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LIGHT

LOOK for the Light. It is within thee. Round about thee is the darkness of impenetrable night, but God has given thee a light, that, once recognized, will throw its rays before thee to light a narrow pathway, which thou mayest securely tread in safety.

Let thy step be *firm* and *sure* on this way of life.

Gather unto thyself, into thy consciousness, more and more of its power. Hesitate not to trust it, however strange its guidance may seem to thee.

Words of wisdom will be discerned in the light when thou hast accustomed thine eyes to it. They are there already written, but perchance thou hast not learned the will of the Father in His word.

There is but one purpose in the Will Omnipotent and this shall be accomplished in *thee*, for none can oppose It. *Let It be done in thee.*

In wisdom the full illumination is given unto those alone who are faithful.

Within thee are eternal possibilities; thou art *now* one with the Over-Soul that rules through all eternity.

Seek to become conscious of this, for in thee the eternal law must be fulfilled. *The Mystics.*



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The Power of Vision.

Where there is no vision, the people perish.—Proverbs, xxix., 18.

There seems to be in the going through of a definite, fixed routine day after day and week after week something which saps and robs life of that which is best and noblest in it. Certainly those who lead such a life have, some more, some less, their vision obscured and their horizon contracted. Perhaps it is due to want of variety, perhaps to want of stimulus. Whatever the cause, the fact remains. It is generally admitted that one of the dangers of our age is that in our large use of machinery we ourselves are liable to become too machine-like.

We have little regard for what is known technically as the "visionary man," but what we really dislike is his impracticability, not his visionary side. Successful men are all more or less visionary. In fact, there is perhaps no other quality so pre-eminently essential to success as that faculty which enables one to look ahead, to foresee and forecast the future. Where there is no vision we fail.

There is, perhaps, no better example of the power of vision than that of Columbus. History tells us how patiently and persistently he labored to secure assistance to follow up his vision and make it real to the world. He labored to gain his vision and he labored to realize it. We wonder that such a glorious vision should have remained so long unseen. The reason is apparent. The world's brightest visions are reserved as rewards to persistent and painstaking effort and to diligent and untiring research.

It is a mistake to think that all important visions have already been seen and realized. There are still worlds to discover and to conquer. Brighter visions than those which are unfolding themselves in our day and generation the world has never seen. Those who are catching glimpses of them we call geniuses or wizards. But they are in reality thinkers, workers. It is thus that they make their inspiration.

Visions have indeed played a mighty part in the world's history. They have given us from the pens of the most gifted poets and men of letters our choicest bits of literature. They have advanced the world and uplifted the church. Our tall buildings, our great bridges, our marvellous modern inventions and machinery, our almost magic means of travel and communication by land and by sea, first existed in mind as visions of future possibility.

Christ's vision of universal brotherhood was of all visions the most splendid and glorious. We are learning more and more of it, but we do not begin to appreciate it yet. He who crushes and robs the poor cannot by putting money so gained into institutions, however good, catch even a glimpse

of the beautiful vision which Christ saw in the brotherhood which He came on earth to establish, and which is to have its final and complete consummation in heaven. It is a fearful thing to have the widow's tears and the laborer's blood crying out from the ground and reaching the very ear of God against unrighteous and ill gotten gain. The rich man who has made his money honestly and who is merciful and liberal need not fear when the time comes to render an account of his stewardship. Visions of a camel standing before the needle's eye or of Dives calling to Abraham and Lazarus need not trouble him.

Religion furnishes us higher ideals, broadens our sympathies, uplifts our minds, gives us inspiration and strength in our daily efforts, furnishes just that which the world cannot give. In the spiritual life of that righteous father and of that saintly mother (who, perhaps, have passed to their blessed reward) we caught glimpses of visions, visions which revealed something of the divine and which have never ceased to beckon us heavenward. We have no fear of perishing, because we have visions which lead us onward and upward to that "building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The Power of Vision in the Mystic Brothers is very strong; they see that eternal and universal love is surely melting down the walls of selfishness and sectarianism that separate men. The eternal and universal brotherhood will in a while be a blessed fact. Come, brother and sister, you can help bring this about, by loving more broadly and deeply. Always remember there are many religions and that all of them are good for the soul, if lived. Real love and real charity begins when we can see good in our brother's religion, and not all the truth in our own. This is the true vision.

IT IS REQUIRED OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO KNOW WHAT HIS IDEALS ARE

Every human soul has a specific work to do. In his childish state of early consciousness, the ideals are not committed to him. Just so soon as he becomes susceptible to the higher vibrations of spirit it becomes then his privilege to consciously work in harmony with the Universal Plan. He must remain faithful to his highest ideals or, failing to do so, he runs counter to the upward tendency of his own soul's growth. Now when a man's "innermost" is consciously attuned to the Universal Plan, for him to even contemplate the fulfillment of mere personal ends, is to invite conditions with which he has at heart no real sympathy, nor is he in vibratory correspondence therewith. If he would but trust the Omnipotent Spirit to protect him and would be faithful as a willing instrument, he would then find success in every department of

his work; one last thought in connection. Would he meet with persecution? Yes, but the power that cooperates with him would protect him in all vital matters to enable him to carry on the work.

Every man is required to examine himself from time to time in order to ascertain whether any obstacles exist between him and the fulfillment of his ideals.

While inspiration works in spite of certain conditions, it is enhanced and fostered by certain conditions, and it is for the individual to so understand himself that he maintains consciously always the best conditions.

The best conditions are always those involving the greatest degree of unselfishness.

FLAME OF LOVE.

By H. Aylmer Harding.

Born from the womb of penitence and sorrow
Rises the Christ-child, Promise of tomorrow,
Out from the depths of sin and sin's despair
Arises Hope new born on wings of prayer,
While o'er the wilderness of sacrifice
Fair Angels make of Earth a Paradise.

Heart of Love, Flame above,
Star of my soul,
Guide me to Heaven's gate
Life's real goal.
Grant to me God's mind,
Leaving fear far behind,
Let the Eternal wind
Sweep thro' my soul.

Raised from the depths of weakness and disgrace,
On wings of Love upborne and face to face
With God, I see the mystery of pain
Grow clear, while stress and daily strain
Of this earth life are lifted, and I see
Much of the meaning of Death's mystery.

Flame of Love, wind above,
Soul of my Soul,
Show me the part to play
In life's great whole.
Grant me the vision clear,
Speak Thou that I may hear,
Ope Thou mine inner ear,
Read me Life's scroll.

So, as the days pass by, each turn Life takes,
Shall be but Faith's new venture, when the soul
wakes

To spread her wings for some sublimer task
Than heretofore accomplished. Need she ask
A greater work than for Love's sake to give
Herself a Flame of Love that souls may live?

Heart of Love, Flame above,
Star of my soul
Make of Earth Heaven
This is Love's goal.
Quicken this heart of mine,
Bless Thou with Love divine,
Breathe on this world of Thine
And make it whole.

Only permanent and eternal joy and peace
cometh out of right action to God, man, and
beast.

Purification.

Purification is a conception which has often been misunderstood by aspirants. We have but to recall the personal history of St. Augustine and of Abelard—the Abelard who loved Heloise—to note the ways in which even great ones have misunderstood the real significance of this great idea.

In the first place let us venture to say that in many, perhaps most, cases purification is no more attained by withdrawing from the world, than is the force of steam diminished by confining it. The true purification is most certainly attained by remaining in the world and resisting its allurements. Monasteries and nunneries are all right for those who have reached such an age that the world no longer tempts them; they are all right for those who wish to be saved from the distractions of the outer life, in order that they may meditate upon higher things undisturbed; but for those who have a leaning towards worldly things, but who wish to grow strong and above temptation, to develop in spirituality by overcoming desire and turning their freed energy upward toward their Source, those who are young and ardent, yet possess spiritual tendencies, these places of seclusion are of doubtful value. We unfold our powers through strife and struggle. Thus do we develop will and energy—power to control, power to throw off limitations, power to resist downward tendencies, power to reach upward. In much better case is he with a strong passion-nature—strong feelings, strong desires—than he with but a flickering energy, even though that energy be directed toward spiritual things; for he with the strong passions is learning the deeper lessons, is becoming inwardly powerful through the development of his will first in furthering and later in controlling those passions—in other words, he is becoming a center of energy which in the course of time, when he sees more truly, will send forth with equal intensity forces for good and uplifting. Great geniuses are generally passionate in one way or another; for they are great centers of energy—energy which must find an outlet, which will find an outlet through their specialty and also, on account of its super-abundance, through the weak points in their natures as well. This is one reason, perhaps, why some geniuses are eccentric. The greatest geniuses, though, are far from eccentric; for they are the normal men, they are what mankind is approaching.

As to the process of purification, we should, first, strive to control our thoughts, for the thought is father to the act. We should renounce what an ancient Hindu scripture calls the "formative will," that is, the image-making, plan-building function of the mind, in respect to those things of which we wish to be rid. We should absolutely

refuse to allow to come into our minds thoughts of evil, and we should strive to forget evil that has been done to us. We may fall many a time in this endeavor, but we should continue persistently; and we may be perfectly sure and very happy in the thought that in time we must succeed. We should remember that when we do wrong it is not we who do it; it is these bodies in which we are living—it is the instincts of the past, the automatisms we have worked into these bodies through our thoughts and desires in past lives, which thoughts and desires have potentially contributed to the character of these bodies of the present life. And it seems that the more energy we have, the more violently these automatisms are set going in moments of uncontrol. It is the desires, the fears, the hates, even the loves of these bodies—it is these which lead us into wrong-doing, into opposition to the course of our evolution. Consequently we should seek to establish in these bodies such an automatism as will respond only to the higher things—such an outlet of energy, such a line of least resistance as will refuse to be modified by anything that is low or mean. This is a very difficult matter in the face of the temptations that assail us, but we should never become discouraged. We should understand that which brings us remorse, but should put remorse behind us when we have learned its lesson. If we hate, we should gradually resolve that hatred into compassion or even love. We should seek opportunities to establish sympathy with the person hated and give him thoughts of good-will. If we love and are led by our love into excesses, we should strive to curb ourselves and direct our thoughts constantly to the nobler aspect of our love. This noblest of sentiments is perhaps the most universally debased of the noble sentiments at humanity's present stage of development. Even in its aspect of physical attraction, with its pain of separation when the loved one is away, and with its joy in the mere presence of the loved one—in other words, even in the aspect of love as it exists between man and woman, as man and woman physically, there is very definitely exhibited the nature of spiritual Love. For even as man and woman who love each other devotedly strive to merge themselves each into the other so that they may stand upon a common ground of mind and heart, so do aspirants toward the spiritual life strive to merge themselves into the Father of All. In loving we are seeking union. And we are constantly increasing or approaching that union by purifying ourselves, that is, by casting off limitations, for by so doing, we are removing the obstacles between us and the object of our love. By becoming gentle and kindly and compassion-

ate and magnanimous and unselfish we are constantly growing in intimacy with others, for by acquiring these noble traits we are casting off limitations and consequently approaching nearer to other centers of life about us and thus can the better enter into their life and love and be of service to them.

The process of purification is the process of evolution. There is no end to it. Even God is purifying Himself, for He, the Ruler of our Solar System, is but a lower expression of a greater than He, even as we are lower expressions of Himself. And we can reasonably believe that He is striving to increase the responsiveness of His mighty vehicles of expression, just as we are trying, so that He may become more and more attuned to the mightier Life of His Father.

HAVE A WORTHY PURPOSE

The Christian man or woman always has a purpose in life; or, rather, GOD and the Divine Leading give those who love Him a purpose.

So when we say, "Have a purpose in life," we should say: "Seek GOD and let Him direct thy footsteps with an intelligent purpose."

All Christian Endeavor upon close scrutiny will be found full of intelligent purpose. The true secret of the phenomenal progress and prosperity of the United States is due entirely to our set purpose to do and achieve under Divine Leading.

It must never be forgotten or lost sight of that this glorious country of ours is a God-loving Christian Country.

It has been truly said: "A worthy purpose will speedily free the mind and spirit of the mumps and measles, dyspepsia and languor."

This great country of ours has always had God-loving men of character and worthy purpose in great abundance, hence our supremacy. More and more of these Great Souls are continually being born here and attracted to our shores from other lands, so that the future of this country is bright, very bright.

The law of evolution is a noble law—it develops even the highest forms of existence and intelligence from the lowest strata and condition of being. Causation is the supreme power that governs all things—effect in every department of life and action is but the result of causation.

Every entity, however lowly, is an heir to the highest attainment though it take a million years to reach the throne of wisdom and light.

Are you trying to secure One new subscriber for "our" Mystic Magazine? Do you not know of some soul who is in need of the help we are ready and anxious to give? Look around, beloved, and see if you cannot find one such, and in this way make your own life brighter and happier.

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INVOCATION.

Infinite Life, Love and Wisdom, divine and perfect unto thee we turn with adoration and praise. Aid thy children in their search for thee; reveal thyself in the hearts of those who are yearning for more light—that the clouds of sense and time may be dispersed.

Hope and Power begin in Love.

He who loves all will be blessed by all.

Life is ceaseless! I am Life—endless life.

There is but ONE ACTIVE INTELLIGENCE in all Being.

Since I fear not—I rule all things that would disturb me.

Fervently love God, and thou dost not need commandments.

In this blessed Age of Light realities are taking the place of illusions.

I am an eternal soul! I no longer pine and whine, moan and groan and drone. I am a man fully awake!

"Metaphysics has convinced us of Truth. But we shall remember that Love lies back of metaphysics; and in that day when metaphysics fails us, Love, and Love alone, shall be our refuge."

It is the One Formless Simple of the Universe, eternal and omnipotent, that forms all that is—it is in, back, through and beyond all we see and know—it forms and sustains all that is combined and complex. We are all that!

We now live in the highest and best civilization the world has ever seen, and we are sowing the seeds of a yet better civilization. What a blessing it is to live in such a beautiful world at such a blessed time.

Carnal mind is limited in comprehension and can at best scan only surfaces; of necessity it lacks depth and is pessimistic and obstructive, and is always perniciously active in blocking the wheels of progress, because it cannot comprehend the ultimate Sovereign Good.

Matter never moves, unless acted upon by some force that is not itself. Thy body never moves, unless acted upon by some force that is not it. Know thyself, and then thou wilt know that which eternally moves, forms and re-forms all things in the Universe.

Thou art a blessed Being that can understand and comprehend, and will understand and comprehend all Truth—sometime, somewhere. Listen to no teaching that says otherwise. Thou art a blessed eternal child of God, the All-Father. I mean you, who are now reading these words, and all who see them not.

Judgment belongeth only unto God; He will determine the truth; and He is the best discerner. With Him are the keys of the secret things; none knoweth them besides Himself; He knoweth that which is on the dry land and in the sea; there falleth no leaf, but He knoweth it; neither is there a single grain in the dark parts of the earth, neither a green thing, nor a dry thing, but it is written in the perspicuous book.—Sura 6, Koran.

Love, Life, Intelligence, Activity and Energy are One—the one operative life of each organized being, to a more or less degree; its highest expression on the earth-plane is in the spiritual man, and its lowest in the brute or animal. As the mind opens, grows and expands it attracts to the soul more of this one blessed principle, and it has power to ascend in an orderly way from form to form, and plane to plane—from the brute-plane to the angel-plane, always performing necessary labor, service and work on each plane. God needs countless workers on countless planes, hence the progressive evolution of the eternal soul—the child of God.

Omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent Spirit is perfect love and is always, (eternally), striving to manifest more fully in each and all souls, and as we become love submissive to Spirit, and live the Spiritual Life we have Peace, Harmony and Melody in our lives. "Spirit would create through you; it would express its Power and Wisdom through you. This can only be done as you give way entirely to Love, (Spirit). Love, (Spirit), is the only Power; only Creator. Let all else become second to this one blessing of receiving this Living Spirit—Love." Thus saith the Spirit in its blissful and Mystic Prophets.

On this planet there are many paths (religions) to God, and each traveller supposes

his own path to be the best. But they must all come to the One Path of Oneness at last. Any religion is good that opens the mind to one eternal omnipresent God of Omniscience and omnipotence, in which we all live, move, and have our being. He who thinks his path the only path is on a narrow, rocky and dark path: he who sees the blessed One in All, is on the blessed Broad Way of Light to a consciousness of eternal life here, now and forever. Blessed is he who sees the great God in all religions; for he is freed from the cage of ignorance, bigotry, superstition, and intolerance.

The religion of the Mystics is one of Universal Love, perfect righteousness, sanity, order, purpose and service and work that makes for universal and eternal progress. When men love, praise, and pray together they cannot quarrel with any man, or about any religion, or any opinion. Perfect love unites men. God unites men. Too much dogma or orthodoxy divides men. In Christ Love there can be no heresy and no condemnation. "In God's world there is unity and diversity—in the deeps, unity; in the shallow, diversity. That which unites is always diviner than that which divides. The diversity is fleeting, ephemeral; the unity is abiding, eternal."

All disease, disorder and discord is curable, by the Eternal and Universal Spirit; and never by mental or material means. The human-mortal-mind may give temporary relief, but can never rescue and redeem man from discord. Only the Christ-mind, the omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent Spirit can quickly, permanently, and eternally heal, cure, and redeem us from discord and suffering. So simple silent love, prayer, and righteous living, with our minds and wills completely surrendered to God, (merged in His Mind and Will) will bring one into oneness with the blessed One and cause one to enter the abode or state of eternal Peace, Power, Bliss, Wholeness, (holiness), and Freedom.

If thou dost suffer and are troubled and perplexed, now is the time to call on the One Great God within and without and let the All-Father-Mother rule in you. "Be still and know that I am God." All God asks is for patient love, full surrender of the human-carnal-animal mind and will. "All I ask is that you let Me have full possession of your mind and will and give My mighty Will the full right of Way to act through you as is My nature. I alone am Love and I alone can fulfill the Law, and you without Me cannot fulfill any law but the law of bondage and death." Thus saith the one great God, in the Silence, to the Mystic Sons and Daughters, your brothers and sisters, who through perfect Love, perfect surrender of mind and will, have attained to the blessed state of Oneness with the Blessed One.

SAYINGS OF THE BLISSFUL PROPHET.

"That which exists is one; Sages call it variously."—Rig-Veda, I, 164, 46.

We are all eternal children of one Father, God.

Deep down in our eternal souls, wherein dwelleth the eternal God, the question is never asked what our religion is, whether we are Deists, or Atheists, whether Christians, Jews or Buddhists.

Knowest thou this one blessed truth; thou art eternal, without beginning or end; this is the one truth that will free thy mind from all illusions and delusions.

Thou art always (eternally) one with the Blessed One; that which is eternal and universal and remains unchanged and unqualified in all circumstances, which is not limited in time, space or being, which has no real personality and is yet present in all alike, in the sensible and the insensible beings. That continuous unchangeable substance which is above the relative world, whose consciousness pervades the whole universe, who is Infinity itself and whose eternal existence is the cause of this changeable creation—thou, beloved, art that.

Thou art really eternal with the eternal One, and not knowing this truth is wherein lieth thy captivity and all thy woe and misery.

The knowledge of this one truth of oneness with the All, produces freedom, peace, power, bliss and plenty; the thought of separateness and thought of individuality binds and grinds the soul.

My son! if thou seekest freedom and salvation, then put aside all thought that thou art separate or attached to this or that, or that thou art separate from the One who ruleth and governeth all things.

The royal road to freedom, peace, power and supreme bliss is in our consciousness that we are one with God. As a matter of truth the essence of all is one with the eternal and universal God.

The notion of duality is the cause of all our woe and misery. The blessed state of eternal peace and bliss is reached only when we know we are all eternally one—all the Children of one eternal All-Father-Mother, of perfect love and compassion.

If thou canst love all and know all are one in God thou wilt repose in thy purer and higher consciousness and enjoy full and complete peace and bliss.

Oh, the bliss of knowing that thou dost belong one with the All. Thou art then free from everything and the real perceiver of the eternal universe.

All thy miseries are the mere thoughts of thine own mind; that thou art separate or apart from the Blessed One (God).

Thou art really the seer and knower of all, because thou art all there is. Thy misery cometh to thee because thou beholdest thyself separate and apart from the All. "Thou beholdest the seer (you) otherwise than it is, and therein lieth thy captivity."

The sages and prophets say: "The seer is

Message of the Patriarch

To the Brotherhood: Let us commune together: The golden links of this chain remain unbroken, even were there no visible lines. Through the etheric air we touch wires unseen, which vibrate as true as the pulsating heart. The great Heart of the Universe controls and supplies all the Kingdoms of Earth, and all the starry realms are obedient to its Supremacy. It is Love.

the universal 'I' or the Logos, and the individual consciousness is but a finite particle of it. The difference between the Higher and the Lower states of consciousness is that the Higher Consciousness (the God within each soul) beholds the universe as one with itself, whereas the Lower state of mind recognizes its own self as being limited by its own body and, therefore, apart from the rest of the sentient universe. The one undivided consciousness of the Logos or soul is alike reflected in all sentient beings, and it is the individual mind which, forgetting its true and higher self is attached to the perishable body."

So the mind when it merges completely into the eternal and universal Soul or Spirit, comes into consciousness of its oneness with all there is and forever rests in peace, power and bliss.

"Know thyself to be the One, the Pure and Absolute consciousness, and by the fire of such determination destroy the meshes (cage) of thy ignorance. Thus saved from the hands of sorrow, be thou happy."

So all Masters and conscious Sons of God have always earnestly taught brotherly love, because through eternal and universal love we reach freedom and bliss.

O son! long, long hast thou lived in the notion of good and evil and been attached to the idea that some brothers are saints and others are sinners and have kept thyself bound and sorrowful. See all beings as one, as children of one great God of love, and soon all will be freed, and in the blessed blissful state. Thus you will perceive thyself and all selves as eternal and one with the eternal One which pervades all space.

And herein is all the truth that gods, angels, sages, seers and prophets have ever sought to teach; that we are all eternal children of one eternal God of perfect love; that as we live in love for all, knowing our oneness, to that extent we will be free and saved from all the woes and miseries of life.

And to reach oneness and peace and bliss there is no simpler or better way than to begin to live the Christ-life as taught by our blessed Lord and Master, Jesus.

THE INVISIBLE POWER

So little do the majority of people realize what spirit is that they are all the time looking for its material representation—the body—and deny its existence if such a material entity cannot be presented to them.

The body bears the relation to the spirit that the shadow does to the object. The body reflects the exact state of the spirit; it is the spirit's garment, and, though it die, the spirit is still the same. To do all things for the body, and spend all one's energies upon it, is wasting your substance. It is gross materialism, and a denial of the spirit (the God) that creates the body and is the very life that infills it.

That spirit is the invisible formative principle, and to it the body owes its form. When the spirit leaves the body, the latter goes back again into formlessness. The spiritual principle in man is composed of his invisible thoughts and invisible feelings.

All creative work and the evolution of all forms depend upon the labors of the spirit—its intelligence and affections.

To know what manner of spirit is present within our consciousness, we need only to examine the kind of thoughts that dominate our mind, and what feelings are actuating the heart, for the time being, and we can then judge whether we are in harmony with good or evil spirits.

LOVE IS THE LIFE-GIVER.

I proclaim the Majesty of the Eternal One. His power endures forever. His love survives all physical and spiritual changes.

Glory and Honor, Power and Virtue are in His Presence. His Presence is radiant with healing power.

Elohim is the Healer of all the children of earth.

I proclaim Love the quickener of the souls of mortals.

Love is eternal life and strength to all souls. Harken, O Souls, and hear the words of life.

Love irradiates your being. Love is your life. Love transforms your essence and makes you all alive.

Love is God.

—Walter DeVoe.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

is the radiance of the Sun of God. God is the Essence of the Central Radiance which is His Sun, and the radiant emanations are His Holy Spirit which pervades all creation, thus a trinity in unity.

The first creations of God through His Sun are sun-souls or the Sons of God. They are also His formed essence personified and the holy feelings and thoughts that emanate from them are nothing less than the Holy Spirit. Thus we have God as the Love which radiates through His Sun-form to all creation, spiritual and material, as an impersonal, vivifying Wisdom light which we call the Holy Spirit. We also have the same quality of Divine Love radiating through soul-sons as the Holy Spirit in its personal aspect. What is true of the Christ-soul is true of all celestial souls in a lesser degree. The Christ is the Father of Love personified, and the love he gives forth is His Holy Spirit or the Spirit of the Father. So whether we speak of many divine souls or of one, or of the trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—we do not depart from the absolute truth of unity and oneness of essence of all in God. "There is but One and his name is One."

"In thy light shall we see light." Ps. 36:9. As the shutter of the camera flits across the lens a ray of reflected light impresses its message upon the sensitive film. In the completed picture there are details so small the eye cannot see them, but let the picture be enlarged and all the hidden features are revealed.

The very small ray of light allowed through the lens in a fraction of a second contains all the tracery on all the leaves of all the trees in view and a myriad other details; all caught by the all-seeing eye of the camera. This physical illustration will serve to make clear how the light of Spirit contains in its complex structure knowledge and beauty for the soul of man.

The Central Sun of Love is shining its rays of Wisdom-Light upon us at all times and every least particle of its light contains a revelation of God. So-called matter is continually receiving and to a small degree expressing the wonder of the Light of Divine Wisdom. The rays shining into matter are filled with vitalizing power and whenever matter is subject to the right conditions of moisture and heat, the particles combine to exhibit some form which astonishes us by its marvelous complexity, beauty and adaptability to the end it is designed to fulfill in its humble position. Whether it be a diatom or a snow crystal, a tree or a man, there is a wisdom displayed in the arrangements of atoms that compels our reverence for the creative power. Whether it be a germ of disease or a germ of health, its form shows wisdom in its construction, revealing that the Wisdom-Light of God may be absorbed by the little as well as the great things of creation and used for noble or ignoble ends, according to conditions. The deep-sea herring absorbs in its germ state the constructive knowledge to color its belly light and its back dark that its enemies beneath looking up will fail to see

it because its silver blends with the light filtering through from above and its enemies looking down see its back so harmoniously united to the darkness of the depth that it is again hidden from view. But its enemies, absorbing the same wisdom-light, may gain a finer perception which will enable them to find the food their nature requires in the form of deep-sea herring. So we see that the Wisdom-Light is impartial and gives of its love freely to all.

Celestial souls are forms of the Wisdom-Light and the radiations of the glorified natures come to humanity as the Holy Spirit. While in the silence I entered closely into communion with a celestial soul and for a short time it seemed that I was looking down a long vista of noblest architecture while wondrous feelings pervaded my being. In the emanations of that soul I felt the sublimity of music, the beauty of art and the glory of song all combined as the revelation of a God-knowing soul. Thus is an awakened soul the realization and revelation of heaven because it is composed of the Essence which is the cause of heaven.

Every form gives continually of its spirit. Every crystal is radiant with its own peculiar magnetism. Scientists are cataloging N-Rays, X-Rays, Alpha, Beta and Gamma Rays, all showing the radio-active peculiarities of the internal character of matter in its various forms. The spirit of man gives off rays of light—such as it is—continually, but as this light is seldom the light of a heavenly character, we are reminded of the words of Jesus: "If the light that be in thee is darkness (in comparison with the true light) how great is the darkness." The light that the human spirit gives forth influences everyone about it with the quality of the one from whom it proceeds. Let his handkerchief or his written words be placed in the hands of a "sensitive" a thousand miles away and on her mind will be impressed his image and according to his degree of mental discrimination she will read from the human rays all his qualities and characteristics. It may have a disturbing or a harmonizing influence, be rousing or depressing. If the rays of his aura which are the quality of his life produce an image on the sensitive brain cells of the clairvoyant, how great must be their imaging power on the mental side of each cell in his own physical body. The cells forming his physical structure have no other wisdom or light than that of his mind and they must dance, as it were, to the tune he plays on his harp of life. When he changes his character the distant clairvoyant will, through his letter, gain a different image of him and every cell in his body will be impressed with a different image for good or ill, for peace or disease, whichever way the change may be. And as these cells are under the continuous influence of his spiritual radiance, they must feel most positively any change toward the joy and health that springs from the true light of heaven. God impresses all substance with the light of His Wisdom. Man impresses his physical substance with the positive light of

his character. Let the light in man become the Light of God and then all the marvelous ordering power in the Rays of the Holy Spirit will become a perfect structure, building power in the character and body of man. His affairs as well as his inner life can be so charged with the Wisdom-Light reflected from God that grace and beauty will take the place of barrenness and crudity, and joy and prosperity fill all the waste places of his life from the all-bountiful Spirit, which is the Holy Spirit of God.

Walter DeVoe.

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For all the wintry flakes of frost it's summer-time somewhere—
Violets in the valleys, bird songs in the air;
The chilly winds have only blown the lily's lips apart—
It's summer in the world, my dear, and summer in the heart.
For all the gray skies glooming it's summer in the dells;
In the merry song of reapers, in the tinkling of the bells;
The sweet south skies are brightening as with springtime's magic art—
But the sweetest summer, dearest, is the summer in the heart!
Still, still the birds are singing, and still the groves are green,
And still the roses redden and the loyal lilies lean;
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The religious man is the enduring man.
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In order to found a movement to supply the needs of aspiring souls, seeking emancipation and spiritual freedom, to gather into harmonious relationship the stray sheep of the shepherd's fold, who through spiritual unfoldment and growth refuse to be held in bondage through fear and coercion; to embrace the good in all religions, knowing no sect nor creed, no class nor color, holding to the primal basis of all religions—Faith; yet yielding to no dogma, the Eternal and Universal Brotherhood of Mystics had its material inception in 1904.

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An eminent western divine remarked to his congregation, "that not all are going to heaven in the grand chariot of the church, that a few are going on foot and alone."

The Mystics believe that no soul is lost, that all souls awaken, sooner or later, and come into oneness with the Eternal one All-Father-Mother; that all who live and move and have their being in eternal and universal Life (God) are eternal spirits in different degrees of the grand Evolution. It matters not whether one may be a Buddhist, Christian, Mohammedan, or Infidel, all men are part and one with the Eternal One in All, and it is not wise nor God-like to stand in prejudice or conceit. No man hath perfect love until he hath perfect tolerance and charity for all men in their various beliefs. No man rises higher than his concept of God; a great soul hath a great God, and a small petty mind hath a small petty God. Nothing keeps a man away from God so much as seeing our brothers named and labeled as of this or that religion or sect. It is to bring about on earth the Kinship of God; to raise the banner of Universal Love for all created things, to live in Righteousness and Purity, to bring into the individual life more Light and Wisdom, more Truth and Justice, as a Brotherhood of Love and Universal Religion.

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