

But not only does Mr. Grant affirm the total annihilation of man at death, but with a boldness verging on blasphemy, asserts that God himself likewise perished! It was the Son of God, the Lamb of God, who came and offered Himself a divine sacrifice for fallen man. It was God who sojourned among men, healed the sick, raised the dead, was transfigured upon the mount, sweat drops of blood in agony for man's transgression, betrayed and dragged before a blood-thirsty mob and was finally crucified as a dangerous in-penitent. What was crucified? Can you drive nails through a spirit or pierce with an iron point a celestial being? Can you flagellate the air or wound a sunbeam?

Peter says: "He was put to death in the flesh but quickened by the spirit." The original reads: "*Put to death by tearing the flesh, but alive or living by the spirit.*" He went and preached deliverance to the spirits in prison, which sometime were disobedient when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah. What more consistent than that a spirit should go among spirits? He had administered to earthly beings while in the flesh. He now as a spiritual being went and administered to beings of a like nature.

Matthew says: "Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the Ghost." Was it a dead ghost which Jesus yielded up? The word in the original translated "yielded" is from the root *apha*, lighting up, kindling, and means—sent away, released. Hence his spirit was released and departed and left the dead body hanging upon the cross. Jesus is the "Sun of Righteousness; the life and light of men." In Him all things live; He suffered the agonies of death in his own body that all might have a resurrection from the grave, through His coming forth the first fruits. But had His spirit died, no life could have survived the shock, all creation must have become a blank. Could the sun be blotted out and noon-day light not cease? Could Dame Nature die and her children yet live?

Not only can it be proved, as I have already shown, that the spirit exists or lives after the body is dead but it can also be proved to be *alive before the body is born*. See Luke i: 14, 44. "When Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb." "For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy."

Here is a clear proof of the existence of the living, intelligent spirit previous to birth, and the independent use of its organic functions. Previous to birth the human fetus has no separate or independent life. It does not breathe, it does not use the organs of vision or hearing, nor the brain for reasoning. The pulse of the mother throbs in its frame, and her breath keeps it alive. But John's spirit recognized the mother of the Savior without the medium of the bodily senses. As the spirit existed before the body,

and exists in the body, so it will exist when the body is dissolved into impalpable elements. The most pungent, piercing or powerful physical elements can have no effect upon the more refined and delicate spiritual structure, no more than a lighted taper can destroy a sunbeam or thought be dissected by chemical analysis.

Man is a compound of the celestial and the earthly. His spirit is a being of divine origin, endowed with God-like attributes and infinite powers. His earthly frame must not be despised nor underestimated. It is not merely a shell or extraneous covering; it is an added nature; a part of himself; a paternal endowment of infinite worth; an earthly temple destined to be immortal and filled with the presence and glory of the immortal spirit. When the union is made eternal by the power of a glorious resurrection the organism will be complete and the perfect man will be prepared to enter upon the path of eternal life, and partake with the righteous, of a fullness of joy. The passages I have adduced, though few are not all that might be brought in support of the truth of man's immortal nature; but they alone by their united effulgence, bathe this divine doctrine in a flood of living light while the few passages which are distorted in order to disprove it are lightless sockets, or, at best, were artificial tapers, glimmering in error's cloudy lanterns.

I have not written this to draw out any written argument, but that Mr. Miles Grant may have an opportunity to answer some of the questions herein contained at his next public appearance in the Assembly Hall. TRUTH.

LIGHTNING'S FREAKS.

Today, while I was working at Price, across the Rio Virgin from here, a small shower of rain and hail came up, during which a terrible lightning stroke occurred at 2:15 p.m., by which a young lady, Mrs. Ida C. Fawcett, came near losing her life. She was in the house, sweeping the floor, and the lightning struck the west chimney of the building, apparently hitting the southeast corner of it, knocking off several of the stones, running diagonally two ways, one to the north and one to the outside of the chimney and down the wall, about ten feet. A portion of the lightning seemed to sever, went down the chimney into the room, filling the house with soot, dirt, rock and smoke, shattering mantel-shelf, and coming out on the south between the shelf and wall, and a portion came out in two places north of the fireplace, and also one place above the mantel. A clock that stood on the mantel-shelf had its case ruthlessly torn to pieces and some of it scattered over the floor and the pendulum ball thrown off, yet the clock kept on the wag.

Sister Ida C. Fawcett, when found about a minute after the shock occurred, lay on the floor in front of and about three and a half feet from the fireplace, apparently

dead. She was covered with soot and smoke, and was horrible to behold. A brother administered to her immediately and soon she began to show signs of life. Her husband had her removed to another room, and she was cared for as best they knew how, and now she seems fully recovered, but complains of feeling sore, as the lightning has left its marks very plain, in red streaks and spots, nearly all over her body. For some time her feet felt cold and numb, but at last accounts she was feeling some better.

The freaks of the fluid are very strange. Besides coming out in the house, some came through the wall on the outside in several places, breaking a rock in the wall about two feet from the ground, and moving one piece of it out about half an inch. Another portion of the fluid shattered the lower end of a rafter of the roof of the house, about ten feet from the chimney, scattering slivers over the upper floor. Another tore some shingles off the roof, and still another portion struck the upper rim of the southeast corner post of the porch on the north of the house, slivering it from top to bottom and scattering pieces over the ground for about ten rods from the house. One of the nail heads in the upper part of the post bears evidence of having been burnt by the fluid. A jar which sat at the foot of the post was shattered and pieces of it thrown through a window into the house and to the south door, a distance of nearly twenty-five feet. The window in question had four panes of glass broken during the fracas. A piece of wood with two nails in stuck fast to the window frame.

Sister Fawcett's husband, Wm. A. Fawcett, and another man were standing on the porch about eight feet from the post at the time the lightning struck it, but escaped injury.

We have had very dry weather for some time, but it is a trifle showery at present and quite cool. The health of the people in this vicinity is generally good, yet some little sickness is prevailing in some parts, but nothing serious. The first crop of lucerne is now being gathered.

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OFFICER BARLOW'S TRIAL

The charge of assault and battery against Officer Joseph Barlow, made by A. G. Paddock, was tried before Commissioner Norrell May 16. Attorney F. B. Stevens prosecuted, and City Attorney F. S. Richards defended.

Mrs. Cornelia H. Paddock was the first witness. She testified that on Sunday night, when the officers came, she roused her husband; he asked who was there, and was told they were police officers; he asked what they wanted, and they told him they had a warrant for Willie Paddock; he let them in and they found the boy; after they read the warrant Paddock said they could not take the boy; he