

about st^{rumming} on harps and singing praises. We may do this some of the ~~xxx~~ time, ^{but}
We certainly will not spend all our time ^{in such a way} doing this. Since we will not be in a
state of unconsciousness we will certainly ^{be} engaged in some ^{kind of} activity. I believe ^{that} God
has work for us to do during this period. ^{although} where it ^{will be} or what ^{will be} its nature, ^{is I}

¹ do not know, ³ but I feel quite sure that there is important activity in which we will
~~be engaged. There is imp~~or~~ important activity in which we will~~ be engaged between
death and the resurrection. This activity is all a part of God's plan.

What is the basic element in God's plan? ^{His people?} There may be much in it that we
do not know. Yet we are told that God has all power and can accomplish what He chooses.
He does not need to ask our help. This being the case, it ^{is reasonable} ~~seems to me that the~~
~~natural result is to conclude~~ that the work that He wants us to do is involved in
His purposes for our development, or for the development of others ^{upon whom He has made} ~~of His creatures.~~

Many years ago I spoke in chapel ² on God's sanctifying work, ¹ how ³ it proceeds
¹⁴ during our lives ⁶ and suggested that God continues ⁵ after our death ⁷ to perfect
and sanctify us in order to bring us into the condition that He desires.

Dr. Harris criticized me very ~~gr~~ strongly after I finished. He said that ⁹ we
~~xxxxx certainly do not believe in purgatory.~~ that this was utterly wrong, that
² a person ¹ at death ^{3 5} is made perfect in holiness, ⁴ immediately. ⁶ I believe there is a
statement to this effect somewhere in ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Westminster symbols. Yet I
have been unable to find any such statement in the Bible.

~~I have not~~ Subsequent to Dr. Harris' criticism I have not expressed this
same idea in any public utterance that I have made. Yet I feel that his criticism
was unjustified. The idea of ^a purgatory in which one must undergo ~~cleansing~~ expiation
for his sins is an entirely different idea. The idea as Shakespeare expressed it
in Hamlet, "we must purge out the gross crimes committed ~~xxx~~ during our lives,"
I find nowhere in the Scripture. The Roman Catholic ~~xxx~~ idea that we can help
~~xxxxxx~~ souls in purgatory I find nowhere in Scripture. I believe that Jesus has
paid the full penalty for our sins and we no longer bear any guilt for them.