

Transcription of Pamphlet Sh157 Letter 4

c. 1848 based on reference to Lajos Kossuth and the 1848-1849 Hungarian Revolution

[Page 1] Spiritual, April 25th

We set around the table some time & could get no raps. The question then arose why we could not get them (the spirits). The Medium said she had heard other Mediums say they would not rap Sunday Evening. This she repeated several times. It was finally proposed that we should try & get some Spirit to write the reason. The Pencil & paper were procured & it was written because it is Sunday Evening. I then requested the Spirit to write its name. It wrote Cinthy Giles. We then requested her to write where she was killed (having understood by way of the Medium she had been). She wrote in Aurora. We then asked how long she had been dead to which she replied three days & then says I will not write any more to you tonight but will sign my name Cintha Giles /// This has proved to be a mistake/// While we talking about this my little girl five years old came to the table & accidentally put her hand on & the raps came. The Medium then said She (the little girl) is a Medium. The Spirit refused to converse with anyone but the little girl. We then asked it to write its name & also what it had to say. It then wrote Ellsworth Russell (But spelled it wrong). Also Audella is a good little girl. She is a Medium, a writing Medium (This name was misspelled. It was spelled Ordella, a way he never spelled or pronounced it. But it is the way the Medium always pronounced it.) I then asked him if his name was spelled as he used to spell it, he rapped no. I then asked if it was right. He rapped no. I asked if he would spell it by Alphabet. He answered no. I then asked how long it would be before she (the girl) would write so that [it could?] be read. He answered two weeks. I then asked if [text missing] frequently with us. He answered yes. [Is?] Calvin B[?] with you? Ans[wer], yes. Will you introduce [illegible] that J[?] with him? Ans[wer], No. Are you happy? Ans[wer], Yes [text missing] wish yourself back to earth. Ans[wer], No.

[Page 2] I then asked if he would write out a remark he made just before he died, one that had laid in my mind. Ans, No – Did you make one that has lain with weight on my mind? Ans, yes – Will you introduce some Spirit that I can converse with (mentioning several names)? Ans, No. We then adjourned. Samantha Eddy was the Medium. We got these raps after the Spirit said we could get none because it was Sunday Evening.

-J. H. Russell, hearer

Next was at Mr. Clark's with three Mediums. The spirit of Jane Rodgers was up. She had promised to move the table when I went in. She then refused. It was the[n] asked if she wished any of the company to leave. Ans[wer], yes – She then rapped her Father & myself out. The promise to move the table was again renewed but failed. I then went in again & inquired if I coul[d] have conversation with a Spirit that evening. Ans[wer], No. Can I get some writing done this evening? Ans[wer], No. Am I given over to hardness of heart & blindness of mind? Ans[wer]. Yes. Had I better go home? Ans[wer], Yes. I then left Samantha Eddy, E. [J?] Clark, A. Rodgers, Mediums.

-J. H. Russell, hearer

May 4th

Medium at my House. His hand commenced going soon after sitting by the table. We asked the Spirit to write its name. Ellsworth Russell was then spelled out. I told him if he had anything for us to write. He wrote, "Come & believe." He was then about leaving when I asked him to introduce another Spirit & when he came to write his name, Benjamin Franklin was written. He wrote, "Pry into this matter. You are to[o] sceptical [sic]." The following questions were then put: Are the rappings [text missing] the Creator? Ans[wer], yes. Is it our duty to [text missing] them? Ans[wer], Yes. Will you write something that [text missing] faith? (Ans[wer], yes) But did not write. Are you [text missing]? Ans[wer], yes. Have you any desire to return to Earth? [Answer] No.

[Page 3] Is it a place we should all be delighted with? Ans[wer], yes. Do you understand the works of God better than you did here? Ans[wer], yes. Do you love him better? No answer. Do you see more beauty in his works to make you love and admire him more than you did here? Ans[wer], Yes. Will you set down the figure for the number of the sphere you are in? What I called ten was set down but he rapped at one. Do you know Ellsworth Russell? Ans[wer], yes. Is he happy? – Yes. What sphere is he in? Figure five was put down. Are we to understand the Bible as it reads? No. Must those who are seeking salvation be baptized as Christ was buried with him by Baptism? No. Is it necessary to be baptized at all? Yes. By pouring? No. By sprinkling? No. Must they be baptized as we baptize (meaning the Disciples)? Yes. Is Jesus Christ the Son of God? Yes. Was he born as the Scriptures represent? Yes. Was he Crucified, buried, and did he rise again according to the Scriptures? Yes. Did he institute the bread and wine as memorials of his death and suffering? Yes. Are we to partake of them in commemoration of his death and suffering? No answer. Should we partake of them at all? No answer. Ought Christians to meet on the first day of the week to worship God? No answer. Should they meet at any time? No answer. Should Christians pray? No answer.

-A. Rodgers, Medium; J. H. Russell, Hearer

May 9th

At the house of Mr. Rodgers, the Medium wrote the name of John Adams. Several questions were put but could get an answer to but one. That was, are you a relative of John [Q?] Adams? To which he answered, yes. We called upon him to introduce another Spirit. Ethan Allen was then written out. The following questions were then asked. Are you the man that ordered a company of Brittish [sic] Soldiers to surrender in the name of Eathen [sic] Allen & the Continental Congress? Answer – Yes (It should have been [illegible] of the [Jehohovah &c]). What state did you [find?] yourself in when you entered the spirit land? Ans[wer], [happy?].

[Page 4] Are Spirits in separate spheres acquainted with each other – No – What spheres are you in – Figure 3 was set down. Are you acquainted with certain individuals calling over a number of names? – No. Are you acquainted Elizabeth Hayden? Yes. Will you introduce her? No. Is the Bible to be understood as it reads? No. Will you write Book Chapter & verse where

there is a wrong passage? No. I then turned to the [38th?] verse of the second of Acts & asked if that was right – Yes. Did John baptize in Enon because there was much water there for the purpose of immersing them putting all over under water? – Yes. Did the Apostles immerse? Yes. Did they immerse for the remission of sin? No answer. Will you write why you will not answer this question? Ans[wer] – Because it is not my wish. I then asked if the 46th verse of the same chapter had referece [sic] to what we call the Lord's Supper – No. Was the 11th verse of the 20th chapter of Acts reference to the Lord's Supper? Yes – When you see people quarriling [sic], are you indifferent about it? Yes. Do you like to see it? – No answer. Will you set down the number of the sphere B- Franklin is in – No. Will you set down the number of years he has been dead in figures? 62 was then set down. Ought we to give [Lajos Kossuth] money? Yes. Should we help the Hungarians in their struggle for liberty? Yes. Shall we send them men – No. Shall we give them money? Yes. Will they succeed in their struggle for liberty? No. Is [Lajos Kossuth] honest? No. We should not give him money then, should we? Yes. Will you convene with some of the rest of the company? No. Will you introduce some other? No.