

*Fillmore Charles*

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Several Sundays ago Mr. Fillmore told his audience an experience that he had more than forty years ago. It proved so interesting to his listeners that we thought you, too, would enjoy it.

MR. FILLMORE'S EXPERIENCE

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I have practiced this until now when I am working silently I can feel the life thrill all over my body and I am being regenerated.

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CHARLES FILLMORE

A small avalanche of mail had been pouring into Charles Fillmore's office, requesting the date and place of his birth. One of these writers, an astrologer, by his great concern in the matter, attracted Mr. Fillmore's personal attention, and received this reply:

"I am not positively sure of the time and the place, as no records were kept officially in northern Minnesota in the early days. However, I am certain that it did happen. Mother says that it was four o'clock on the afternoon of Aug. 22, 1854. Father placed his guess at a year later. I don't know; but I should favor mother's judgment, as she was there at the time."

Then after calling attention to a paragraph on "Re-

incarnation," he concluded with the following: "The thing that concerns me is not how, when, and where it took place this time, but, I am resolved not to let it happen again."

(Unity March p. 183, 4th para.)

FILLMORE CHARLES

Does Charles Fillmore expect to live forever?

Mr. Fillmore's answer in his own words is as follows: "Because I have emphasized the eternal life-in-the-body teaching of Jesus, this question is often asked by Unity readers. Some of them seem to think that I am either a fanatic or a joker if I take myself seriously in the hope that I shall with Jesus attain eternal life in the body. But the fact is that I am very serious about the matter and am striving <sup>carnestly</sup> ~~erenerstly~~ to follow Jesus in the regeneration, which I am satisfied will result in a transformation of my body. I am renewing my mind, and, at the same time, working out body transformat<sup>ion</sup>

"As I study and apply the words of Jesus I cannot see any way to fulfill the law of God for man except overcoming death. That death is the most dreaded enemy of the human race goes without argument. The Bible from Genesis to Revelation so teaches.



"Our wisest physical scientists ~~say~~<sup>say</sup> that they can find no good reason why the cells of a healthy body organism should perish-that the functional machinery of the human body is self-renewing when properly prufied and nourished. All this backed up by the teaching of Jesus Christ that He came to save us from out sins (which are the cause of death) and His submission to death that He might demonstrate victory over it encourages me to take up seriously the overcoming of body deterioration to the very limit, which means eternal health, or eternal life without the interruption called death.

"In the face of all the Scripture testimony, and the demonstration of Jesus over death, it seems to me that some one should have initiative enough to make at least an attxmpt to raise his body to Jesus Christ consciousness. Befause none of the followers of Jesus has attained the victory over this terror of humanity does not prove

that it cannot be done. Every great forward movement of the race has been preceeded by repeated failures. Every pioneer in un-  
*tried*  
~~tried~~ field has been called either a fool or a dreamer.

"Both those who have failed and those who have succeeded encourage me when I see the possibility of conquering old age, decay, and death. In addition to this I have the conscious thrill of life in my body when I think of Jesus and identify myself with His thought, His word, and His ever living ~~presence~~ *presence*. The promises, "If a man keep my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you," are a reality to me. I believe them and apply their power as truly as if a friend whom I had tested and found reliable should tell me that I could use his name in recommending some big proposition that I was trying to put over. To me Jesus is a living, vitalizing presence, not a psychic who has left most of his energy locked up in his body cells dense with

materiality and buried in earth. Such persons are the so-called spirits that communicate with mortals. Jesus did not go down to the grave. He released the imprisoned life in every cell of His body and cast it like living seed upon the soil of our common race thought, from which any one may pick it up and appropriate it to his own use. This was Jesus' great sacrifice for the redemption of men. But he will at the end of the age claim again that sacrificed life in its spiritual reality. "I lay <sup>down</sup> ~~down~~ my life, that I may take it again." (John 10:17).

I do not claim that Jesus has unconditionally promised me that I shall overcome death as He overcame it. The promise is conditional. "He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne." I am trying to come up to His standard.

Every sincere Christian should at least strive to come up to



Jesus Christ standard, although he may fall short in many respects. No man will ever attain anything unless he attempts attainment. When the mind begins working in a definite direction it will eventually attain its goal. If it keeps going on. But if there is no goal and no action the case is hopeless. So instead of ridiculing those who are striving to follow Jesus in the overcoming of death, we should encourage them to go forward, knowing as we must that they will finally attain the mastery--it not in this incarnation, then in the next, or the next.

"So do not throw cold water on me when I say that I am doing my best to follow Jesus in overcoming death of my body. I need your help, and the helpful thoughts of all loyal members of the brotherhood of Jesus Christ, in my battle against the most grievous enemy of mankind. It takes courage to proclaim publicly that one is, like David, taking up arms against this arrogant Philistine,



who for unnumbered ages has terrified humanity. The cause to most persons seems so hopeless that they fear the ridicule for both friends and foe if they take it up, and as a rule they are not in this expectation disappointed.

"Negative goodness will not meet the requirements of Jesus. He was positively good. He developed the power of man to master the prince of this world--the thought that sin, sickness, and death are inevitable, the thought which doubts and disbelieves in the saving power of God.

"In a word, I am convinced that Paul meant the body when he wrote to the Corinthians, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (I Cor. 15:53).

(Unity Aug. 1929 p. 5,6, 7)

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To justify their claim  
 the former, Charles  
 Fillmore, claims  
 that he was definitely  
 told by the Lord that  
 Unity was a school  
 of religion and that it  
 must forever stand  
 for that destination,  
 regardless of what its  
 fellows might do to  
 Saggrey etc it sits a court

2<sup>nd</sup> par. p. 234

Christian Science claims  
 that the truth taught in  
 Unity were borrowed from  
 that movement. This may  
 be possibly true. However,  
 Mr and Mrs Fullmer  
 New Study Court a  
 recognized Christian  
 Science teacher Emma  
 Curtis Hopkins, who  
 was for several years  
~~in the Church~~  
 in Mrs Edney's edition

staff, withdrawn from that  
 out to our organization an  
 in dispart western things  
 which she called the  
 Illinois Metaphysical  
 College. She sent a  
 teacher <sup>Dr</sup> E. B. Weeks,  
 to Kansas City, to have  
 for deliver a course  
 of lessons on Modern  
 Metaphysics. We are  
 Mrs. Tillman attends  
 the first class and  
 several others from



Mr. Hopkins' Eclogues.

They also attended classes  
for several years  
at the School in Chicago,

finishing production.

At the very first lesson  
by Dr. W. W. Phelps, Mrs.

Phelps, who was  
suffering from what the  
doctors pronounced  
tuberculosis, had a

distinct realization that  
God was for father

and that she ~~was~~ not  
not how to inherit

the ill of her uncertainty,  
 From that time she  
 began to grow strong  
 and finally the disease  
 disappeared. Her feeling  
 was so marvellous that  
 others asked her how it  
 was done. She told  
 them and explained the  
 philosophy, In this  
 way she got the  
 reputation of a Christian  
 teacher and was called  
 to restore many more

before passing out of the  
body at the age of nearly  
90.

FILMORES never studied with a Christian Science teacher.

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Lowell: I found this among some of my papers and I thought you might like to read, then pass along to Pharaby.

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~~XX~~ <sup>Copy</sup> Mr. Fillmore was a Spiritualist  
for twenty years before taking up  
Truth and he found it unsatisfactory  
in many ways. One who understands  
the laws of mind action and how  
thoughts follow the ~~law~~ law of  
like attracting like, would very  
careful ~~to be~~ in exposing  
the subjective thought realms  
to the great mass of error

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thoughts in the psychic, giving up  
control of mind and body to some  
invisible entity is dangerous.  
We have calls daily from people  
who have done this and are  
now suffering nervous breakdown,  
or partial insanity. (I don't know  
~~little daughters from such disquieting~~  
~~forces.~~) Young people should not  
be exposed to the psychic  
thought forces because  
they are more ~~open~~ to

Sensitive to thought currents 3  
than mature minds.

WALTER BOND