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### **Spirit Request**

**I TOLD the author of this challenging article, who has spent five years studying Spiritualism in the USA, that many of his strictures cannot apply to the movement in Britain.**

Nevertheless, because "Two Worlds" always welcomes controversial views, even when we do not necessarily agree with them, space is given to ventilate Michael Flagg's statements. Truth cannot be harmed by controversy.

Last week, on Michael's tape-recorder, I heard a message addressed to me from Red Cloud, given through Estelle Roberts in trance that morning. Red Cloud, one of the greatest guides who has ever manifested, urged me to publish Michael's contribution.

THE EDITOR.

## **New movement launched from the Beyond**

BY MICHAEL FLAGG



TRUTH often suffers at the hands of its "disciples." It suffers because many of them twist and distort it for selfish ends, building nests of personal pride, placing their own aggrandisement above the welfare of mankind, and using spiritual movements for material gain.

That is the tragedy of Spiritualism. What should be a united universal movement of love and brotherhood has become split into a hundred factions. Too many are concerned not so much with bringing hope, happiness and enlightenment to mankind, with making man aware of his divine possibilities, with showing him the path of spiritual progress, but with acquiring personal power, prestige and glory, at the expense of the truth they serve so ill.

### **Lacking humility**

Too many mediums and speakers have lost the essential attributes of humility, simplicity, sincerity and nobility of purpose. They have become smug and conceited, the first step on the road to retrogression.

**Mediumship is of course vital, if proof that life continues is to be furnished to the many. It is indeed the rock on which a towering spiritual edifice can be erected. But it is the foundation, not the edifice itself, a fact many mediums forget.**

Too many Spiritualist speakers talk fluently and at length, but say nothing. They won't prepare. They forget that no flood of words can atone for poverty of ideas. They speak by "inspiration" only (which, alas, but a handful can do well), often leaving their listeners more confused than enlightened. Or they speak in "trance," which is of value only when the speaker is controlled by truly advanced souls.

Too many Spiritualist churches are also to blame. They adhere to form and ceremony. They cling to one book or person or "authority," ignoring the fact

that in every age there were great spiritual teachers who thought in terms of all mankind."

They slavishly imitate their orthodox counterparts. They observe rite and ritual, flood their quarters with orthodox symbols and decorations, although such things only prevent the full and free flow of spirit power. Highly evolved souls who think universally find it difficult, if not impossible, to manifest in such limited vibrations.

They give wrong teachings, especially the impression that our guides are our servants, who come to protect us from trials and tribulations, and to remove all obstacles from our path.

That isn't true. Our guides, the advanced ones certainly, come to inform and inspire us. They come to strengthen us spiritually. In that they serve us well, but they are not our servants.

They do *not* come to do our work for us, or to deprive us of the tests and trials which, well met, develop character and enable us to advance spiritually.

I have for a long time been appalled at what Spiritualism has become. When I first came into it, I rejoiced, realising what it *could* mean, only to discover how it had become twisted, and in some ways made hideous even, by some who profess to serve truth.

### **Clamouring for sword**

I began to realise, deep within me, that Spiritualism, as I saw it presented, clamours for the sword. Spirit guidance led me to England, to two great mediums with different phases of mediumship.

There was perfect correspondence in the communications I received through them. What I learned generally through one—I was given specifically through the other.

I was given the privilege of forming, under direction and guidance, the Universal Spiritual Brotherhood, an organisation existing in spirit realms which great ones of spirit wished to share with mankind.

They gave me the name of the organisation, its principles and purposes, a code for workers, and much more, a great deal of it recorded on tape in their own words.

### **Universal aims**

The Brotherhood is a movement for all mankind, especially for those who have gone so far on the road and can go no further.

Through the Brotherhood, many of high estate in the spirit world will unfold to us a new way of life, and a new understanding of God's will and purpose.

They will bring us peace and tranquillity of spirit, and happiness of heart and soul. They will break down the barriers that separate nations, people and individuals. They will break down the barriers of creeds and dogmas. They will cast aside ignorance, and set truth in its place. They will create one great spiritual brotherhood of men and women throughout the world.

**But of course it will not be easy. They stress several things. Simplicity and humility must mark the work of the Brotherhood in all its aspects. Membership must be open to all, regardless of race, colour, creed, or political persuasion. There must be no membership fees or assessments of any kind.**

**And this: "The Brotherhood shall not glorify any individual. In the regular meeting places of the Brotherhood, there shall be no plaques or pictures of any individual, and no monuments of any sort to any individual."**

### **Strength from guide**

Among many from higher realms who have given me strength and encouragement in the work to be done is [a famous guide], one of the noble teachers who have for so long tried to show man the spiritual way of life. He has spoken many times to me.

I hope before I leave England in the third week in December to hear from those who wish to know more about the Brotherhood. After that I can be reached at: [no longer], San Francisco, California, USA. At present I am staying at Cumberland Hotel, London, W.1.

I call on those to join who have the aspiration to serve and the courage to blaze a new trail.

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