

body and spirit—having the forms and limitation in space peculiar to matter, with the penetrability and invisibility of spirit. And who can say that we may not yet obtain such knowledge of the modes of existence of other bodies as to discover the means of rendering them visible to our bodily eyes, as we now hold conversation with a friend upon the shores of the Pacific or in the heart of Europe, or fly with the superhuman velocity of the wind from the Atlantic to the Mississippi Valley. Then may we not at last gaze upon the “spiritual bodies” in which our departed friends reside, and discover the means of listening to their spirit voices, and join hands consciously with the heavenly host? Oh, who can say what these exhaustless and illimitable powers of the noble soul of man may not accomplish? Does the reader smile? I believe these are the suggestions more of philosophy than of fancy. Does he say it is only a dream of impossibilities? He assumes that he knows every thing which the infinite Intelligence can fathom. To fetter the human soul with assumed impossibilities is impiety. The bird which would soar first looks upward. The soul never attains that which it does not strive for. If we would commune consciously with the unseen world we must have both faith and works. In reference to the perfectibility and exaltation of the intellectual and moral nature of man, let no one say “impossible.”