

*Are we a mortal?*

“We all must learn that Life is God,.” So states Science and Health. Yet the popular and educated view of life is very different. It can be likened to a train journey with the passengers going from sense to Soul, from earth to heaven. On the way, there are a number of stations, thresholds of experience. At some unexpected and unpredictable point along the line, there is a big junction and we surmise that the journey continues afterwards until a range of conditions has been met. We also know that once we board the train, it is very hard to get off.

The starting point of this journey is mortality, but we hope to find immortality at the end. Beginning with physicality, we hope to achieve spirituality. And we note that, because the passengers are just fragments of existence, called mortal persons, their experience of the journey—the other passengers, the scenery, the stations and events on the way—is all external to themselves, so that they can exercise little control over it. Indeed, far from taking a ride on this train, they are being taken for a ride by it!

In effect, Science is telling us that we are not on the train! Its teachings do not start with the acceptance of the conditions attached to the journey and then attempt to make them more palatable. Instead they show that since man has never left heaven for earth, he is not journeying at all, and so the conditions and experiences of this journey as well as that which appears to undergo them, have nothing to do with him. Omnipresence is not going anywhere in order to be omnipresent.

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