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Man is God's business, and God is man's business. The Aquarian Ministry is a representative of the good news of God's Kingdom of Heaven as belonging to the children of God here and now. You, a conscious Christian, a reader of the Aquarian Age Magazine, may be surprised to learn that there are approximately sixty-seven million Americans who do not belong to a church. Many of these are real Christians, living fine Christian lives; however, there are many who have not found the way to the Truth which sets man free. Here is your opportunity to serve in the Master's Ministry. Select three such people whom you know to be stumbling along in the darkness, not knowing the light of the love of God in their hearts. Do what hundreds of Aquarian Ministry friends are doing, send their names and addresses, or your own name and two friends' names, to the Aquarian Ministry, Santa Barbara, California, together with three dollars and we will send them the Aquarian Age Magazine with its wonderful blessings for one year and place you on the Mutual Blessing League for two months.

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STATEMENT OF BEING

MAN is a self-conscious, Individual, Manifestation of God, or Infinite Goodness. Man is endowed with the Character and Nature of his Father-Mother-God. This is his only legitimate hereditary influence. This guarantees his well-being at all times, under all conditions. Every atom of his Being is a point of Divine Intelligence. Every cell in his body is alive with the Life of God. Man is therefore a radiant Manifestation of DIVINE LIFE, LOVE AND POWER—DR. JAMES E. DODDS.



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A Prayer for Universal Good

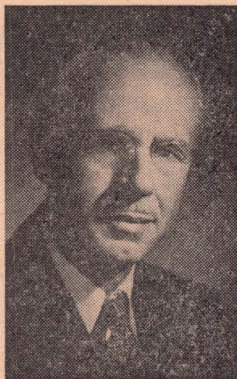
(Many people all over the world are joining with us daily in offering up this prayer to God to help bring about the Kingdom of the Christ on earth. Will you join us?)

WE PRAY that the Spirit of Divine Love and Brotherhood may enter the hearts of the people of every country of the earth; that God may send such a Spiritual Power down upon us that it will awaken every soul to the value of spiritual things, and the value of creative effort without competition, greed, fear or jealousy of any other person or nation.

Dissolve, O God, these qualities from the mind of the races, for with them will vanish poverty, war, crime, incompetency and waste.

May every person on earth be filled now with a spiritual zeal and unswerving purpose to spend his time and resources for constructive work in the world, to bring about universal peace and brotherhood. Thus shall Divine Love be established and God's kingdom reign on earth.

In Memoriam



OUR BELOVED LEADER

DR. JAMES E. DODDS

Dear Friends:

ON SEPTEMBER the 15th in Santa Barbara, my beloved husband was called to the greater and fuller life. He left calmly and peacefully, as he had lived.

Dr. Dodds had given thirty-five years of consecrated life to the work of his Master—three and one-half years of which were spent as the revered leader of the Aquarian Ministry and editor of the Aquarian Age Magazine. For thirteen years he was Pastor of the Church of the Truth in Portland, Oregon, and was also internationally known as a great religious leader, speaker, healer and author.

With his Lord, we say of him, "Well done, Thou good and faithful servant. Enter now into the Kingdom of Heaven."

Whether we knew him personally or through his letters, we are now challenged to practice what he lovingly taught—consistently, impersonally and graciously. His great spiritual consciousness will be forever with us—guiding and sustaining all in our great work here at the Ministry.

When he left his pastorate in Portland, he sensed the sad-

ness of his friends and said then, and I repeat it to you now as a message from him—"Never be sad—always glad."

His faithful staff will remain here to continue, with me, the work of this Ministry. We are joined with a group of consecrated practitioners trained by Dr. Dodds, who will carry on his healing practice.

We will serve you lovingly, as he did, in the name of our Master.

I hold out my hands to you in Christian blessing!

—*Fern P. Dodds*

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In appreciation for the many letters received, I wish to share with you the following excerpts:

Dr. D. C. DeGroat, Pastor of the Church of the Truth, Portland, Oregon, where Dr. Dodds was formerly Pastor for thirteen years, sent the following message:

"With the hope that it may be comforting to you, I want you to have a record of the remarks made in our Sunday service, which are as follows:

"Dr. Dodds knew the Truth. He devoted more than thirty years of his life to helping those who were in need, and in the proving of Truth. Thousands were helped by his ministry. We, too, are convinced of the fact of eternal life and know that Dr. Dodds lives, and that the good he has done lives and continues to multiply itself in the lives of those to whom he ministered."

"The deep feeling of peace of a glorious life having run its earthly course in true Christ-Consciousness seemed to eclipse all other aspects of dear Dr. Dodds' sudden passing. I know that you, Mrs. Dodds, have traveled so far with your rare husband in spiritual awareness that you will never be separated from his wonderful spirit which will continue to guide you in the great work you have undertaken together. It was a privilege to have had two meetings within the year with you both, and we cherish the memory of having had your presence in our home to bless it. We all realize that it is only our material concept of him that is lost. He is more vibrantly alive than ever. We love Dr. Dodds' last two books. "Conscious Immortality" and "The Gentleman from Heaven" will live forever in

the hearts of their readers, bringing fresh, joyful inspiration with each new reading."—M.A.H. San Francisco, Calif.

"Dr. James E. Dodds, a truly great soul, walks today as always in Conscious Immortality."—Rev. M.V.A. Seattle, Wash.

"My wife and I have both sat in Dr. Dodds' classes receiving the instruction given in his inimitable way and I think, from the first, recognized him as one of the best of the teachers. Certainly he influenced me profoundly and I shall always be grateful to him."—Dr. E.S. New York City.

"I just received word that Dr. Dodds had gone on to new adventures. God bless him! He was always a wonderful friend—wise in his counsel, kind in his judgments and joyful in his attitude."—E.W.W. Spokane, Wash.

"I know that Dr. Dodds' presence and teachings are with you now to bless, uplift and sustain you."—Rev. E.M.S. Victoria, Canada.

"Our loss is our beloved Doctor's gain, so we bless him and send him on into the greater light and freedom which he has so richly earned. As you know, he was like a younger brother to me and for years I have watched joyfully as he surmounted the many obstacles which lay across his path."—M.D. San Francisco, Calif.

"Dr. Dodds helped me spiritually as no other person did. I look upon him as my spiritual mentor. Truly, he opened my eyes to spiritual truths as no one else did. I felt that he understood me and my many problems as no one else did. In short, I loved him very much and am deeply appreciative to God for my life having had the wonderful opportunity of knowing him. He exemplified Conscious Immortality and we know his spirit and soul are functioning upon the highest plane. His leaving us causes us to grieve, but it is our loss and his moving on to the higher realm is his gain. Truly, he was a man of God and helped thousands of people get a clearer understanding of spiritual values. He has certainly left the world better than he found it."—P.T.J. Seattle, Wash.

"Our blessed Dr. Dodds is so clear in his consciousness of Truth that I am sure he goes forward in his further expression of

the One Life in great Peace and Joy."—E.R. San Francisco, Calif.

"We know that when consciousness expands and grows as beautifully and tremendously as his has done—why our job on earth is done and we are called . . . and he goes in a burst of glory. He will be with the Ministry and with you—and you will know this—and he will grow still more, with your love and faith helping."—E.C. Los Olivos, Calif.

"What seems to be a personal loss is Dr. Dodds' great gain—and your spiritual gain too, I am sure, for Jesus said, you know, 'If I go not away, the Comforter will not come.' And the spirit of one who was here, and is still here, will comfort you too. He who did so much for so many—kept the faith, fulfilled the works, hence there is laid up for him the Crown of Righteousness. The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory of the Christ is his forever."—A.K. Hillsboro, Ore.

"How blest you have been in the close companionship of such a wonderful man as Dr. Dodds! At one time Mrs. Starr and I lived in Dr. Dodds' house on 22nd Street, and in that year I did not once see a cloud on his brow. I think he lived nearer to the Great All than any one I have ever known, and while we miss the outer manifestation I am sure you have the realization of his nearness, and the inspiration of his presence will be always with you. All of us who have known Dr. Dodds well will be forever blest because of the inspiration of his radiant life."—A.E.M. Los Angeles, Calif.

"A Great Soul has passed on to be 'About His Father's business,' and we know we must rejoice in his new freedom and opportunity to gain new measures of light and understanding. To those who are left behind for a little while to carry on, there are always and forever underneath the Everlasting Arms. Dr. Dodds used his abilities in services to others. His teaching, his exuberance, honesty and forthrightness was and is a blessing to all of his friends and pupils. Radiant in the glorious light of his own spirituality, darkness is forever gone for him and he will light the way for us for the rest of our days. He traveled the illumined course to the Kingdom of Heaven, and

we wish him Godspeed until we see him again on the other shore."—E. M. Portland, Oregon.

"We cannot help but rejoice in Dr. Dodds' new freedom and great opportunities for growth, even as he always rejoiced in his students' growth. He leaves us with great peace and blessings. We have so much to be grateful for, in that during a short space of time through the ages we were privileged to meet such a great teacher as Dr. Dodds—one who helped us uncover that 'Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.' Now it is for us to carry on and be worthy of the teaching of 'Conscious Immortality.'"—P.M. Portland, Oregon.

"Of all the Truth teachers who have come to Santa Barbara and to my attention, you two have stood out—head and shoulders above the crowd—from the aspect of *living* here on this sadly chaotic little globe, which still appears not to want to believe or place any trust in the intangibles . . . Only what they can see, feel, taste or buy! I have admired, respected, liked and spoken of the example of your lives—of your utter naturalness, simplicity and sincerity . . . As The Master would have us live. We who have some slight-conception of the reasons for life here, know that there is no 'end' to it . . . and that Dr. Dodds will go on to a bigger job, a more satisfying life in a vaster region in the company of the Great Ones of the Ages who we know are working so constantly and so lovingly to help us redeem our indiscretions of living."—E.B.D. Santa Barbara, Calif.

"It was only yesterday that I was informed about Dr. Dodds' passing and it still does not register with me. I was not at the meeting when this news was given out. I probably would not have been able to sit through the meeting if I had, as I felt toward Dr. Dodds as I would toward a relative. He was so kind to me five years ago, when he was here, and his letters were so helpful, also his articles in the Aquarian Age Magazine. I expect you will carry on with the work of the Ministry. It will be good for you and he will not be far away."—O.S.H.A. Victoria, Canada.

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To the best of your ability surrender every negative thing and give yourself joyously to the Indwelling Presence which is the healer of all diseases and that which brings satisfaction not only to one's soul but to the mind and to the body.—J. E. D.

The Power of Gratitude

DR. JAMES E. DODDS

"Be ye thankful." Col. 3:15.

"Rooted and built up in Him and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Col. 2:7.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thes. 5:18.

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever." 1 Chronicles 16:34.

IN THESE VERSES we have our instruction as to how we should proceed, in order to establish and maintain our sense of unity with our Source which is God, our Good. This is something that requires individual, attentive interest and, when accomplished, one naturally then takes on the atmosphere of a happy singing soul, one who is eternally grateful, because he finds himself consistently related to all things essential to true living.

A grateful soul is always a fertile soul, a soul rich in the ability to receive and release gifts of Good ever waiting at its door asking for admission. This, of course, announces to us the great idea that "Before ye call I will answer, and while ye are yet calling I will hear." Yes, God has provided for each one of us abundantly. There has been placed at our disposal everything essential to true and satisfactory living. Unfortunately we have not always been trained to look in the right place for it. We have a tendency to feel that we are separated from God, or from our good, and this we recognize as original sin. Consequently we then look elsewhere for our help, or for the fulfilling of our needs, and in this we have a tendency to become consistently more materialistic, depending upon all that we see and hear and find in the objective, which, of course, has its place, but is secondary.

We are instructed to "Seek ye first the Kingdom" and all these things shall be added unto you. This being an absolute truth—and those who have sought the Kingdom first have found the value of it—for they are now living happily related with an abundance of their good. Therefore they are singing souls, they sing a song of eternal gratitude. It may be a silent singing, but their souls are radiant with the light of these eternal truths.

More than three centuries ago, during the harvest season, the Pilgrims humbly paused in their work, to give thanks to God for the preservation of their community and for the abundant yield of the soil. This, of course, was the period in which Thanksgiving Day became established here in America. These Pilgrim Fathers naturally had much to be grateful for, because they had moved themselves into a new world, with new frontiers and with new opportunities in which each one with his own vision and initiative was able to contribute much to the community.

In the meantime they found a happy relationship with all those things essential to survival in the new world. Life took on a new meaning. Freedom and opulence and spiritual peace was their portion now. Establishing themselves in a new country, we realize had not been an easy task, but it was a task undertaken with faith and with resolute perseverance. Naturally they did reap an abundant harvest.

We today are reaping a harvest because of the vision and the initiative of this original group, so we too should sing a song of gratitude because the way has been made clear for us, and when we follow in the steps of our forefathers and remain close to God, we find that in doing so we open new fields of opportunity, and find new reasons for our being eternally grateful.

It is not because of the proclamation of the President of the United States that we pause to give thanks today, but it is because of the fact that our own hearts are full to overflowing with gratitude and thanksgiving; not only for the bountiful harvests that the soil has yielded, but for the great and unbounding measure of spiritual values brought to our storehouse of understanding.

We who have caught the vision of Divine Love, of course, feel in our hearts a happy relationship with the Truth of all Beings. Therefore we have a Fellowship that is unique, which by nature belongs to all—but only those who have caught the vision of it are privileged to enjoy it. We who have caught this vision shall sing a song of gratitude, whose tune will be recognized by all kindred souls—and they are many. The rest of the world may not hear or may not understand. Nevertheless in this unity of spirit—in this unity of consciousness and understanding, in this unity of Divine Love—we do enter into a new world of relationships, and find ourselves really happily appreciative of the eternal

truth of all Beings. We take this position—God loves all Beings, therefore we cannot do less. In this then you see we have struck the key of brotherhood and find our unity with all. In this we are not asked to respect the cussedness of anybody, of course, but we are expected to recognize the spiritual worth of every Being (for the simple reason that we were all Beings before we were persons) and in so doing we shall make our peace with Him, and find our unity eventually with all.

The serious students of spiritual values constitute a Pilgrim group, facing new invisible frontiers. The borders of the Kingdom of Heaven itself are now in sight, and many are tilling the soil of the Promised Land and are nearing a harvest of spiritual values. Yes, this is the unique inner experience that takes place in those who become spiritually self-conscious. They realize now that from here on their devoted attention belongs with the spiritual side of their nature; that the Indwelling Christ continually attends them, offering them the gifts of the Spirit and it is their business to live a life of devoted attention to this Indwelling Presence, so that they may know how to accept their spiritual legacy and enter into the Kingdom and enjoy all of its many, many blessings.

This is the marvelous experience that takes place when we come to realize the value of spiritual principles over and above materialistic interests. This will make an individual a more valuable citizen. He will be able to take his place in the world to better advantage and, consequently, he will not destroy himself in the process of living and accomplishing his purpose here with his fellow Beings.

Those of us who have caught the vision of our spiritual inheritance regardless of our denominational affiliations, are in a position to sing a song of gratitude that is very far reaching. We represent a great group who are able to consciously and understandingly give thanks for the heavenly gifts of love, wisdom, power, health and an abundant infilling of Truth itself. Truth is the power which changes all things like unto itself. It is that which accomplishes everything that is worthwhile in an individual's experience. Consequently we who are in reality Truth students have found a certain measure of Truth, therefore we are living a richer, fuller, stronger and nobler life today than ever before. In all of this we are privileged to give thanks in a way

that is far reaching. We give thanks not only by thought and by love, but we give thanks by devoting ourselves to the fulfilling of these principles in our immediate experiences; and in this way we will be announcing to the human family that God is actually with man, working through him for him, and the individual who comes into this state of unity will be announcing by his presence these wonder-working and eternal Truths.

Grateful as we are for health and prosperity, our hearts sing with gratitude, for we have received and gathered a harvest which grows with the using. In the consciousness of Christ we are now able to enter the Halls of Wisdom—the banquet rooms of the Masters of Life, and there feast at the banquet tables of eternal values.

Sing, yes we should never cease singing a song of thanksgiving. In doing this, your silent secret song is heard around the globe. It cheers the doubting heart. It brings light to the dim vision of the wandering soul.

It quickens the love of God in those silent, weeping hearts who exist in fear and loneliness. This new light is an invisible light which knows no barriers. Then sing your song—for it is heard and loved by many.

In the light of this 1951 Thanksgiving, you who have been kissed by the Immortal One shall live in measures only dreamed of before. For you this great time has come, a time in which you will realize not only your unity with all, but that all men are privileged to enter into this same glorious state that you know as the Kingdom of Heaven. All have been called, and having been called eventually all shall answer.

So sing your song of victory to God in the hearts and minds of all men.

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Today is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand; but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know; it is a part of action, not of whining. It is a part of love, not of cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness.

—David Starr Jordan.

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The presence of God calms the soul, and gives it quiet and repose.—
—Fenelon.

The Atmosphere of God

JOEL S. GOLDSMITH

IT IS A joy and privilege to work in the atmosphere of God. We live in the atmosphere of God. God fills us just as the rose garden is filled with perfume. In IT our families are filled with the atmosphere of God. God is the impelling motive of our existence. Not only mine—yours. Everyone who has turned to the Truth—everyone who has turned even in the hope of just touching the hem of the robe—to each one of us in our turn comes the assurance of the Presence.

This is the day of healing; the day of the impartation of the Spirit. Here is an attitude of receptivity, openness, letting Consciousness flow where it will, how it will—the Spirit of God permeating all Being, cleansing, regenerating, renewing. “In Him we live, and move, and have our Being.” He lives as us. God manifests Himself as our individual Being. God appears on earth as individual you, individual me. The Mind of God appears as your mind. The Life of God is manifested as your life. All that constitutes God constitutes individual you and me. The Word becomes flesh as you and as me. The Word becomes visible as you and as me. The One appears as many.

In your meditation, take the attitude of “Speak, Father, thy servant heareth;” as if you were listening for that still, small voice; not with strain, not with mental energy or anxiety, but just in the sense of gentle listening, peaceful listening, quiet listening, remembering that “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

See that the Spirit is as tangible, and real and powerful as a bolt of lightning, only more so—but gentler in Its ministrations; peaceful, calming, merciful, kind, just.

There is a Spirit in man, the Spirit of God in man, and It is a Power. It is not a mental power; it is not dependent upon the thoughts you think; it is not dependent upon the books you read. This Spirit in you is the Presence of God. It has been there since before Abraham—only we have relied on so many powers outside of THAT—and now we return to the Father’s

house, to the Divine Consciousness, and let that Power work in us, through us and as our very Being. We recognize there is a Power, the Power of Spirit, self-maintained, self-sustained. We do not use It. It uses us. It permeates our Being as the intelligence of our Being. It permeates us as the health and wholeness of our Being. It is the law of attraction drawing to us all that is necessary for our unfoldment.

You know, a tree planted in the ground, with its wonderful system of roots, through these roots draws into the tree all that is necessary for the good of the tree. It draws the moisture, the air, the minerals, the substances of the earth—all these are drawn up into the tree through these roots. That is why we do not water our plants on the outside; we water the ground so that the good may come up through the roots on the inside. Our consciousness constitutes our roots. When our consciousness is rooted in God, then our consciousness draws unto us all the elements and substances, all the qualities and quantities necessary for our development and our unfoldment. Separate the tree from the ground and soon you would have a dying tree. Separate one from his foundation in God and you soon will have a dying man. But, grounded in Spirit, holding ourselves always one with the Father, we are drawing to us from within everything that is to appear in the without. All of the substances and elements that are drawn into the tree appear outwardly as fruit. All of that which we draw in through our consciousness from the Godhead appears outwardly as bodily health, economic wealth, safety, security, family, friends, teachings, teachers. Everything necessary for our unfoldment comes to us from the depth of our own Being, since God is the Center. Only be rooted and grounded in Him. Maintain this contact. Maintain this consciousness of Oneness.

In opening ourselves to God, never feel that words are necessary. Words are just the helps, the aids that we use to prepare ourselves for the atmosphere of receptivity. If we sat in the Silence for an hour we would be surprised at the miracles that would happen. God works through the Silence. God works in the Silence. God is the Silence. The very Silence Itself is God. When the human mind is still we realize that the Divine Mind fills all space. It is for that reason that we must learn more and more to abide in the Silence, so that more and more of the

Presence of God and the Power of God can manifest Itself as our Being.

God, you know, is our Teacher. No man can be a teacher and no woman can be a teacher. You can only be a vehicle for the Master, and the Master is God Consciousness, Spiritual Consciousness. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." We think as we turn to this work that we are choosing God, that we are turning to God, that something within us is reaching out to God. Never believe it for a moment. It is not true. If you accept such a belief you may find yourself struggling for a long, long time to find God. Once you realize that it was not you that turned to God, but God that turned you to Himself, you can then relax and realize no doubt about the result, no question about the ultimate answer, since it was God, Himself, that brought Himself to you and brought you to Him, and is bringing you to the realization of Him. "I can of mine own self do nothing." I cannot find God. Who by searching can find out God? God is not to be found by searching. God is to be found by listening, by waiting, by silence, by receptivity, by giving God the opportunity to pour Himself through into our Being. From the first moment that we turn toward any Truth teaching, in that moment God places His finger upon us. From that moment on, whether the search is long or short depends more and more on how much we can relax and let God through—how much we can give up the struggle to find God. Rather relax and let God experience Himself in us.

You have not chosen God, God has chosen you; and it comes about in this way. Always there is a development going on in consciousness, always there is an unfoldment going on, and at some period or other, something readies us, prepares us for the birth, for the conception of the Christ within our Being. Before that we seemed to be just a vacuum. We were human beings, seemingly cut off from the Father; and at the moment of assumption, at a moment that ye know not of, "the bridegroom cometh." A seed of Truth is planted within our consciousness. To us, we interpret it as a drive—some sin, some disease, some lack—turning us to find a healing, to find God. Actually, it is not that, it is God Himself, Truth Itself, first touching our consciousness—touching it lightly, just as the planting of a seed—and from then what seems to be our struggle for Truth goes on, since the first

thing you know the seed breaks open, then the seed starts to take root, and all of that process is as if a struggle were going on. But it isn't. It is just a normal, natural process of nature taking place. Then begins the formation, and the growth, and the development, and the pushing up through the ground. Then the bush, the branches, the leaves, the flowering, all in due order. So with us. Every time we turn to the Father, every time we turn to the Christ it is just as if some shoot were lifting itself up to the sunlight and saying, "Pour yourself down on me so that I can develop."

So every time a problem comes to our experience, it is not a problem at all. We ought to rename it in this age. We ought to call it an opportunity. Every time an opportunity comes that drives us to reach out for more light, more light, more light, every such opportunity gives us more light. With every overcoming there is an advance in the line of light. There is more wisdom, more judgment, more patience, more tolerance, more kindness, more gentleness, more peacefulness; and all of that grows upon us as the sunlight of Truth, as the Presence of God, which gives us grace.

You have all watched your gardens grow, and you know that they grow only by grace. You know that nothing in your garden in and of itself is bringing about its own development. All of that comes through it from the very nature of Nature—from the very nature of Spiritual Law. The Law must express Itself, Life must express Itself. Why, grass and flowers come up even through rocks. Life must express Itself. Life must express Itself as you and as me. You know, if you and I were taken out of the world, God would be out of the world, since "I and my Father are One." The Kingdom of God is within you, and if anything ever happened to you, what would become of the Kingdom of God within you? It would just disappear. That could not be, could it? God is Infinite, God is Omnipresent, God is Eternal and Immortal, and God is in His Kingdom—therefore God is the Center of your Being, and nothing can happen to you without it happening to God.

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Hating people is like burning down your house to get rid of a rat.

—Henry Emerson Fosdick.

Building Soul Substance

BLAIR E. McLEAN

THERE ARE always a few great statements of Truth which are outstanding in the minds of sincere seekers of Eternal values. Among the finest that I know of is printed on the inside front cover of this magazine, titled "STATEMENT OF BEING." With permission of the author, I wish to restate these magnificent Truths in my own words—which has made it more applicable to my every-day living:

I am a Self-conscious, Individualized Manifestation of God, or Infinite Goodness; endowed with the Character and Nature of my Father-Mother-God. This is my only legitimate hereditary influence. This guarantees my well-being at all times, at all places and under all conditions. Every atom of my Being is a point of Divine Intelligence. Every cell in my body is alive with the Life of God. I am, therefore, a radiant Manifestation of Divine Life, Love, Power, Beauty and an abundance of All Good!

It doesn't make any difference which wording you use, but we recommend that you get the "meat" of these statements in your consciousness to the extent that when the "waves" of mortal thinking come your way you will be so reinforced with these Truths that you will not be touched by the confusion of material ideas. Turn your attention many times a day to these Truths and make them your own. In doing this you are building Soul substance by which you will attract all GOOD into your immediate experiences.

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"Not till the loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver,
In the pattern He has planned."

The Law of Life

DR. W. FREDERIC KEELER

THERE IS just one Law of Life. This Law is defined in the Bible as "Love never faileth." We could call it the Heavenly Law—it is beneficent at all times and we recognize it as Divine Love.

But there is an apparent opposite law. This law is the law of dominance. The principal thing to know about this so-called law of dominance is that it is an appearance only. The fact is—it is fear.

Divine Law is universal. It affects all equally alike. But it is necessary that one be in a state of open-minded peace in order that it operate in one's individual life untrammelled.

The law of world dominance is entirely individual. It does not exist unless the individual is afraid of it. It is fear of the world and is entirely manufactured within the individual.

We should note that as to the effects of both the Real Law and the artificial law of worldly fear, they both center upon the individual.

The Universal Law of Love is perfect, but the individual, you or I, can do as we please about it. We can accept it or we can ignore it, as we please, or we can partially accept it.

So it is also with the world law of fear. If we know nothing about it, it does not affect us.

The Law of Freedom is the very Highest Law. You are Free. I am Free. All are Free. Free about what? We are Free as to whether we will live under the Heavenly Law or as to whether we will try to squirm along and in some more or less suffering manner try to exist under the world law of dominance.

The birds live according to the Highest Law. They have plenty that they could worry about but they do not. They prefer to live. They are entirely innocent. They go to sleep exposed to death every night. They never know whether they will be alive any morning and they understand that. But they sleep happily and awake more happy with song and joy. But they seem to teach the worrying human worldlings nothing.

The human being goes to sleep full of worries. John did this. Or he did that. But he should have done so-and-so. All of which is plain rot and those who think in that manner do rot. Their very bodies and souls rot. Then they take a step that the birds cannot take, they blame God for it. In their own minds, not in or with the God-Mind in them, they silently say, "God, why did you make things this way?" "I want my way." "God, you should have made things my way."

Yet that very same so-called thinker reminds me somehow of a neighbor I had for four years who during all that time tried to learn to play the Spring Song on the piano. I understand she can't play it yet. But she could put God right, I'll warrant you. And that is just exactly why she will never learn to play the Spring Song. With such a state of mind she could not learn it in four lifetimes. Why? Because she is so busy knowing she just can't learn that Spring Song. But she is determined. She is not going to let life cheat her out of playing the piano and the more determined she becomes the less she will succeed.

You see, she builds her own hill—she makes it steeper day by day. Then she gets more world-mind muscle, more false determination, and she pits her personal determination against the world, and the universe and the piano, and gets whipped.

Then, after she becomes completely vanquished she will give up and anemia will develop. She did her best. But she did not "let." She did not let the Real Law of the entire universe do anything for her. She was too big for the visible universe. So the visible universe proceeds to throw her out of it. Whoever fights will get whipped. The more he fights the sooner he will be defeated.

Jesus actually quoted the Old Testament by stating, "Ye are Gods." I believe him. We are. But we are only Gods when we live up with the Law of God.

Today the world of mankind is lined up more distinctly upon one side or the other of this "two forces" proposition than ever before. Whole nations are now preaching the devil diction of dominance. Other nations are splitting apart for or against the acceptance of the Law of God and Peace, and so-called political parties fight each other within the nations.

Every individual on earth is either for God and the Law of

Divine Love or for the law of worldly dominance within his heart, that is, within his habitual and covered mind. This has always been so, but the sheep are being separated from the goats in this age.

Mankind has always lived under definable dispensations. One of these dispensations started with Jesus when he made it plain that GOD SAVES ALL WHO ACCEPT HIS LAW OF LOVE, of non-struggle. He said from the first that this Law of Divine Love "is at hand" in his very first recorded word of teaching. It is not forced upon any one, it is "at hand." It is not a law that has anything to do with dominance. We are free to accept or deny. We place ourselves under it or against it. We accept the Good Law or we reject it. We do so always as individuals. But we can do this in groups of individuals as, for instance, nations.

This is the why of the present day struggles, the wars, the unrest of the masses. It is a flux time of making this Great Decision.

Are we going to fight life out and do so to our individual extinction or are we going to place ourselves under the Heavenly Law? That is all there is to the matter, man or nation, and in the last analysis this Decision is to be made by the individual, by you, by me. We are Free.

There is a nation that has threatened the whole earth with war, talked war and prepared for it. It has lived under the aim of dominance and destruction. It believes in destruction, preaches it and enforces it upon its citizens. Of course it will be overcome; believing in destruction it will be destroyed.

This is the sorting time. These are the first days of the time when the true will be separated from the false, more en masse as it were.

All who struggle, no matter how saintly they may think themselves to be, will die off this earth in defeat as they always have.

Those who even seek and try mentally to accept the Law of Harmony, who practice peace and faith within their habit minds will be cared for as never before. Believe in defeat today and you will reap defeat in some form or other more speedily than ever before. Believe in the Law of Good, the Supremacy of Good, and you will come into your Good more quickly than ever before. The Law is speeding up in its actualization.

We have had Christianity long enough now to put it to practice. We know that worry and fear is death and that Peace is Life. This is the time to practice our Knowing for merit or demerit. The dispensation of human house cleaning is at hand.

I say that it is best for each of us to attend to our Right Decision now, and not be overcome by the tribulations of the strugglers and fighters, that this can be completely done silently and in Spirit.

It is time for each of us to mind our own business and to make our business habitually the Business of Divine Law. This country is under the benevolent dispensation of this age, which means that it is easier for Americans to place themselves under the Great Law of Good than for some others.

The United States of America is an intrinsic part of my religion. I believe that America as a country is a dispensation of God.

"Peace be unto you."

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Man is glorious and happy not by what he has, but by what he is. He can receive nothing better or nobler than the unfolding of his own spiritual nature.—*Channing*.

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A Christmas Reverie

DAPHNE L. VIGLES

AS THE CHRIST IS BORN IN US

CHRISTMAS IS, first of all, GOD'S overwhelming LOVE and LIFE in ACTION—ever in ACTION! Then let us LOVE—Let us ACT! Let us come ALIVE!

Christmas is ONENESS of all—both great and small. Let us include all!

Christmas is Mystic STILLNESS in LIGHT! Let us be STILL! Let us BE "THE LIGHT!"

Christmas is the melted, adoring, reverent HEART! Let us melt, let us adore. Let us be reverent!

Christmas is God's great Eternal, glowing, sparkling FIRE!—within us. Let us GLOW!

Christmas is Joyous GIVING and SHARING, forever GIVING and SHARING again and again. Christmas is RECEIVING, forever giving and receiving from life. Let us GIVE and RECEIVE—JOYOUSLY!

Christmas is Cheering, Carolling, Smiling, Laughing, Beaming, forever Beaming. Let us carol—Let us beam!

Christmas is Sparkle—Glisten—Wondrous, Glorious, Radiant BEAUTY. Let us Sparkle—Let us be Beauteous!

Christmas is Softness, Gentleness, Kindness, Appreciation, Great Expectancy! Ecstasy! Let us be all!

Christmas is Healing, forever Healing our Fellowman. Let us Heal!

Christmas is Joyous Praising and Blessing, forever Praising and Blessing! Let us Praise and Bless!

Christmas is Intermingling, forever intermingling. Let us intermingle with All Men!

Christmas is forgiving and forgetting—moving on. Let us forgive and forget and move on!

Christmas is HOME and LOVED ONES! Let us Cherish!

Christmas is Joybells ringing, candles burning, firesides glowing, food abundant for all; yes, Christmas trees aglitter, and happy children, mistletoe and holly, and all the fruitful beau-

teous trimmings of this great good earth. Let us name these blessings one by one and pray that all mankind shall have them!

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THIS HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas is, first of all, a CHRISTED PRAYER FOR PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN. Let us CONSTANTLY PRAY!

CHRISTMAS IS LETTING CHRIST'S VIGIL LIGHT SHINE THROUGH OUR LOVING HEARTS TO ALL. Let us burn Brightly and Joyously TOGETHER!

WE ARE THE LIGHT!

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God Is Love

DR. JAMES E. DODDS

LOVE, BEING GOD, represents that kind of love which is complete understanding. Where God's Love is, there is a deep calm in which one's vision is clear. This gives one a positive conviction of rightness and coupled with this is the power of correct action.

One so established is fearless. He will proceed to accomplish his purpose with sure and steady step—never faltering—because he is the conscious embodiment of all knowledge essential to the full working out of his task.

Such are the men and women who are Spiritually Self-conscious. These are the Illumined Ones. They are illumined because they made their unity with God the first business of their living days. They are peculiar in that they have made the LIGHT OF THE WORLD their business rather than the World with all its trappings. Their choice has been wise—for now they carry a light that no man can dim or darken. One with the Great Light, they cannot be other than that Light. They are in truth the Light of the World today. They may be few in number, but nevertheless they are here and are a prophecy to all men that they too shall rise out of the mind-maze of intellectual

intrigue and confusion and live in the promised land of intelligent peace.

Humanity is today in a serious dilemma, and a needless one. The leaders are men of great intellectual accomplishment. Their schemes, their intrigues, their sharp practices, the pitting of one intellect against another for a show of power and leadership is responsible for the whole deplorable condition. Communism is intellect in its most subtle and diabolical form. This represents personal and intellectual pride—all of which is foreign to God or a God-Loving Man.

Understanding is not the result of personal pride on any level, but the result of a humble, honest and sincere endeavor to love your neighbor as one's self. Of course, should you not have a high regard for your own integrity, you cannot be expected to have a high regard for your neighbor. This dilemma represents a serious lack within yourself. You have neglected something of major importance—that of finding your unity with God in the depths of your very Being, where God dwells all ready to restore you to a sense of basic security in which you will not only have a new and supreme respect for yourself, but for all men.

This will give you a new bargaining power with which no intellectual giant can cope. Here you will have the well-being of all men as your purpose. Oh, that I might take this whole humanity in ardent rapture to my heart! You will gather them all into the Love of God and they shall be healed of their sin of separation from their good and be restored to being a member of the Household of GOOD FELLOWSHIP—World Fellowship. Such shall be the men and women who shall lead humanity across the troubled and violent sea of intellectual desperation.

Peace and harmony has always reigned in the Household of God and as above so shall it be below. But not necessarily below—for in this unity there will be no high or low, but a balanced state of illumined unity. The government of the Kingdom will be the government of all people.

All shall live in the unity of pure love or complete understanding. All problems will have vanished in the understanding of mankind. A problem is only a problem so long as one does not understand, but with the power to understand as an active principle in the minds and hearts of man, fear, the seed of sus-

picion and war as such, cannot exist. This cold war is the first evidence of a new approach to the adjusting of our different view points. Tolerance and patience are principles involved now. War, either cold or hot, is merely the measure of humanities' ignorance. Surely man can be taught peace and happiness.

A modern Intellectualist has no faith in God—nor has he faith in any other power except fear, which places him in the position of being destroyed by the very satanic principle he worships.

Intellect, in usurping the throne of Divine Intelligence and Divine Love, will have to be dethroned—then all dominant aggressiveness shall cease. Through Divine Love, pure, understanding man shall be led into the paths of righteousness and into the fertile valleys of peace and plenty for all mankind.

Such is the challenge of God to modern humanity.

"Love Ye one another that Ye may be my disciples."—Jesus.

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"Ye Shall Know the Truth"

DR. EVA WILLBY ROGERS

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

THIS IS THE MESSAGE of Jesus Christ to you and me, and the entire world—the TRUTH of the Abiding Presence enthroned within every human being—always available. The TRUTH of the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN—AT HAND, but hidden beneath the debris of negative thinking and destructive creating.

Mind is a DYNAMIC CREATIVE POWER. Millions of people today, unaware of this VITAL TRUTH, are constantly creating for themselves the things they do not want; and also lending their creative power to the unilluminated destructive forces which are day by day creating and perpetuating the VERY THINGS from which humanity is praying for deliverance. Thus we see the urgent need for the awakening of all humanity to the truth of their creative ability through the power of their thought. Man was created in the image and likeness of God—

that is, of like essence with the same Creative Power. Therefore we are One with God and the mind of man must be awakened to perceive this Truth. The human mind must be lifted up—it must be resurrected, and this Jesus was teaching humanity to do.

Many people today are utterly oblivious to God's Plan for humanity, and the true purpose of life upon the earth as revealed by Jesus Christ. He came teaching the Kingdom of Heaven and Eternal Life here and now. Through His life and teachings He was revealing and demonstrating the operation of Spiritual Law thru which we gain complete dominion over the problems of the three dimensional world in which we live. Obedience to His teachings puts this law into operation through the Power of Mind, or thought.

The Pharisees asking Jesus when this Kingdom should come, He replied, "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation; neither shall they say lo here, or lo there, for behold the Kingdom of God is within you." Within means deep within the mind, or soul, ready and waiting to be consciously brought forth into manifestation through developing the Christ Nature within ourselves, and giving the Christ Love expression through our heart and mind.

The Kingdom of Heaven is the Kingdom of Love—the Kingdom of permanent peace, harmony and joy—the Kingdom of perfect health, wealth and abundance of all good for all humanity everywhere. This Kingdom is ready and waiting to come forth through the heart and mind of man when humanity is able to perceive it and CONCEIVE it. If a thing is at hand, it is right where you can pick it up and make use of it. Thus, the Kingdom at hand is right where we are, lying dormant in the soul, ready and waiting to be picked up in consciousness as a REALITY, and then brought forth upon the earth.

We have the power of free choice, and we can either continue to use our creative ability in perpetuating the undesirable things in the world and in our own lives, or we can bring into manifestation this Kingdom which "cometh not with observation." It must first be accepted and created in consciousness and, as we hold to this ideal of REALITY, we will bring about its fulfillment, because it is God's unchangeable Law of Creation

that what we hold in consciousness DOES OUT MANIFEST.

Faith is the substance
Of things not seen.
Mind is the Power that molds,
As thoughts from God
Like seeds in the sod
Into the mind of man unfolds.

Faith is the substance—
Thoughts are things,
Love gives them Life and Power;
Infinite Spirit unfolding in man
His beauty and truth each hour.

Let us love God more!
That His wisdom and power
May mold us to His Plan;
For the Kingdom of God
Must be brought to earth
Through the heart and mind of man.

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The Commendatory Prayer

BY BISHOP BRENT

We seem to give them back to Thee, dear God, who gavest them to us. Yet, as Thou didst not lose them in the giving, so we have not lost them by their return. Not as the world giveth givest Thou, O Lover of Souls! What Thou givest Thou takest not away. For what is Thine is ours always, if we are Thine. And life is eternal; and love is immortal; and death is a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of *our* sight.

Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly: draw us closer to Thyself that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved who are with Thee. And whilst Thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us for that happy place that where they are and Thou art, we too may be through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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"I am the Resurrection and the Life—He that believeth on me shall have Everlasting Life."

Just What Is Religion?

MARY ELSNAU

(Continued from September-October number)

WHAT DOES EASTER mean to you—a new spring outfit to show off in the Easter parade, or the immortality of the soul? Christ rose from the dead—not bodily, which is against natural law—but His Spirit or Soul rose after three days in Valhalla, the hall of the dead. And before Christ—Easter was known as the day of Resurrection.

Dionysus, one of the earliest Gods of antiquity, rose from the dead after having been three days in Hades. In ancient Babylonia a yearly three day festival was held in honor of the God Tammuz. At the Spring Equinox, the seed was buried in the ground—the first days were passed in sorrow and anxious silence and in fasting.

Then of a sudden the scene was changed. Sorrow and lamentation were discarded on the third day and there was great rejoicing, for this was the Day of Resurrection. A procession wound through the streets with cymbals tinkling in tune with the flutes, and torches flaming. Myrtle crowned images of Tammuz and Ishtar (consort of Tammuz) for whom Easter is named, were borne on portable thrones on the shoulders of their joyful and honored attendants, to the temple where were held the initiation ceremonies, such as our baptism.

Here a pageant depicted the life, death and resurrection of the God. In the Catholic Church today, members fast before Easter, and those who wish, review the Stations of the Cross. This worship has persisted through the ages. However, temple worship to the ancients meant mainly ritual—today our churches are concerned with morals. In the ancient days all joined in the religious festivals and all worshipped at the same temple. Today a church member is lost in the crowd—which increases his difficulty to live up to the high standards set for him.

The cross on our Eastern bun was taken from the cross formed in the Eastern sky on the first day of Spring. It is one of the most ancient symbols known to man. On the appearance of the Dog Star, or Sirius, which forms part of this cross, the

ancient Egyptians set their calendar for the New Year. It meant resurrection or regeneration.

We have come a long way from reverence of death and resurrection, to the purchase of at least a new bonnet for the Easter parade. On being denied this small pleasure, many women become immersed in self-pity, rather than understanding of the true meaning of religion at Easter time. Such women put undue emphasis on outward appearance, not realizing the peace and security they would know if they turned their attention inward.

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On Allhallowmas Day, which we generally disregard, but call the previous evening Halloween, we have fun. Witches ride broom sticks, ghosts are likely to appear and skeletons rattle, if you listen closely. Some religious people call this All Souls' Day, but the ancients of every land worshiped their ancestors on this day. They placed flowers on the graves of their parents and ancestors as far back as they could go, and they went into the temples to say prayers for the souls of the departed. We think only of the fun, but they, even the so-called savages of the South Sea Islands, to this day give a reverential thought to their ancestors.

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At Christmas time, how many consider the birth of Christ and the reason for His coming—that is, that we may be saved through Him? How many try to live a life to please Him, rather than pleasing a friend through the purchase of a gift? How many give a thought to the tree which is evergreen—meaning everlasting life? How many know that December 22nd was celebrated as the birth of a God ages before the time of Jesus? And that even before this ancient date, December 22nd, the shortest day of the year, was held in awe by early people. On this day they feared that the sun was leaving the earth, so they prayed to the Sun to return to them, bringing back again the comforting light and warmth. When the days lengthened, they believed their prayers had been answered. Later, in answer to the peoples' entreaty, a God was born on this day.

Mithras was the Sun God of the Persians. The Zend-Avesta mentions him as the "Mighty hero, the rapid runner, whose piercing eye embraces all, whose arm bears the club for the

destruction of the Darood." The piercing eye is the all-seeing eye of Osiris, the God of ancient Egypt who is still worshipped, and of the Masonic Order of today; it is also shown on our dollar bill. Thus symbolism lives and can be read by all ages and nations.

Mithras was fabled to have been born in a grotto or cave at the Winter Solstice. His feasts were celebrated at the moment when the sun commenced to return northward and to increase the length of the days. This was the great Feast of the Magian religion. The Roman calendar, published in the time of Constantine, the first Christian Emperor of Rome, in the fourth century of our era, fixed his feast day on the 25th of December.

To Mithras, gold, incense and myrrh were consecrated. His statues and images were inscribed, "Deo-Soli-invicto Mithrae"—to the invincible Sun-God, Mithras. Jesus was often represented as being born in a grotto, and in early Christian times was called the True Sun. In time His name replaced that of Mithras.

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In the mad scramble to buy presents up to the last minute, how many give a thought to holy contemplation on Christmas Day?

"Remember what they gave us last year!" you hear on all sides. "We'll have to give them something special this year," and the shopping spree is on.

To give sincerely from the heart is the meaning of the gifts of incense and myrrh, not selfish giving as we are inclined to do today. We fear censure and that others will give us something even better than we have selected for them, so we go over our heads in debt to outdo the other. If we have reason to believe that no presents will be forthcoming from certain people, we cross them off our list too. This is decidedly not the Christmas spirit!

Religion means goodness of heart, worshiping God in our own way and doing good to His children, our brothers. You cannot buy religion or put on the cloak of sanctity by attending church only; you must live your religion.

Little children are closer to God than many adults for they have faith. They know the next meal will be ready and served

at the appointed hour and feel secure in the love of their parents. Many of us are embittered, resentful and distrustful. We are disillusioned, worried—for we have left faith behind, placing our confidence in the dollar.

The wheel of fortune turns; we may be up today and down tomorrow. But he among us who has the heart of a little child, trusting in God above, knows the meaning of peace and security. This is True Religion.

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Change Your Children and Change Your World

REV. EMMA M. SMILEY

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We believe in the divine destiny of good for all children and it is our purpose to make known this destiny to all children with whom we come in contact.

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We know that this vital teaching can bring into being the Kingdom of God on earth, where all may live joyously and fearlessly as they would love to live.

It is also part of our purpose gently and lovingly to wipe from the heart and mind the word "delinquency." There are no delinquent children. Children are either happy or unhappy.

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"What is God, Mother?" cries the little Searcher for Truth.

"Why, God — — —," Mother replies. She has been dreading this question, or perhaps she has never thought much about it.

"Why, God — — —. Run along and play dear, mother will tell you when you are older."

"Where is God, Dad?" cries the little Searcher for Truth.

"Why, God is — — —," Dad hesitates. He knows those clear blue eyes looking into his will know if he is not telling the truth.

"Why, God is — — —. Run along, I'm busy. We'll talk about it another time."

So the little Searcher becomes the Big Searcher always searching for the answer to his childhood longing—What is God? Where is God?

The wise parent will give to his child his best conception of God. That which he has thought through and that which is true to him. When he has told the child that which is true to him, he will say—

"There is so much to be known about God. You and I will have many talks. We will discover Him together."

He will teach him that we do not need to see God in order to talk to Him and to love Him any more than we need to see the people on our favorite radio programs in order to enjoy them.

"God is all there is," we may simply state. Then each day we may adventure with our child in discovering "some" of God—the sunset, the fleecy clouds, the stars, the love you express to each other. Each day will bring new opportunities to make God a natural Living Presence in the life of your child and yourself.

If something upsets you or him, talk to God about it.

If something lovely happens, thank God for it.

Perhaps our child has a clearer conception of what God is than we do with our eyes that have grown misty with the doubt of the years when we did not know God as a Loving, Adequate Presence.

We will always and forever best teach our children by living close to God ourselves, by listening to the still, small voice that will give to us our particular wisdom for each new experience.

The Pathway of Childhood is the short, direct path to the Kingdom. He who serves children, he who loves children, he who has as his chosen Purpose to wipe from the minds and hearts of little children the blot of delinquency and bring happiness to all "these my little ones" is Immortal—for he will live in the hearts and minds of a new People who will walk across the earth ten thousand, yes, ten thousand times ten thousand years from now—carefree and joyous because some one

realized that there are no bad children, but children are only happy or unhappy, and that to be happy is to be Good.

AFFIRMATION

I am now in the Presence of God.

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OREGON.—The enclosed Postal Note is for the renewal of my subscription to The Aquarian Age Magazine. May God bless you for the peace and understanding you are bringing to the world. —L.S.

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