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when only three days and a half intervene between  
their death and resurrection ?” Allowing the statement  
that men over all the earth will rejoice, is it not perfectly  
conceivable, if the electric telegraph shall then have  
extended itself at the rate it has done of late years ?  
Thus God holds all mankind guilty of their death.  
True, the Wild Beast alone, possessed of supernatural  
power, is able to put them to death. But their sym-  
pathies prove, beyond a doubt, how gladly they would  
have effected it, if they could. God judges them on the  
ground of their sympathies.  
  
11. ‘‘ And after the three days and a half the Spirit of life  
from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet ; and  
great fear fell upon those that beheld them.”  
  
“Seven torches of fire’’ were standing before the  
throne of God, “ which are the seven Spirits of God” ; and  
the Lamb had “ seven horns and seven eyes, which are  
the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”  
This is the Holy Ghost, as the great Agent of the pur-  
poses of God. One of these Spirits (that of life physical),  
in carrying out of the purposes of the throne here,  
undoes the scheme of man, and proves the powerless-  
ness of his utmost efforts. Men have inflicted death by  
God’s permission: but the God of life by His invisible  
power bestows life renewed for ever. It enters into  
the slain corpses, and they live. The Holy Ghost is  
the author of spiritual life. Rom. vii. 2, 10, 11. But  
here it is the communication of natural life to those  
long ago alive to God, and only deprived of life physical  
by ungodly men.  
Jesus was the Son of God, having life in Himself ; and  
of the mode of His resurrection nothing is said. But  
these rise by the entrance of the Spirit of God into  
them. The Holy Spirit appears as lord of the physical,  
as well as of the moral.  
The present expression is used to describe the miracu-