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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Man should realize that this is what is meant by the wording of the next sentence which evidently belongs to it, "But deliver us from evil." The little word 'but' is a clear proof of their connection, and the meaning is identical with, may we recognize what is evil at whatever cost, even at the cost of pain and suffering, may the inflexible law of return teach us every time we sin, for in recognizing our sins lies release also for those who are earnest seekers. Hence the second part of the prayer.

Man confers with God in "For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and glory forever and ever. Amen." This third and last part is a jubilant assurance of safety the soul enjoys in the protection of the Almighty. It lays its vows at his feet in prayer, thus we distinguish two parts in the prayer the Son of God gave us. The introduction and the converse with God, to which Luther added human outcry, express his knowledge, and help will come to the petitioner and strength be given him to fulfill what he has promised. The accomplishment of what is

vowed must carry the soul up to God's Kingdom, the region of eternal joy in life.

In this way the Lord's prayer, when realized and made living, will be a staff and a support to the spiritual Kingdom. Man should not forget that in praying, proper speaking is only seeking the power to realize himself, what he is praying for, and it is in this sense that the prayer, the Son of God gave his disciples, must be prayed.

A miracle is something that sets men wondering. It is something that they hold to be impossible, yet that it is possible, is proved by the fact of its occurrence.

But miracles, according to the imaginings of many faithful believers in God, do not exist, for they consider that a miracle must be something that happens outside the laws of nature, even contrary to the laws of nature, by which they would recognize its divine origin. For them a miracle is a thing only possible to God. For them it is a sign of his special grace, given to show them His omnipotence.

Omnipotence in their erroneous opinion is the power of acting arbitrarily, and they consider a miracle to be an arbitrary act, but they do not reflect how they thus belittle the Almighty, for such miracles will be anything but divine.

God's work is perfect without flaw or gap. Perfection implies a strictly logical sequence of events in every respect, the only difference being that in a miracle a natural process that would ordinarily take a longer time develops with such unparalleled rapidity, either owing to some individual's special gift, or to some other cause that is called miraculous, in a word, a 'miracle.'

Occasionally it may be that a miracle will happen owing to possibilities beyond the present state of the earth's development and brought about by a concentration of energy, but the miracle will never be worked outside, or contrary to natural law. Could one suppose such a thing, it would lose all its godliness and become an arbitrary act. Thus, just the contrary of what so many of the faithful believe. Nothing that is deficient in strictly logical sequence can come from God. Every miracle is an absolutely natural process, only that it proceeds with exceptional rapidity and with concentrated power. It is quite out of the question that anything unnatural can ever happen.

When diseases are healed, that up till now were considered incurable, it does not mean that a change in natural law has taken place, but only shows up the gap and deficiencies in human knowledge. All the more must we praise the mercy of the Almighty for giving certain chosen individuals special power which they can use for the welfare of suffering

humanity. There will always be such who have kept themselves free from the self-conceit and presumption that scientific study lends. Worldly scholarship would naturally hinder the possibility of receiving higher gifts.

Worldly scholarship seeks to satisfy ambition and can never receive inspiration in the pure spirit of a child. Gifts that come from regions beyond space and time can only be received and never acquired. This circumstance alone shows which gifts are the more precious, the more powerful, and the more divine.

All miracles are brought about because there is a law set up in the beginning which makes it possible for them to happen. Without such a law there could be no miracles. With this understanding we know that the things which Jesus did were done because of his knowledge of the great natural laws under which God manifests his creations in the world. Without such knowledge he could not have imparted to his disciples the wisdom which would enable them to do as he commanded when he said, "Go ye forth and do likewise, and greater things than these that I do shall ye do after me."

There are some in our churches to-day who say that the day of miracles is past. That cannot be true until such time, which is in itself an impossibility, that the laws of God would no longer operate because as long as the laws of God continue, so long will man be able

to perform what is called by those without knowledge, 'miracles.' The wisdom, which enables man to perform so-called miracles, is the knowledge of the operation of the laws of God in creation. All men have the power to attune themselves to these laws, but it can only be done by the aspirations of one who has raised himself beyond the bondage of the flesh, and contacts the higher spiritual powers, and makes himself one with them.

O MAY WE SHARE

The sacredness within Thy soul,
The living-truth within Thy heart,
Thy higher purity of Mind
And freedom for true spirit's sphere
Immune to fallacy and fear.

And May We Share
Throughout our bodies, every part,
Thy Comforter consoling, find,
And gentle presence ever near
In all creation, Thou, most dear.

— PAUL JANS

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