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Mr. Vale: I was so determined to believe that when my earthly time was over so were all my worries and everything that was bothering me. So when I – when the change come, first I thought it was only a [swoon], a repeat. Then I began to collect my senses and instead of coming back again it was all dark. Dark. Dark as a dungeon. I felt. I walked. I bumped into nothing. The only thing I could feel was the floor beneath my feet but it was dark. I could walk. I could talk, but I talked to myself. The echoes came rolling back at me. Nobody heard, only myself. So I didn't know time. It could have been a week, it could have been 50 weeks. My faculties were good. I could think. I could plan. I could do anything, but I could not get away from the fact that I was in darkness, that I was alone and there was no one I could appeal to because I'd already got rid of the ideas that there were Jesus and God and all the things I've been taught as a little boy.

So I kept thinking and thinking. You can know that the smallest little bit of light I'd grab for it and I did. That must be the night that you're here with me. Now my faculties are extended that I can see, that I can go into the light. I see people waiting for me. What they're going to say I don't know, but they're real. They are just as real as my faculties are real. And how I'm going to get out of it I don't know. I feel terribly embarrassed even talking to you here. I'm told that you're not ... you're not where I am. You're still on ...

- Woman: On the earth.
- Mr. Vale: You're still on the earth.
- Woman: Yes, that's right.
- Mr. Vale: Now, I'm more pleased than anything that could ever happen to me, I can assure you.
- Man: And our best thoughts, we send them with you.
- Mr. Vale: And I know ... I know from the way they talk to me that I know I'm going to be helped and going to be given the

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things that belong to me. I mean I'm going to be myself. I'm going to see. My eyes are going to be useful to me.

Woman: You can –

Mr. Vale: And I'll be hearing other people's voices.

Man: Mr. Vale, can you tell us what happened just before you came in to us? Now, something must have brought you here. Just before coming you were still in darkness.

- Mr. Vale: Aye, just before coming here I was in the long darkness from which I feel it.
- Man: Yeah, but what was the feeling? What made you come in here? Something must have brought you.
- Mr. Vale: Well, I saw a light, little at first, but you know at home when you've been in darkness for a long time somebody just needs a little light. Well, that light was the biggest light in my life. It lighted up what was before darkness and I grasped at it. I went to it.

Man: Good for you.

# Mr. Vale: I went to it and it broadened out. It broadened out and I heard voices and one voice said to me now, he said, University of Waterloo Library. Special Collections & Archives. Thomas Lacey séance collection. Reel 2. GA270-1 001a.

"John, do ye not know peace now?" And I turned around and I saw a man. Aye, he must have come from another world entirely from mine. And he was a living thing. He was ... He was a man from another country.

Man: And did he bring you to us then?

- Mr. Vale: He took my hand and he said, "Come now. You are going to be all right."
- Man: How wonderful, eh?
- Mr. Vale: And I took that hand and it was warm and friendly and he brought me over the threshold into your temple here. I'm not knowing what sort of a temple it is. It's not a church that I remember. No [kerks] were never like this. And here I am. What now? But it's going to be good. I know it's going to –

[Crosstalk]

- Mr. Vale: It's going to be good.
- Woman: And you can come back and tell us of your experience and progress.

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Mr. Vale: Yes. You've only got to think about it. I [unintelligible 00:07:42] –

#### [Crosstalk]

- Mr. Vale: I had little known faculties of mine and you can understand what it will be like for you to be in a hole, in a pit, in a place. You couldn't tell the dimension of it because you couldn't reach the other wall, but it was dark.
- Man: Well, you can forget about that now.
- Mr. Vale: I had every faculty that I ever had before, before I swooned.
- Woman: But just forget it now.
- Mr. Vale: Either I fainted or I swooned and I don't know. Now, it could have been yesterday. What date is it now?
- Woman: 1962.
- Mr. Vale: Oh, no. It couldn't have been.
- Woman: Yes, it is.
- Mr. Vale: No, it couldn't.

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[Crosstalk]

- Man: 1962.
- Mr. Vale: 1962, no.
- Man: Yeah, 140 odd years.
- Woman: So you're satisfied and you've seen the light. You're well [unintelligible 00:08:52].
- Mr. Vale: And could all that ... Could all that intensity of time be clouded in that one moment?
- Woman: Yes. Yes, it can.
- Mr. Vale: Oh.
- Woman: Don't let it bother you now.
- Mr. Vale: How can I thank you?
- Woman: You don't have to.
- Woman: No, you don't have to.
- Man: You just go to these friends there who brought you here. You don't know who it was but they are friends.

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Mr. Vale: And while I've been talking to ... How could it be? My own daughter's here now.

# [Crosstalk]

- Man: And you hadn't seen her before Mr. Vale.
- Mr. Vale: About everybody I ever knew are here.

# [Crosstalk]

- Mr. Vale: I miss one or two of them but ...
- Man: They'll come.
- Mr. Vale: I don't know. All here.
- [Crosstalk]
- Mr. Vale: Then it must so.

[Crosstalk]

- Man: Now you'll be happy, Mr. Vale.
- Mr. Vale: Aye. I'll be happy now. Many years must then have passed between that darkness and now.
- Woman: That's right, yeah.

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- Mr. Vale: But remember what I said. For God sake, if you can prevent it never let anyone think that there's anything like death.
- Woman: We're trying, Mr. Vale.
- Mr. Vale: It was terrible for me and it must be terrible for everyone else that thinks as I thought.
- Woman: And now you can have a good time.
- Mr. Vale: Aye.
- Woman: And learn many, many things.
- Mr. Vale: Well, I'll no be forgetting it.
- Woman: Well, you come back and see us, won't you?
- Mr. Vale: I'll no be forgetting ya.
- Woman: You come back and see us, won't you?
- Mr. Vale: I certainly will.
- Man: Thank you.
- Woman: Goodnight and the very best forwarding.

#### Mr. Vale: Goodnight to you.

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Mr. Vale: And God bless you all.

Woman: Thank you.

Man: It's wonderful.

[Crosstalk]

[Music 00:12:07 - 00:15:06]

Man: The door is now open. Salaam.

Group: Salaam.

Billy Sunday: Hello. Yes, yes, I'm here. Hello.

Man: Hello.

Billy Sunday: What is this gathering now? Somehow I feel I've got to drop this masquerade. Hello.

Group: Hello.

Man: You're welcome.

Billy Sunday: Where are we here?

#### Woman: Well, you tell us who you are.

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Billy Sunday: Oh, yes. Yeah, you'll know before I finish who I am. Hello.

Group: Hello.

Billy Sunday: We're right in the end of the echo. Very loud and clear.

Woman: Now just take it easy.

Billy Sunday: But this cannot be real at all. Can it be real?

Woman: Yeah.

Man: It's quite real.

Woman: Quite real.

Billy Sunday: And the masquerade can go on, can continue.

Woman: This is not a masquerade.

Man: No. This is real. I'm real.

Woman: Come on. And you see things better, don't you?

Billy Sunday: Yes, my tongue is sore. My throat is sore.

Woman: Well, it can be all ... Oh, just forget it. Just forget it and then the pain'll go. And what is your name? You'll feel better when you've told us. I'd like to know.

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Billy Sunday: You know who I am, surely. This is Billy.

Woman: Billy who?

Billy Sunday: What day is it? Friday?

Woman: Thursday.

Billy Sunday: I should have come on two days from now, however.

Woman: Sunday. Probably Sunday, yeah. Come on.

Man: Because Billy's Saturday and –

Woman: Yes, that's right. Saturday is your day for now.

Man: You're Billy Saturday, eh?

[Crosstalk]

Billy Sunday: Is not this Friday?

Woman: No. It is Thursday.

Billy Sunday: Then why do I see so much fish eating? Why do I see so much fish eating?

Man: There's a thing on at Stanley Steel, right?

Billy Sunday: But I sworn it was Friday.

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Woman: Do you know where you are now?

Billy Sunday: No, I don't. That's why I'm here. I just want to know who you people are here. That's kind of the point here.

Man: You're in our little temple here in this home in Kitchener, Ontario.

Woman: Canada.

Man: Canada. And you're with friends. Our light is here to try and –

Billy Sunday: I know Canada.

Man: If you know the way, if you need help, we'll help you.

Billy Sunday: Yes, I know Canada.

Woman: Well, then you know Kitchener. You know Toronto?

Billy Sunday: Oh, yes. I know Toronto. Yes, whatever. Let's get there, shall we?

Woman: Well, we are -

Billy Sunday: Come on, come on, let's -

Man: Sixty miles from Toronto.

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- Woman: Now, just take your time.
- Billy Sunday: I hear some music.
- Woman: Do you? Well, that's wonderful.
- Billy Sunday: First time I thought I was indoors.
- Woman: You are indoors.
- Billy Sunday: Indoors?
- Man: You're indoors here in our little temple.
- Billy Sunday: And is this a chapel?
- Woman: It's a chapel to us.
- Woman: Yes.
- Man: It's where the masters come and speak to us and those who are enlightened. Enlightened ones come here. Now, you can do the same thing in time if you just follow the light and it'll show you.

Billy Sunday: Well, no. I just want to drop this masquerade.

Man: And just drop it now.

#### Billy Sunday: It's rather foolish of me after -

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Woman: Yes.

- Billy Sunday: after so much I have said and I don't think I'll be able to convince all these people here that they're on the way to glory. Yes, we're on the way to glory.
- Woman: You're on the way to truth.
- Billy Sunday: Have you been saved? Have you been baptized, any of you?
- Man: Yes, we are.
- Billy Sunday: And then you can have my confidence then.
- Woman: We can have you can have our confidence. That would

Billy Sunday: Unfortunately, I haven't been baptized.

Woman: You can forget all that now. It's not necessary. You've passed over. You're dead and now you'll be able to see the light and –

Billy Sunday: Perish the thought. I'm not dead.

Man: No.

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Billy Sunday: No, my body is.

Man: Your body is though. You haven't got your visiting body now. You have another body, a spirit body.

Woman: You're in spirit.

Man: You're in spirit and what they call the spirit world. Some call it heaven and if you keep following and –

- Billy Sunday: I've tried. And I've tried. I just can't climb these heights. I don't know why.
- Man: But you can. There are plenty of helpers there. They will gladly help you.
- Man: Sir, would you tell us first of all who you are? That would be interesting.
- Billy Sunday: They call me Billy Sunday.
- Man: Yes, you are Billy Sunday.
- Woman: But now you'll be able to do some real good.
- Man: Oh, I think he did a lot of good here. You've –

- Billy Sunday: Well, I used to think so, but I had a lot of fun with it, I know that. Yes, I ... But how serious I was was my own business, I think. Yes, I presume I fell into the same rut as many others did when they found themselves successful.
- Woman: We're all human.
- Man: Well, Mr. Sunday, tell us what's happening to you now. Are you in a place of darkness or light?
- Billy Sunday: No. No, I'm very frustrated by ... I'm very frustrated to tell you the truth. I do speak to little groups of people but they're only small groups of people. They're not the big crowds and audiences that I've been used to. I don't seem to have that same magnetism or same appeal to them. I don't know why.
- Man: I think there's a friend of ours over there. He's right near you and I'm sure he's right around here now who can help and that is Dr. Hoffman. And Dr. Hoffman was glad to help and just ask for him. Dr. Hoffman. Perhaps he will come.
- Man: I imagine if you think of him he'll be right with you there

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Man: He'll be right here now.

Man: - someday.

Billy Sunday: Oh, yes. I see some parts here now.

Man: Well, he'll be with you there.

Billy Sunday: But one man particularly seems very lonely and I must talk to him.

Man: Ask him who he is and then tell us.

Billy Sunday: William.

Man: William.

Billy Sunday: William, yes.

[Crosstalk]

Billy Sunday: William. The only sense I could get out of him is come – he comes from Hamilton.

Woman: He did?

[Crosstalk]

Woman: Well, that's not far from here.

- Man: Will you ask if Dr. Hoffman is there, Mr. Sunday? Inquire of these clerics there if one of them is Dr. Hoffman.
- Billy Sunday: Yes, yes, yes. Well, it is Dr. Hoffman but at the moment he's helping someone to come in.
- Woman: He'll help you though.
- Billy Sunday: We must all be able to see this light, whatever it is. Now, what is this illumination? Can you advise me of it? What is this illumination I see?
- Man: Well, this is a ... They call it an imminence. It comes from this temple here. Actually, it helps others to follow the light to seek the path of truth and stay with this light.
- Billy Sunday: You see how I am affected?
- Man: Yes, you're affected.
- Billy Sunday: Such things I always wanted, yes. I thought it was a camp really.
- Man: No.

- Billy Sunday: First, I thought it was a camp and I was going to just fall right into my own place here but apparently I was mistaken.
- Man: It's different.
- Man: Mr. Sunday, are you interested today in the meetings at all that are conducted by this Billy Graham? Do you know anything about him?
- Billy Sunday: Yes, I do. I ... Yes, I do. He's getting to be as silly as I was. That's a masquerade, I think. That's a masquerade.
  He'll have to ... Someday he's going to know. He's going to lose that personality. He's going to ... He's going to be very frustrated, very mistaken and ... As much as I have been, I think.
- Man: And do you know anything of Mr. Oral Roberts?
- Billy Sunday: Yes, there's another one but he's not a Baptist, I don't think. He's not a ...
- Man: No, he's a Pentecostal. He's Pentecostal.
- Billy Sunday: Yes. Well, I would have had a hard time being a Pentecostal.

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Man: I think so.

- Billy Sunday: I think I would, yes. I don't think my jokes would quite fit into that at all, no. No, I don't think they would. Well, now I'm not joking now. I'm very serious about this. I just want to lead. I want some kind of a lead that will give me my ... Not exactly as it was before. I'm not asking for that. Just a place where I can be useful.
- Man: You can be if you follow these helpers that we have around here who will show you the way and show you how you can help.
- Billy Sunday: Yes. And of course, it must be understood that before I can talk about other things I must learn something about them.
- Man: Well, they will teach you. Be involved with them, set you right.
- Billy Sunday: Well, there is one thing quite sure. We are right in that we continue to live.
- Man: That's right.

- Billy Sunday: And I am aware that I supposedly died and being that I'm here talking to you now, naturally I know that I'm living, that I'm very much alive.
- Man: You have never come through like this before, Mr. Sunday?
- Billy Sunday: No, I haven't. No.
- Man: Your voice is so strong and ...
- Billy Sunday: Perhaps it is because I'm back here, that might be it. But I have been very much lost, very much alone, very much frustrated and yet surrounded. I know I'm surrounded by many friends. I know that. I know that I'm surrounded by many friends but I can't reach them.
- Man: But Mr. Sunday –
- Billy Sunday: Like I will. I don't know.
- Man: Mr. Sunday, you were speaking about a masquerade. Have you have ever thought that if on earth you drew such tremendous crowds and now your frustration seems to be that you address only little crowds?

#### Billy Sunday: Yes, yes.

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Man: I wonder if that was sort of a ... What would you say? Sort of a lesson.

Billy Sunday: Yes, I think it must have been because -

Man: Well, you've learned that lesson.

Billy Sunday: Yes, I have. My ego was very much filled, very much fed, I would say.

Man: Well, perhaps now it's being deflated which is good.

Billy Sunday: Yes. I think that is the story. I think that's the meaning of it. In other words, I must learn to be humble, yes?

Man: That's the idea.

Billy Sunday: Yes.

Man: That's the idea. You've learned it now.

Billy Sunday: You say that I have done a lot of good.

Man: Sure you have.

Billy Sunday: Yes. And I lent myself to people, that's quite true. I've ...

And I had the ability to do it.

# Man: I bet you have.

Billy Sunday: Yes. And I wonder sometimes if I ... if I didn't lend myself too much to people and made things too easy for them perhaps.

Man: The sort of preaching you did then isn't really truth now at all.

Billy Sunday: No. Well, I know.

Man: You realize that.

Billy Sunday: Yes, I do. I want to get away from this.

Man: You'll have to listen to some of these masters who are -

Billy Sunday: Yes, I ...

Man: - to the higher spheres, the highest stratus.

Billy Sunday: Yes. I want to get away from this, yeah.

Man: If you're to listen to them –

Billy Sunday: Because I'm just simply going nowhere and I know there are many good places to go to. I know that. I know that I have many friends always within reach. I know that too.

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- Woman: Yes. Well, you step back and let someone come now and you listen to them and in that way, it will help you. You see, as long as you –
- Billy Sunday: But I also knew that ... I also know now and feel it that I did not have that deep sincerity that I ought to have had, that my words carried to people.
- Woman: Well, you can have it now. So just do as I ask please and you step back and let someone else come and listen to what they're saying. You'll feel so much better.
- Billy Sunday: I do now. My voice has come back again. I do now. I feel tremendously –
- Woman: But you see ...
- Billy Sunday: uplifted in coming here.
- Woman: You're stopping other people so it's being rather selfish.
- Billy Sunday: And I see a lot of people. I see a tremendous lots of people now.
- Woman: Now you're not alone.

Billy Sunday: No, I must ...

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Woman: Just step back and let someone else come.

Billy Sunday: I mustn't allow this masquerade to -

Woman: No.

Billy Sunday: - to be stronger than I am. And not if I must find that sense of humility that I'm looking for. I mustn't allow this, the spirit of masquerade get hold of me.

Man: Well, you just forget that masquerade and you'll feel differently.

Billy Sunday: Well, I say that in all sincerity.

[Crosstalk]

Billy Sunday: I say that in all sincerity.

Man: As one of our teachers will come in and tell you.

Billy Sunday: But don't you see how big it made me? Don't you realize the –

Man: We knew that.

Billy Sunday: - popularity and enjoyed -

#### Man: But that doesn't help you much over in spirit.

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Woman: You'll enjoy something better now.

Billy Sunday: But I don't think I misled anyone.

Group: No.

Billy Sunday: I did speak convincingly about eternity but it's quite different.

Woman: Well, now you go on, let someone else come. Don't be selfish.

Billy Sunday: I cannot lean on anyone, on anyone else's shoulder at all. I must carry the burden for my own life here.

Woman: And just stay back and listen to what they have to say tonight, okay?

Billy Sunday: Now, I more or less stay in this light and with your friends.

Woman: That's right. Just –

Group: That's right.

Billy Sunday: Is that – that's what you mean.

Man: That's what we mean. Stay around and –

Billy Sunday: Then I can feel very much like I feel now.

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Woman: Now, yes. Yes, you stay with Walter -

Man: And if you're a part of it.

Woman: - and Dr. Hoffman.

Billy Sunday: The blessed Lord.

Man: He'll help you, Dr. Hoffman will.

Billy Sunday: He surely knows the sparrows fall, doesn't he? I thank you.

- Man: Thank you, Mr. Sunday.
- Woman: Come again.
- Billy Sunday: I thank you.
- William Dynes: Good evening.
- Group: Good evening.
- William Dynes: Good evening, friends. I don't seem to have come very far away and yet I sense myself with you. I don't seem to be far away from my home.
- Man: Where is your home?

- William Dynes: I've undoubtedly lost all control of my immediate senses.
- Woman: We will help you.

William Dynes: I'm trying to find my way back now and -

- Woman: Can you tell us your name?
- William Dynes: No, I've prayed. And I've prayed and I thought ... I thought Kitchener would be the best place for me to come.
- Man: A very good place.
- William Dynes: I could not find what I was seeking anywhere else even when I was taken away from these surroundings. I looked and I prayed and I ... And I thought I heard a voice a few moments ago, someone that I knew. It seemed to come to me from far off, a long way off, and I'm truly in a dilemma –
- Man: What is your name, sir, if you please?

William Dynes: - my friends.

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Man: What is your name?

William Dynes: My name is William.

Man: William who? William. The surname. What's the surname, sir? William ...?

William Dynes: William Diamond.

Man: Diamond?

William Dynes: No.

Man: No?

William Dynes: William Diamond.

Man: Diamond.

William Dynes: I have come to you from Elmira.

Man: Elmira.

William Dynes: Yes.

Man: How would you have spelled your surname, sir? Diamond.

William Dynes: No, that is not it.

#### Man: Well, the rest of you think it is.

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Woman: What was your occupation in Elmira?

William Dynes: I was the pastor of the Baptist church.

Woman: You just passed away -

Man: Just a few days ago.

Man: What was his name?

Man: Sir, you passed away just about two days ago.

William Dynes: Yes, I ...

[Crosstalk]

William Dynes: No. They're putting my body away today, but I couldn't stand the sight of it. I've attended many funerals but I didn't like to be at my own. It wasn't very pleasant.

Man: That's true.

William Dynes: And I was disturbed by the tears and the mournfulness of it all. I couldn't ... No, I had to get away.

Woman: Well, you're with friends now and you feel better, don't you?

- William Dynes: And I remembered I had some friends here, at least friends of my brother was here and I thought Kitchener would be a good place to come.
- Woman: Did you ever hear of Otto Smith?
- William Dynes: Yes, of course I knew and ... Yes.
- Woman: Well, this is his home.
- William Dynes: Now, what do you think really happened to me?
- Man: Your body as they say, your body became lifeless but the spiritual body is strong and you're going ... That's why you're able to come here.
- William Dynes: Yes. I strongly believe that.
- Man: And you followed the light. You see, you must have seen the light from this temple that we have here. Someone brought you here, didn't they?
- William Dynes: Yes. My dilemma was really in the fight that I did not come back from a faint. Now, I've fainted before. It seemed for just a moment or so the whole world was spinning round about me and I had had this feeling and

experience many times before and I didn't let it bother University of Waterloo Library. Special Collections & Archives. Thomas Lacey séance collection. Reel 2. GA270-1\_001a. me at all. I felt that, well, I – it'll be over in a moment and I'll be back again. Well, I had my sermons to prepare and quite a few things to do around the house and then I thought would get back at them again. Well, now that didn't happen. And the first realization I had was there I was and something had happened, something very serious and so much so was I convinced of this when I saw them taking my body away.

Man: And you realize now what people think can happen sometimes is that they bury them, that they're buried and they're waiting for judgement day to rise from the grave, that's not true. You have risen just as Jesus rose, as they said, from the dead. You have risen now and you're just as much alive as you ever were and can go right on.

William Dynes: I can explain, I think, for you.

- Man: Can you? We'll be glad to hear it, sir. For the record, for the tape, you see, would you please?
- William Dynes: My surname is D-y-n-e-s. I was -

#### [Crosstalk]

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- William Dynes: when I -
- Woman: Yeah, it was in the paper.
- William Dynes: tried to think, I can't think.
- Woman: I saw it and with his pictures.
- Man: Yes. Your picture was in the Kitchener Record, sir.
- Woman: I think he was only 62 years old or something like that.

[Crosstalk]

- William Dynes: No. I was 62. Yes, I was 62.
- Man: Mr. Dynes, does the name Harry Bates ring a bell?
- William Dynes: Yes, it does and Mr. Gordon [Stys], I knew, and he used to come and visit my father in Hamilton and that was some time ago and I thought perhaps if I could reach him.
  I knew he had some information about spiritual things and when I come here it is you.
- Woman: Was your father connected with the hydro?
- William Dynes: Yes. Yes, he was.

#### Woman: That's the man.

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Man: Well, you're on the right track now.

William Dynes: I graduated in the ministry and then was unfortunate enough to choose the Baptists.

Man: And remember, there are a lot of good Baptists.

William Dynes: Yes. I played in that church for a long time -

- Woman: I met your father at ...
- William Dynes: And then there was an echo of it tonight. When I came in here I thought I heard Billy Sunday.
- Woman: That's right. He was here.
- William Dynes: One of our great evangelists.
- Man: Now you can both do a lot of good where you are now but just get at the feet of the – some of these masters who are coming who'll help you.
- William Dynes: Now, I would like some very clear and decisive help tonight if you'll give it to me. We must naturally – and I've come to realize that now. We must naturally change our concept of heaven.

- Man: That's right. But how? It's hard for us to try to convince people.
- William Dynes: Well, now I haven't been there yet. I, I ... Now I don't know anything about it.
- Man: About what? About heaven?
- William Dynes: No.
- Man: You're in heaven now and you're –
- William Dynes: I've been too busy trying to understand what's happened to me. For the last few days, it would seem, I've been trying to understand what has happened to me without any thought of heaven at all. Oh, no, because I was quite convinced that heaven is more or less of a very prominent thing and I didn't want to think in terms of permanency yet. Not yet. Not till I ... Not till I lose my vision on this earth. No. And that, I suppose, is my confusion really that there must be steps that has to be taken –

Man: There are.

### William Dynes: - for ... Yes.

Man: Your progress can only come – has been dying through service to your fellow man. You can die. No one can –

William Dynes: No. I'm not ashamed of that at all. I've -

Man: You've done good service so –

- William Dynes: Yes, yes.
- Woman: so you're right on the right track, you know that now.

William Dynes: Then I've made my first gigantic step.

- Woman: Yes. You're on the road to progression now.
- William Dynes: The most important step, I suppose, is realization of this change that's come over me.
- Man: You can find see from time to time the light from this temple and next Tuesday night when these masters come here it'd be wonderful then for you to come and listen to them. They come from the higher heavens.
- William Dynes: I must admit that the whole circumstance of place changed entirely when I came here. I haven't got that sense of loneliness now.

#### Man: Wonderful.
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William Dynes: I, I ... I'm not quite lacking direction now as I was before. You see, I didn't know where to turn and in all probability, I would have consorted with all the many teachers and prelates here. I would have consorted with them and I probably would have become a Catholic and I could have oriented myself with them and just for company's sake, you understand, just to know exactly what had happened to me. Now it might be that the many things we teach may come to have all together a different understanding or certainly a different interpretation because I cannot for this moment realize that I have been wasting my time and my effort. There must be some explanation of the things I have taught and the words I have committed. I must admit too that I wasn't all together myself when I came in.

Woman: But you feel better –

William Dynes: Now I seem to be able to gather my thoughts. I know who I am.

Woman: Well, you can join the band of workers now.

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- William Dynes: Now there's something about this light that directed me or guided me here tonight. I was –
- Woman: And you –
- William Dynes: wondering if somehow the great light of the master was not behind this.
- Woman: I think you'll find that is true.
- Woman: [Unintelligible 00:50:15] is one of them but there are many, many others.
- William Dynes: I'm not trying to say that I'm worthy of meeting him or talking with him.
- Woman: Well, just leave it in abeyance and you will see for yourself.
- William Dynes: But there is a very mysterious light.
- Woman: Yes, but you stay with that.
- William Dynes: It had something to do with me coming here tonight.
- Woman: Yeah, and you stay. Now, you go and you stay and listen to what the other has to say.

William Dynes: As well as the thoughts I entertained about Kitchener and Hamilton.

Woman: Well, your father lives in Hamilton Beach, I believe.

William Dynes: And Elmira.

- Woman: Yes.
- William Dynes: Yes.
- Woman: Well, you come again, won't you?
- William Dynes: How shall I come?
- Woman: With the light. Just with that light as you've done tonight. It can be so [easing] another time. You've made the effort and won.
- William Dynes: Yes. I see others here.
- Woman: The others will speak now so you listen to them.
- William Dynes: Then I shall stay around here and I ... I don't think for one moment I'm going back to the situation I found myself in.

Woman: No, just forget it.

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Man: No, forget that.

William Dynes: And no, I don't want to go back -

Man: You've started on progression now.

William Dynes: Yes.

- Woman: So goodnight.
- William Dynes: In other words, it would seem that the earth and its people has no further reality in my life now that I'm in heaven or will be.
- Man: Will be but you'll still be helping people who are still in as spiritual people in the mortal bodies and by helping them you'll –
- William Dynes: Yes. I never thought of that. Now that probably is a service you're doing here.
- Woman: Yes.
- Man: That's what we're doing and you can do the same thing by coming back and through us you –

William Dynes: I have never thought why you people were sitting together here.

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Man: We help people like yourself and others. That's why we're sitting here on these nights.

William Dynes: And also that is why I am here, isn't it?

Woman: Yes.

Man: That's why. So we have something in common.

William Dynes: Well, that thought is very comforting now, I can assure you.

Man: You're welcome. We give you our very best prayerful thoughts.

William Dynes: Very comforting indeed. Well, I know God will bless you for this.

Man: We're merely trying to do our –

William Dynes: The help you've given me tonight is really wonderful.

Man: You will never know, Mr. Dynes, how good it is for us that you came through. We weren't just good for you, you were good for us.

William Dynes: Well, I see.

Man: Because this is really something. Now, the first thing I shall do when I go back home is look up the Record and get your picture and cut it out and we're going to keep that as a proof of what we believe here is true.

William Dynes: Yes. Did I reach the newspapers?

- Man: Your picture was in the paper, Mr. Dynes, and it was a lovely picture.
- William Dynes: Well, why me of all people?
- Man: Well, because you were a good man, that's why.

William Dynes: Oh well now. Well, I tried to be.

- Man: Of course you did.
- Man: You'll be repaid for it.
- William Dynes: Now this is one of the most important interludes in my life and I'm not just going to dismiss it as an incident at all because it's something very important in my life.
- Woman: Well, as long as you keep within that light you won't dismiss it. It'll grow with you and you'll be able to do some wonderful work. So don't worry, just stay in that light and

with the people that you're surrounded with now and then you can come back and tell us and you will have some wonderful things to tell us the next time, don't you think?

- William Dynes: Yes, but you must remember, a man of 62 years of age who has been interpreting the holy scriptures cannot just immediately change his thoughts and ideas. Now –
- Woman: We have one of your brothers here.
- William Dynes: if this ... If this experience hadn't come up on me so suddenly there might have yet been time for me to understand something of the nature of this great change
- Woman: That is true.
- William Dynes: but I did not know and I must still presume because of the deep and earnest appeal that the good book has, there must indeed be some good and helpful interpretation of it.
- Man: There is too. And we get some wonderful interpretations of it right here and –

#### Woman: Next Tuesday night –

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- Man: Yes, you come here –
- Woman: you come when the masters come -
- Man: next Tuesday night.
- woman: and then you'll hear some wonderful things.
- Man: You ask some of those that are around there to ...
- Woman: To bring you.
- William Dynes: Yes, I ... You can understand what a surprise and how important this incident in my life is.
- Woman: Yes, we understand.
- William Dynes: And I want to thank you very sincerely.
- Woman: And we thank you for coming and ...
- William Dynes: In these few moments that I've been talking to you, I have come to the full realization of my senses and in this can be maintained in the further adventures which must yet be before me, then you will be doubly blessed for this experience shall live eternally be in my memory.
- Man: Very good.

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William Dynes: William Dynes.

Man: Thank you, Mr. Dynes. Goodnight.

[Crosstalk]

William Dynes: And my blessings.

Group: Thank you.

Man: Boy, that was wonderful.

Man: He must have been a wonderful man. That part at the end was a terrific little sermon, wasn't it? Beautiful.

Unnamed spirit: Well, well, well. Hello everybody.

Group: Hello.

Unnamed spirit: Well now, now here I am again. I'm [unintelligible 00:59:52] and I was just listening to this gentleman here and he mentioned getting oriented with the – well, with all the people he saw here, but he'll see all kinds of more people now. He'll see me for one here. And how are you all?

Man: Good.

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Man: I'm really oriented now to my new life. It's wonderful. And I thought this would just be the night for me to come through and tell you just how I feel about it.

Man: Who is this, sir?

Unnamed spirit: Oh, yes. We have green pastures. We have stables and –

[Crosstalk]

Unnamed spirit: - one or two little horses.

[Laughter and crosstalk]

Unnamed spirit: I content myself well with just one or two horses.

[Laughter and crosstalk]

Unnamed spirit: People, I just want to tell you, let me get –

[Crosstalk]

Unnamed spirit: Please don't stop me. I just want to tell you how it feels to be nice and fresh and clean and ... Oh, yes. And one can really now enjoy the perfume of the blossoms here. Yes, it's really springtime with me now as I come in.

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- Man: You know that joke where they say she was only a horseman's daughter but all the horsemen knew her?
- Unnamed spirit: Yes, yes, yes, I ... Well now, I ... Yes, I had some of that too. I know just about what that is now.
- Woman: Have you had some nice experiences?
- Mam: Oh, I've had a wonderful lesson, my –
- Woman: Have you?
- Unnamed spirit: my dear. Yes, I have. You see, I can understand why I was in this predicament and I ... It allows me to tell you too. It allows me to bring this lesson forth, I think. Now, I'm not a preacher. I'm not one who goes throwing morals here and there and everywhere and parables. I'm not that at all. I'm just a man who really looks after his own business. But seeing that you've had something to do with my business, you've cleaned it up, well then I can come and tell you something so that you won't have to have anything cleaned up when you come here.

Well now, as I was saying, you see, I thought ... I thought very much of my own enjoyment and my own ... Well, my

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own likes, you know, and I satisfied all my own likes but I wasn't thinking. I never gave a thought to all the other people who made that pleasure possible for me, you see. I never thought about that at all. And how could I enjoy all these things if I didn't have all these people doing these things for me? And so my life was more or less after my retirement, I must say, was a bed of roses, but I couldn't smell the roses for all the dark that had accumulated, you see.

So now it's quite different and if we do think about the other people that make our lives very happy, we can just give our thoughts and our help to other people who make us happy, then I think we have no regrets and we don't need any cleaning up here in spirit. It's like ... Well, it's very much like weeding a garden, isn't it? Even to have the nice flowers growing you've got to weed it and it's very much the same here in this larger life and it is much larger now and I've been very much confined here as you know. It was a very sad story when I first came into it, but many others seem to have passed over since that

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night and I don't know in time just how long ago that was but I remember.

- Woman: It was a month.
- Man: A month.
- Woman: Yeah, it was spring.

Unnamed spirit: I remember that I promised you I'd come back again.

- Man: About four months ago.
- Woman: About three months.
- Man: And [unintelligible 01:04:33], you sounded like a most happy fellow when you came in tonight.
- Unnamed spirit: Happy. Why of course I was happy. I seen ... I saw these other people here who thought they were happy. Yes, they really did think they were very happy but you see, then when they lose all the facilities that makes them

happy it's quite a different story all ... [Audio gap 01:04:33 – 01:04:45]

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Otto Smith: Oh thou who aren't light, truth and love, the supreme and illimitable power of the universe. Thou who aren't in the sweetness of every flower that blooms, in every human love that throb in the heart of man, in the windswept sky, in the rolling plains, who aren't indeed the breath in the heart of men. Oh thou who aren't our father God, we bow before thy majesty in thanksgiving for thy love. May we be purified according to thy desire so that we become servants to thy will. So may we live in the eternal with thee. Amen.

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