiritual Od. Matter that has been converted into Od penetrates everything material without meeting resistance, just like all other Od, and it can be transported anywhere and then recondensed anew into matter. "You speak of this dissolution of matter as 'dematerialization' and of the condensation of Od into matter as 'materialization'.*

Whereas the spirit world causes matter to dissolve by means of *hot*, high-power Odic currents, it uses *cold* currents for condensing Od, in keeping with the general laws of nature. And just as you, when employing powerful terrestrial currents, observe great care so as not to be harmed, so the spirit world takes equal precautions when applying Odic power currents. When you handle high-tension wires, you make use of so-called 'insulating devices'. You speak of 'short circuits' and similar contingencies. Likewise, when using Odic currents for 'dematerialization' or 'materialization' in the presence of terrestrial beings, the spirits must use the same care in order to *avoid harming these beings* and to accomplish the desired dissolution or condensation of matter.

- *For this reason, any unforeseen interference on the part of the participants at a spiritistic séance with the work of the spirit world may be dangerous for the medium, who serves as the power source, or for the participants, and may make the production of the desired phenomena more difficult or even impossible. For in this field also, such a thing as a 'short circuit' is possible, unless timely provision has been made for the necessary 'insulations'.*

All this may sound entirely too human to you, but I cannot repeat too often that *everything* you have on earth in a material state exists *also* in the spirit world in a spiritual state, and *without any exception*. It is not easy for you to understand this, seeing that all the concepts of your thinking are derived from the world of matter, and you find it hard to translate these concepts into spiritual terms.

The Od with which your *own* spirit works in your physical body requires a certain degree of condensation, as I have already pointed out to you, for a certain *balance* must be struck between spirit and matter. For the same reason, the spirit world, when working through corporeal beings, must condense the necessary Od to a degree suited to the purpose at hand.

- *Light and heat constitute great obstacles to condensations of this kind.*

That heat is a hindrance you will readily see, since heat expands and dissolves. The fact that light may also be a hindrance to the condensation of Od you may at least surmise, when I remind you of the darkroom necessary for the development of your photographic plates.

The condensation of Od in the presence of heat and in bright daylight is *not entirely impossible*, but it requires a quantity of Od *so great* that it is available to the spirit world for communicating with man only in the rarest instances. Otherwise, for Creation and for the performance of a special assignment from God, the good spirit world has at its disposal Odic force in unlimited amount and strength.

It is therefore foolish and *a sign of profound ignorance* in such matters for people to ridicule the fact that many spiritistic phenomena can be produced successfully only in the dark. Many of your scientists even assert that darkness is insisted upon only so that 'spiritistic deceptions' cannot so easily be seen. It would be as reasonable to demand of the photographer that he develop his plates in broad daylight instead of in a darkroom and to call him a fraud because he can only do his developing in the dark. Unfortunately, almost everybody is ignorant of the fact that the work of the spirit world proceeds according to the same laws as those governing your actions on earth.

What might be called '*Odic feeding*', a method of administering nourishment by means invisible to the human eye, which seems so incomprehensible to the human mind, is also accomplished by the dissolution and recondensation of Od. "It happens that *at all times* there have been people who took no food whatever and still remained alive.

- *In their case nourishment is administered by spirit methods, the spirit world dissolving the food into Od and introducing it into the digestive tract in that state. There the Odic food is condensed into material food and is digested.*

For this reason, also those people who to you *seem* to have eaten nothing eliminate waste quite normally, as though they had eaten tangible food. This method of nourishment is always associated with other activities on the part of the spirit world in connection with the individuals in question. It is *not an end in itself*, but a link in a chain of events serving a *higher* purpose.

From what I have told you so far you will be able to deduce for yourself that sufficient Odic power is a *prerequisite* for every task performed by the spirit world on terrestrial beings in a manner perceptible to your senses.

- Odic force is the fuel throughout all of God's Creation, including the spirits' workshop on earth.

The question now comes up of its own accord: Where do spirit beings get the Odic force they need for their communication with terrestrial creatures?

You might conclude offhand that it would be sufficient for spirits to use their own Odic force for their work with matter. This, however, is not the case, for spirit beings require their Odic force to sustain their own life functions and to perform their work in the spirit world. Above all, however, the Od of the higher spirit world is far *too fine and pure* to combine with the very differently constituted Od of terrestrial beings. You too have fine substances that you cannot mix homogeneously with coarser ones.

It follows that for its work on earth the spirit world must use Od of a type suited to the terrestrial Od, and, as a rule, it finds this Od in those terrestrial beings within whose domain that work is to be performed. Human beings, animals, plants and minerals are therefore the sources of Od from which the spirits take the necessary fuel, and you call these sources of Od 'mediums'.

- *Terrestrial beings that are able to spare sufficient Odic force are said to be 'psychic'.*

To a small degree *all* terrestrial creatures are mediumistic, for all possess Odic force and are able to spare part of it, but in most cases their ability to do so is *so slight* that using them as sources of Od for the activities of the spirit world is out of the question.

Even the Odic force of the 'mediums', although it may be sufficient in quantity, is not always fit for immediate use. It must first, in all cases in which it is to be used as a fuel by the 'higher spirit world', be purified, or, so to speak, 'filtered'. Many of the substances you have on earth must be similarly 'filtered' before you can use them.

- *Of course, the lower spirit world does not need to purify the Od of the mediums, for the more impure this Od is, the better it is suited to the Od of such spirits. Hence it is also much easier for them to use mediums for their purposes, and they arrive at this end much more quickly than do the higher spirits.*

What I now have to say about the *use of Odic force* you could, as a matter of fact, discover for yourself by logical deduction from what I have already told you. "It concerns finding an answer to the question: In what way does the spirit world employ terrestrial Od for work to be performed with material beings? The best and shortest answer would be:

- *It uses the same means your own spirit must use to activate the material limbs of your body in order to perform acts that can be perceived by the senses. So, in most cases, must a disembodied spirit provide itself with limbs of matter to make such activities possible. It does this by clothing its spiritual limbs in the Od taken from mediums and appropriately condensed.¹*

Whenever your *own* spirit wants to grasp a material object, it can do so by means of your material

¹ See brochures about materialisation by Professor Dr. W Schiebeler

hand. Your physical hand is really nothing but the shell of the materialized hand of your spirit, formed by the condensation of terrestrial Od.

- *If, therefore, a disembodied spirit wants to grasp the same material object, it must first materialize its own spirit hand by condensing the terrestrial Od at its disposal. There is no other way to do it.*

The materialization need not, of course, be as strong as that of your physical hand; it need *not even be strong enough for the spirit hand to be visible to your physical eyes*, but still strong enough to grasp the object. If the available Od is insufficient to effect such a condensation, the foreign spirit will be no more able to grasp the material object than you if your arms and hands had been chopped off.

It is true however, that a spirit can grasp and move a material object *without* materializing its spirit hand, provided that it previously dissolves the object into Od, for matter that has been converted into Od, and hence, etherialized, is directly accessible to a disembodied spirit. Unless such dissolution has taken place, a material object can be grasped by a disembodied spirit only if its spirit hand has undergone materialization, *for only like can grasp like*.

There are many degrees of Odic condensation or materialization, from that visible only to a clairvoyant's eye to the complete materialization of spirits, in which case they differ in no respect from a material body.

- *The degree of condensation is thus dependent upon the amount of Od available to the spirit world for its purposes.*

Let me cite a few more examples. *Your own spirit wants to speak* so that your fellowmen may hear what you say with their corporeal ears. What must it do? It must make use of your body's material organs of speech; without them it will not succeed. And when a spirit wants to speak, having no body and, consequently, no organs of speech, what must it do to produce sounds intelligible to human ears? It has two ways of doing this.

One way is to materialize its own spirit organs of speech by condensing them with the aid of terrestrial Od.

The other way is to condense the spirit sounds by means of the mediums' available Od to such an extent that they become audible to human ears. In the latter case, therefore, the spirit does *not* need materialized organs of speech, but merely the condensed Od of the sounds. You describe this method of speech by spirits as '*direct voices*', which can be heard with more or less volume, according to the greater or lesser amount of Odic force supplied to the spirits by the mediums for the purpose of condensing the Odic sound.

You are visible to your fellow creatures because you have a material body. Your material body, however, is only the *material shell* of your spirit with all of its organs, for every organ found in your body has its counterpart in a spiritual state in your spirit. If, therefore, a disembodied spirit wants to appear to terrestrial eyes in such a way that it will be taken for a terrestrial being, it must clothe its spirit form with all of its spiritual organs in a shell of matter, which it produces by means of the condensation of terrestrial Od. In the case of a spirit so materialized, the human eye can discover nothing to distinguish it from a normal person. This spirit has skin and bones, all external organs, fingernails, hair and teeth, as well as all inner organs, like a heart that beats, blood that circulates, and whatever else is present in any normal, flesh-and-blood human being. A complete

materialization of this kind requires so much Od that no one medium is capable of supplying it; in such cases, therefore, part of the substance of the medium's corporeal body must be dissolved as well and used for materializing the spirit.

- *For this reason, a medium loses quite a bit of body weight in materializations of this nature. The medium gets it all back, however, after the materialization has come to an end.*

I am surprised that your scholars who conduct so many experiments in this field do not discover these facts for themselves, for surely they witness phenomena enough to point them in the right direction. They see *materialized hands* grasping and moving objects. They hear '*direct voices*', and simultaneously they often see the *cloudlet of Od* out of which these voices are heard. When they photograph some of these phenomena, they sometimes find upon the plate something that *looks like a larynx*, formed by the spirit by means of the materialization of Od, in order to provide it with a voice. When investigating complete materialisations, they find everything that is present in a normal human being, and yet they cannot hit upon the track of the truth.

The greatest obstacle in the way of recognizing the truth is the erroneous conception of the terms, '*spirit*' and '*matter*'.

- *Once the fact is recognized that the essence of spirit Creation is the same as that of material Creation, and that they differ only in the nature of their being, most of the difficulties that now prevent a proper understanding of spirit communication with the material world will disappear of their own accord.*

One will then recognize that created spirits possess the *same* organism in spirit form that terrestrial beings possess in material form, that the body has been cast over the shape of the spirit, and, hence, that nothing can be contained in the material cast that is not also present in the spirit shape. One will also understand that the Beyond *resembles* the Here in every way, with the sole difference that in the Here all things are *material*, and in the Beyond all things are *spiritual*.

- *But all life, in both the material world and in the world of spirit, is bound up with the Odic force. This is the most powerful force in Creation, and it is the force by means of which God, who is the source of this force, can overturn all things. It is the means by which He and His spirit world perform the greatest 'miracles', as you call them.*

It is the force that enables the magician to perform superhuman feats, inasmuch as his own Odic powers can be increased by the spirit world, either by the good or the evil spirit world, depending upon which of the two he enters into contact with. "In the case of the evil spirits, the demons that have severed their relations with God, this power has very definite limits, whereas God's spirits can make use of it in *immeasurable* strength.

- It was with this force that Christ healed the sick and raised the dead.
- With this force he also cast out the evil spirits from those possessed of them.
- And with the help of this same force the good spirits enabled Christ to walk on water.
- This same force was used by the good spirit world under Christ's command to bring about the miraculous multiplication of the loaves at his behest, by means of the materialization of the bread that had been brought there as Od.

Christ promised this same power to all who would believe in him.

Mark 16: 17-20: And for those who believe, these miracles will follow: they will cast out evil spirits in my name; they will talk in foreign tongues; they will handle serpents; and if they drink something poisonous, it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and make them well.' 'They (the 11 remaining apostles), however, went out, and preached everywhere; the Lord was with them with his power, and confirmed their word through the miracles that accompanied it.

Mark 9: 23: For a belief in God that is not only a belief in His existence, but an unshakable faith in Him and faithful obedience to His will brings a person into the closest union with God, who is the infinite source of power.. Such belief will also place God's spirit world at the service of that person, and his faith will render him capable of all things. 'Everything is possible for one who believes.

Every true believer in God will therefore experience those things that were fulfilled in Christ, namely:

If we do as God wills, God will also do what we want.

2. 1. 2 Biblical References to the Use of Odic Force in Spirit Communication

And the Lord came down in the cloud of od, and spoke to him.
(Numbers 11: 25)

(Psychic full trance transmission)

Nature's laws apply universally. They admit of no exception. If, therefore, the law of odic force that I have described to you is the basic law of all spirit communication, then it must apply wherever spirits communicate with man. "In order to show you that the odic power current was necessary also in the spirit communication with humans reported in the Bible, I want to go over some of the accounts in the Old and New Testaments with you, and explain them to you.

Naturally, for most of the spirit manifestations of which the Bible speaks, mention is made only of the fact of such communication; nothing is said about the accompanying phenomena. Nevertheless, there are plenty of instances in which the employment of od is expressly mentioned. "The first mention occurs in the story of Abraham.

Genesis 15:17: 'When the sun had gone down, and it had turned completely dark, what passed between those pieces of meat was like a smoking furnace and a blazing torch.'

This happened while the Lord was speaking with Abraham.

- *The odic current, when only slightly condensed, looks like a cloud of smoke and has a reddish-yellow gleam in the dark, like a flame of fire.*²

The story of Moses is full of relevant examples.

Exodus 3: 2: 'And the angel of the Lord appeared to him as a flame of fire leaping up from a thorn bush: when he looked, he saw the thorn bush ablaze with fire, yet not being consumed by it.'

In this case also it was Od that the spirit employed in order to speak to Moses. It had to have been night when Moses saw this apparition, for in the daytime, the od would have looked, not like a flame, but like a cloudlet enfolding the thorn bush. This is confirmed by the following Biblical account:

Exodus 13: 21-22: 'The Lord went before them, in a column of cloud by day, to show them the way, and in a column of fire by night, to shine for them, so that they might travel both by day and by night. Neither the column of cloud by day nor the column of fire by night ever left its place in front of the people.'

The column of cloud was nothing else than the cloud of od, which, both in the case of the thorn bush and in guiding the Israelites, formed the odic shell that surrounded the angel of the Lord and that the angel needed to make itself perceptible to man. I have already explained to you that od is always associated with a spirit. *There is no such thing as independent, free-floating od.* Thus, it was in all manifestations witnessed by the people of Israel. "Hence, whenever mention is made in the Old Testament of the 'column of cloud', it is always in connection with some activity on the part of one of God's spirits.

² This statement is verified through the Od phenomenon during materialisations.

Exodus 14: 19: 'Then the "angel of God" who had travelled in front of the army of Israel up to this point shifted position and moved to their rear; consequently, the column of cloud moved from before them to behind them.'

Exodus 33: 9: 'As soon as Moses entered the tent, the "column of cloud" would come down and stand at the entrance of the tent, as long as the Lord was speaking to Moses.'

Numbers 11: 24-25: 'Then Moses called together seventy men from among the elders of the people, and had them stand all around the tent. And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spoke to him.'

On Mount Sinai, when the Lord wanted to speak with Moses in tones loud enough for all the people to hear, He said to Moses:

Exodus 19: 9: 'This time I will make the cloud thicker yet, so that all the people may hear me speaking to you and believe you forever.'

This indicates expressly that the cloud of od was *necessary* to enable the Lord to speak to man. It also indicates plainly that *the denser* the od the louder the sounds produced by means of the odic force. Much the same is true of your radio. The stronger the power current, the stronger the sound transmitted. "When, therefore, the Lord appeared upon mount Sinai amid a mighty blare of trumpets, the odic force had to be correspondingly strong. Hence we are told:

Exodus 19: 18-19: 'And the mount of Sinai was completely wrapped in smoke, as the Lord had descended upon it in fire; the smoke rose like smoke from a smelting furnace, and the whole mountain quaked. And the sound of the trumpets became louder and louder. Moses spoke and the Lord answered him in a loud voice.'

- *While explaining the law of odic force, I pointed out that the condensation of od is produced with the aid of powerful currents. The same is true of the dissolution of condensed od.*

The great masses of od around Mount Sinai were also condensed by such high-voltage currents. It was therefore very dangerous to venture within the field of these high-voltage currents. Hence the Lord forbade the people to approach the mountain.

Exodus 19: 12: 'Everyone – human or beast – who ignored the commandment, would surely die.'

This was not an empty threat to instil a fear of God in the people, as you mortals believe. It was rather a *justified warning* of the lethal danger that naturally and necessarily accompanied any contact with those currents. Just as you call attention to the lethal danger from contact with your terrestrial high-voltage currents by erecting warning signs, so the warning issued to the people of Israel was given for a similar purpose. Only after these currents had been turned off were the people to be allowed to ascend the mountain. The Lord announced when this would be with the following words:

Exodus 19: 13: 'Only when the ram's horn is sounded, then may they come up to the mountain.'

Only those whom the Lord had authorized to enter the odic currents, namely Moses and Aaron, could do so before that without danger to their lives. In their case, 'insulation' not unlike the kind you use for persons who need to be exposed to high voltages had been provided.

And when the Lord commanded further that people or animals should be killed for even attempting to come near the smoking mountain, this was not meant as a punishment for disobedience, since obviously in the case of animals the question of sinning could scarcely arise. This commandment was rather a measure for preventing any interruption of the power currents at all costs. Such an interruption would have resulted, had any material beings come into contact with the odic currents without authorization, that is to say, without being provided with proper means of 'insulation'.

This explanation of the events recorded in the Bible surprises you; the events may strike you as too mundane and material. But it is the truth, and it furnishes you with fresh proof of the universal validity of God-given laws, to which even the Creator Himself submits in His dealings with matter. He suspends not a single law, or, as the Holy Writ expresses it:

Ecclesiastes 3: 14: 'I know that whatever God has ordained has eternal validity.'

After this explanation you will also understand why Christ, immediately after his resurrection, *forbade* Mary Magdalene *to touch him*. The materialization of his spirit was then *only beginning*, and Mary Magdalene, by touching him, would not only have prevented any further progress of the process of *materialization*, but would have destroyed what had already taken effect. The explanation given in the Bible as the reason for Christ's refusal to let her touch him was added later by an ignorant copyist who *inserted* the words:

John 20: 17: 'I have not yet ascended to the Father.'

That this could *not* have been the true reason for refusing to let Mary Magdalene touch his materialized odic body is evident from the fact that, somewhat later, Christ *expressly* invited his apostles to touch him, although at the time he had also not yet ascended to the Father. But the materialization of his body was then *complete*, and therefore any contact with him could not cause bodily harm to his disciples or interfere with the materialization.

Let us take a few more examples from the New Testament.

In the transfiguration on Mount Tabor, 'a cloud came and overshadowed them, and *a voice called from inside the cloud*'. (Matthew 17: 5) Thus, the cloud of od was necessary here also, in order to produce a voice that could be heard by human ears. The same cloud was used by Moses and Elijah to make themselves *visible* in bodies of condensed od to the three apostles present.

It was in a figure of materialized od that Christ appeared after his Resurrection and in which he stood before his disciples on Ascension Day. They saw his odic body dissolve into a cloud of od before their eyes, and when the cloud itself had become invisible by further dissolution, Christ had disappeared from their sight.

- *The general belief that it was an ordinary cloud in the sky that hid Christ from his disciples is utterly wrong.*

At Pentecost there appeared above the heads of the Apostles and of those who were with them

‘tongues of fire’. These were little flames of od, like the flame seen in the thorn bush, ‘that came to rest on the head of each’. Each one received a spirit of God in such a shell of od. These spirits, with the aid of odic power, began to speak through their human instruments – one in this, one in another foreign language – in as many foreign tongues as there were different nations represented among their hearers. From the circumstance that the tongues of od looked like little flames we see that it was night when God’s spirits descended. The actual time of the pouring out of the spirit was by your method of reckoning 1:30 in the morning.

A passage from Revelation will show you that the evil spirit world is equally bound by the laws governing odic phenomena.

Revelation 9: 1-3: ‘And I saw a star that had fallen from heaven to earth; it was given the key to the mouth of the abyss. It opened the mouth of the abyss; and smoke poured out of the mouth, like the smoke of a huge furnace, till the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the pit. And out of the smoke came locusts onto the earth.’

The text continues, describing how at God’s behest and as a punishment to man, the evil spirits materialized themselves with the aid of the odic force into locusts that, however, had *human faces*. I cite the foregoing passage only because it expressly mentions the ‘clouds of od’ that were indispensable for the materialization of these evil spirits.

Naturally all of the many materializations and manifestations of spirits recorded in the Bible had the required amount of odic power available, even if this fact is not expressly stated in each individual case.

- *The sacrificial offerings in the Old Testament were the source from which God’s spirits took the od required to enable them to speak.*

Among those portions of the Old Testament that are incomprehensible to you are first and foremost the laws of sacrifice of the *Israelites*. You ask yourselves, rightly enough: How can God, who is the source of all life and happiness, of everything that is good and beautiful, find pleasure in the offering of animals, plants and herbs? Why should He feast on the blood of sacrificial animals, on the steaming fat of bulls, goats and lambs? Why should he delight in the fragrances made from myrrh, cinnamon, calamus, cassia and olive oil? Why should spices be especially attractive to Him? It may strike you as childishness for the great God, Whom the heavens themselves cannot contain, to have a small, terrestrial tent built for Himself, and that He should Himself designate and determine each trivial detail, every beam and bolt, every rug and curtain, every garment to be worn by the priests, from their headdress to their underclothes. Does it not in fact smack of *human* vanity that God should insist on the most precious materials: gold, silver and the most beautiful precious stones, so that the Tabernacle and its fittings cost a huge fortune in your money?

If you look at these things from a purely human standpoint, they may seem to you unworthy of a God. But once you realize what purpose God was pursuing and understand that this purpose could be achieved only by means of that which seems so incomprehensible to you, you will marvel at His infinite wisdom and love in this also.

Unhappily a knowledge of this purpose is hidden from you humans, although the purpose itself is expressly stated and pointed out to you in the Holy Writ. You have *lost the skill* of reading the Scriptures thoughtfully. Your eye glances over their contents as it would those of any worldly book. You take what you read in a *purely human* way. Your worldly-minded spirits cannot discern therein

God's mighty doings. Thus, they are likewise incapable of grasping the true significance of what you encounter in the physical forms of the Tabernacle and the offerings described in the Old Testament.

Open your Bible, and I will lead you to an understanding of what it says about the tent of revelation (the Tabernacle) and its furnishings, about sacrificial offerings and the priesthood. "The sole purpose for which all of those directions were issued is indicated in the words:

Exodus 29: 42-43: 'There is to be a regular burnt offering made before God from generation to generation at the entrance of the Tabernacle, where I will enter into communication with you in order to speak with you. There I will communicate with the children of Israel.'

God's communication with the Israelites was the sole purpose for His building the Tabernacle and giving directions regarding sacrificial offerings.

- *You know that every spirit requires terrestrial odic force whenever it desires to communicate with material beings in a manner perceptible to terrestrial senses. This is a God-given law that applies to all spirit beings, from God, the highest spirit, to the lowest spirits of the depths.*

Whenever, therefore, God Himself, or God's spirits, either at His behest or with His approval, desired to communicate with the Israelites and speak to them, they had to have od of a suitable kind available.

- *All of the measures taken by Moses at God's command in the erection of the Tabernacle and in the presentation of the offerings were designed to procure the purest terrestrial od.*

As terrestrial beings are bearers of terrestrial od, and the od of human beings is a wonderful mixture of the many varieties of the earth's od, the od required to enable God to speak with man was drawn from a great variety of earthly sources, including minerals, plants, herbs, trees and animals. Above all, however, it was necessary to ensure that the collected and already prepared pure od not be contaminated by impure od radiating from terrestrial matter. That is why all materials used in the construction of the Tabernacle and in making its fittings had to be of *only the purest od*.

Among the *minerals*, gold, silver and copper possess the purest odic mixture, as shown by the fact that they do not rust, for rust forms as a result of the absorption of impure od, which has a destructive effect on any od it penetrates.

"The same thing is true of the *fabrics* that were used, some for the garments of the priests, some for curtains and carpets, and some for covering the roof of the Tabernacle. Blue and red purple, scarlet, and byssus are the fabrics with the *purest* odic mixture. Therefore, the ephod of the High priest, who came the closest to the spirit of God that spoke through the cloud of Od, had to be made of red and blue purple, scarlet and twisted byssus, interwoven with gold.

The '*breastplate of judgment*', worn over the ephod, was made in the same way. In addition, it was adorned with 12 precious stones, for these contain large quantities of the most valuable od.

The *outer garment* was all of blue purple, and at the edge of its skirts there were pomegranates of blue and red purple and scarlet, with little golden bells in between. All these details were of the greatest significance.

The *underclothes* were of byssus, the *breeches* of pure linen. You also know that clean linen worn next to the body or used for bedding is especially conducive to health. That is because this fabric contains a special and pure od that imparts itself to your body and exerts a strengthening effect.

Of all *woods*, acacia is the purest and was therefore the only lumber that could be used in the construction of the Tabernacle.

Also, all the other instructions – concerning the composition of the *utensils*, curtains, carpets, and tent coverings – were likewise issued solely to ensure the greatest purity of the od. You can find them for yourself by consulting the Bible.

Everything I have spoken of so far served as a *precaution* against the contamination of the od that was being prepared in the shape of an od cloud forming above the Ark of the Covenant and that was to serve to convey God's words. For the same reason the priests were required to wash their hands and feet in the water that stood at the entrance to the Holiest of Holies before they went near the Ark of the Covenant. "The most important thing, however, was the preparation of the od itself that, floating as a cloud above the Ark, was required for God to speak to Moses. In this case the speech was not through a medium, but by '*direct voice*'. The spirit sounds were sufficiently condensed by the terrestrial od of the cloud to make them audible to human ears. As the Bible says:

Numbers 7: 89: 'And when Moses entered the Tabernacle, he heard the Voice speaking to him from the cover of the Ark of the Covenant, from between the two cherubs: and that is how God spoke to him.'

- *The purpose of the prescribed offerings was the preparation of this od cloud.*

You are sufficiently familiar with the fact *that blood is the conductor of od in the physical body*. Hence the greatest amount of, and the most soluble, od is found in the blood, and so the blood is the *best* source of od for communicating with the spirit world.

- *And it was only for the sake of obtaining od that animals were sacrificed, both in the idol worship of the heathens and in the Divine service of the Jews.*

The blood was poured on the altar, and some of the meat, particularly the fat, the kidneys and the liver, was disintegrated into od by being burned, for, next to the blood, these parts are richest in od. By means of the offerings to their idols, the heathens prepared od for communicating with evil spirits.

In God's Tabernacle, the preparation of od was undertaken to make it possible for God and His higher spirits to communicate with the people of Israel, as witness the words spoken by God to Moses:

Leviticus 17: 6-7: 'The priest is to sprinkle the blood on the altar of the Lord at the entrance of the Tabernacle, burning the fat to rise as a sweet smell for the Lord. They shall no longer offer their sacrificial animals to the evil spirits whose idol worship they are now practicing.'

Since the od cloud above the Ark of the Covenant represented the *purest* mixture of terrestrial od, only those animals whose od was of the purest kind were allowed to be slaughtered. So-called

‘unclean’ animals were not allowed to be used as sacrificial animals. The animals regarded as ‘*unclean*’ in the Bible are those that have the lowest and most impure od of any creatures whose flesh could conceivably serve as human food.

- *This is also why the people were forbidden to eat the flesh of unclean animals.*

Because of its impure od it was harmful first of all for the human body. Your physicians know well enough that eating pork is not to be recommended, especially for growing children. What you call scrofula³ would scarcely be found among children if they were denied pork.

- *Pork is not wholesome even for adults if it forms a substantial part of the daily diet.*

There was, however, another reason for forbidding the Jews to eat the flesh of unclean beasts. You know that any impure od that may be present in a person offers a *dangerous opening* to the evil spirit world to influence him negatively in a lasting way.

- *Impure od is the breath of life of the evil spirits, and whenever they find someone whose od is like their own, they can very readily not only influence his thoughts and imagination, but also arouse his physical passions to a dangerous pitch.*
- *A person whose od is pure is not easily accessible to evil, which is kept from direct contact by the radiation of his pure od. For evil can no more bear pure odic radiation than a person whose eyes are afflicted can bear strong light.*
- *The purity of a person’s od depends upon the purity of his spirit.*

Since most people, because of their impure spirits, already have quite enough impure od to offer sufficient openings to evil, it is most important to not add more impure terrestrial od through the consumption of unclean food.

God therefore had very important reasons for forbidding the eating of the meat of unclean animals. The influence of the Powers of Evil was particularly strong in those days, *owing to the widespread idolatry*, and God wanted to protect the people He had chosen as the bearers of His faith against this pernicious influence. “For the same reason He issued the numerous rules to govern those cases in which the Israelites came into contact with impure od, and were considered unclean in consequence.

The od of clean, unblemished animals, however, was not sufficient by itself for the preparation of the odic mixture needed for the Tabernacle. Also, the purest od that could be procured from plants and minerals was needed. The od of flowing myrrh, of cinnamon, calamus, cassia, rye bread, flour, wine and olive oil was mixed with that of spices like *stacte, onycha and galbanum, pure frankincense* and *salt*. Thus, it became a ‘sweet smell for the Lord’.. You know from what I have taught you what is meant by ‘sweet smell for the Lord’; you know that the purest od likewise emits the sweetest odour.

The odic mixture for the Tabernacle was prepared by God’s spirits in a state of purity corresponding to that of the spirit that manifested itself. The ‘chemists of the Beyond’ were those beings that you call ‘cherubs’⁴. That is why their image was placed above the cover of the Ark of the Covenant in

³ **Scrofula:** Tuberculous Skin and Lymph node disease.

⁴ See brochures “Not from this Earth, Part 1 – 4.

the form of golden statues and was also embroidered on the curtains and carpets. “Inasmuch as the od was collected above the cover of the Ark and was used for God’s spirit to speak, the od had to be prepared in the immediate vicinity of the Ark.

- *For the source of od must always be in close proximity to the spirit that needs it. Hence the altars and the tables on which the various offerings were made ready were close to the curtain behind which the Ark of the Covenant stood.*

The collection, holding together and condensation of the od was facilitated by the fact that the Ark was in a space enclosed by carpets and a curtain. You, too, when you desire to collect od in quantity and to achieve a high degree of condensation, make use of a so-called ‘cabinet’⁵, within which or at whose entrance the medium, who is the source of the od, sits.

The laws governing spirit communication with mankind are *the same everywhere*.

The fact that the wings of the two cherubs at both ends of the Ark of the Covenant were extended like a roof further contributed to holding the cloud of od together above the Ark. The great strictness of the injunctions for keeping any impure od well away from the Tabernacle also served another purpose: if the pure and very powerful odic currents produced in the Tabernacle by the spirits of God were allowed to come into contact with impure currents, the bearer of the impure od would be killed by the high-voltage currents, just as surely as anyone who comes into contact with terrestrial high-voltage electric current without proper insulation will die. For this reason, Aaron was not allowed to enter the sanctuary *whenever he pleased*, but only after the condensation of the od above the Ark was completed and the high-voltage currents employed for the purpose had been turned off. He was told when he could enter. Had he not heeded the instructions, he too would have been killed, as were his two sons when they violated the laws for keeping the preparation of the od pure during the burning of the ingredients.

After what you have just learned, the *laws concerning sacrificial offerings and the outfitting of the Tabernacle* will appear to you in a far different light than heretofore.

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⁵ A cabinet is introduced for materialisation sessions.