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My dear Miss Betz:

Thank you for your acknowledgment of the donation of Seventy-five Dollars from one of MY followers for an obligation owed to a person who is deceased. This is a slight sketch of what I AM doing as I cause millions to enjoy the Presence of GOD and the Freedom from undesirable conditions, which the Spirit of the Consciousness of the Presence of GOD gives. This is modern religion.

When men modernize machinery they do not violate the principles of mechanics, but rather improve the methods by which these principles can be made more adaptable to society and more practical to humanity. The oxcart has long been discarded in the United States, but the Principle of the axle and the wheel by which the oxcart was made possible, is still being used to greater advantage in the modern automotive or self-moving machines.

The same is true with religion; by discarding the forms and customs of worship that have been outmoded by advancing society, it does not mean that men are getting further away from GOD but rather that they are giving GOD greater access for expression in their lives and affairs. This is it which Abranam did when he changed the custom of offering up the first born son on the altar of sacrifice and this is it of which Jesus spoke concerning the custom of worshiping, for at that time the true believer worshiped at Jerusalem. Yet when the Samaritan woman spoke to Him, Jesus replied;

"Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when

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ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet
in Jerusalem worship the Father.

"The hour cometh and now is, when the true wor-
shippers shall worship the Father in spirit
and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to
worship Him."

Likewise with Government similar reforms in outmoded cus-
toms must be made. When the colonies became the United
States of America, it was necessary, at that time of
limited methods of communication, to delegate electorates
and to have an electoral college that would cast the
final votes. But now in this day when voting machines
are in use in almost every poll and could be installed
everywhere, even with transmission wires that could
register every vote automatically in any central place
in the United States, and with instantaneous communi-
cation available through radio, it is time we revise
and modernized the equipment of government to facilitate
a true democratic election.

This is only one of the necessary reforms that must come
and must be made in the mechanics of Government to insure
justice and to keep pace with the advances of science. If
we do not do so, this Government will become as ineffective
in reaching the needs of the people as religions have
become, because of the unwillingness of the leaders and
teachers in the churches and the so-called representatives
of GOD, to advance in the knowledge and understanding of
the scientific development of creation according to the
Plan and Purpose of GOD.

Then I say, I AM causing men to observe the Truth and
look under the veneer of customs and traditions for the
Spirit of Christ, that all may become to be even as this
leaves ME as I AM Well, Healthy, Joyful, Peaceful,
Lively, Loving, Successful, Prosperous and Happy in Spirit,
Body and Mind and in every organ, muscle, sinew, joint,
limb, vein and bone and even in every atom, fibre and
cell of MY Bodily Form.

Respectfully and Sincere, I AM

REV. MJD/r

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