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O, beloved God, may we all partake of Thy *Unfailing Wisdom*, and come to know Thee as the blessed *Eternal One* in the *Eternal All*. May we ever glorify Thee by loving all and living in love, kindness, gentleness, meekness, and righteousness with All. O, *Mighty God* of all beings! grant we pray Thee Thy *Unfailing Wisdom* in printing words of Truth in this little magazine. All for Thy glory. Amen.

Eternal man is really an eternal Spirit, the only eternal *simple*, in the universe; all outside of Life is compounded, complex and involved.

Man lives in great eternal Cycles—starting in simplicity (involving), becoming, for a Divine Purpose, mixed up in the Complexity of matter, and then evolving, after great service, back to the pure simple.

Complexity of Life arises at that period of his progressive or evolutionary state wherein he is emerging from complexity to simplicity; it is then a struggle to come into the eternal White Light, giving up his mortal or carnal mind or his mortal and carnal will for Divine Mind and Will.

In the involved or complex state, the real man is asleep; as he evolves into the simple he awakes, and comes into blessed consciousness of the truth that he is really *one* with the *REAL SIMPLE ONE* of the Universe; the Truth frees him from complexity, from mystery, from ignorance, from superstition, from all illusions, from all thralldom, from all darkness; he is no longer negative and colorless, but is positive and radiant in the Light of Truth.

The eternal Holy Spirit—the One blessed Simple—cannot grace the self-willed man: Freedom, born of a pure, simple life of love and righteousness, comes from the soul and heart, and not from the head; mental plans are good only so far as they are means to the blessed state of Freedom.

The fervent prayer of the simple, childlike mind, uttered in simple love and faith for God and the All, pierces the Radiant Centre of the Universe and is all-powerful: "Because he hoped in Me, I will deliver and glorify him."

One of the greatest blessings man can possess is a simple, childlike love and faith; "They that hope in the Lord shall renew their strength," and "Not one hath hoped in the Lord, and hath been confounded."

A simple, loving child of God can never be confounded: "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion."

To him the simple Christ-life is the highest Joy; there is no higher ideal than the Christ; selfishness multiplies the complexities of Life; he who *sleepeth* in the soul, lives in vague visions and "dreams of the air;" he who is *awake* in the soul lives the Real Life of Peace, Order, Power and Purpose—lives a sweet, sim-

ple life that is both a blessing and a benediction to himself and All men.

Great indeed, is the Power of Simplicity: "When a man succeeds in entirely forgetting (annihilating) his personal self, he becomes a mirror in which the universal Reality is faultlessly reflected. HE IS AWAKENED, and henceforward he lives, not in dreams and nightmares, but in realities."

The simple man stands firmly on an Eternal Rock, and never faints nor wavers: "He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, that is moved and carried about by the wind. Therefore, let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."

In all history, in all ages, the great and blessed men and women were the pure and simple men and women. In our present Age of Light, the great, forceful and purposeful workers, who do and achieve great and lasting things, are simple men and women.

A man with pure and simple love for the simple Truth is always fearless, always hopeful, optimistic and forceful; he *goes*, and *does*, "Go; and as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee."

A simple prayer to the great God within the soul, without a multiplicity of words or complex forms, carries one to the Most High; all blessings come to him who prays a simple prayer with simple love, faith and hope: "All things whatsoever you ask, when ye pray, believe that you shall receive; and they shall come unto you."

A simple, fervent, God-loving child has but one prayer: "Thy will be done; give me only Love, Light, Guidance, Truth, Knowledge and Wisdom, that I may better serve and glorify thee."

The sure and blessed trend of this world, and the blessed children of God who inherit it, flow toward Simplicity; we have passed from the Dark Ages to the Light of Truth. Some men and women yet unawakened, who live in complexity and perplexity, see more bad than good in the world, but this is only a reflection of their own carnal or mortal minds, and that, too, will pass away under the New and Radiant Sun of Love.

In Complexity there is always much Perplexity: it is only in living in oneness with the Blessed Simple One that we reach the indescribable blessedness of the Simple State: "Pythagoras saw the universe in the ten numbers, but even this simplicity may be further reduced, and the universe ultimately be found to be contained in the number *one*, for all the numerals and all their infinite complications are but additions of the *One*."

The simple, righteous life of the simple God-lover is the key to heaven; it is to live a perfect whole (holy) life and not in painful fragments: "Let life cease to be lived as a fragmentary

thing, and let it be lived as a perfect Whole; the simplicity of the Perfect will then be revealed. How shall the fragment comprehend the Whole? Yet how simple that the Whole should comprehend the fragment! How shall sin perceive Holiness? Yet how plain that Holiness should understand sin! He who would become the greater let him abandon the lesser. In no form is the circle contained, but in the circle all forms are contained. In no color is the radiant light imprisoned, but in the radiant light all colors are embodied. Let a man destroy all the forms of self, and he shall apprehend the Circle of Perfection; let him submerge, in the silent depths of his being" (as our Elder Brother Jesus did), "the varying colors of his thoughts and desires, and he shall be illuminated with the White Light of Divine Knowledge."

And it is the simple, fervent, God-loving man who becomes illuminated by the Light of Truth and reaches Freedom here and now: "Oh, how the constant application to God by simple prayers of love, and the confident expectation of receiving from Him the graces we stand in need of, enkindle in us the fire of Divine Love, and invite us to the Divinity!"

It is in the simple yet forceful souls that aspiring man loves men merged their whole being with the Eternal, the Universal: "Sinners, passionately in the heart of humanity, shall reproduce the harmonies of Heaven, thyself in unlimited love toward all, and shall work enduring works and shall become with the eternal Ocean of Bliss."

The simple, fervent God-lover does not late about God, because he comes to know his fervent and constant and insistent that God is nearer to him than his thoughts: "Cease to speculate about God, and find the all-embracing Good within thee; then shalt thou see the emptiness and vanity of speculation, knowing thyself one with God."

All intricate, involved and complex plans of salvation are worthless: the Kingdom is entered into by that simple and pure love that cleanses and purifies the mind of all anger, hatred, envy, lust and vague and complex opinions: "He who will not give up his secret lust, his covetousness, his selfishness, his anger, his opinion about this or that, can see nor know nothing; he will remain a dullard in the school of Wisdom, though he be accounted learned in the colleges."

Sin is a disease of the mind, and not of thy inner self—the Spirit: "If a man would find the key of Knowledge, let him find himself (the simple, inner self). Thy sins are not thyself; they are not any part of thyself; they are diseases which thou hast come to love. Cease to cling to them, and they will no longer cling to thee. Let them fall away (by love and prayer) and thy self shall stand revealed.

Thou shalt then know thyself as Comprehensive Vision (a seer), Invincible Principle, Immortal Life, and Eternal Good."

Such is the blessed Path of simple Love—love of God and all men and all things.

The impure man believes his impurity to be his rightful condition, but the pure man knows himself as pure being; he also, penetrating the Veils, sees all others as potentially pure being. Purity is extremely simple, and needs no argument to support it; impurity is interminably complex, and is ever involved in defensive argument. Truth *lives* itself. A pure, blameless life is the only witness of Truth. . . . Truth is so simple that it cannot be found in the region of arguments and advertisement, and so silent that it is only manifested in actions.

"The fool says, 'No man is wise.' The imperfect man says, 'No man can be perfect,' and he therefore remains where he is."

A simple, perfect man, whose mind is calm, serene and sane, sees perfection and order and simplicity throughout the universe, such a blessed freed man transcends all nature and all mental perplexities: "As the problematical transcends crudity, so Pure and Simple Goodness transcends the problematical. All problems and all mysteries vanish when Pure Goodness is reached; therefore, the good man is called 'The slayer of illusions.' What problem can vex where sin is not? O thou who strivest loudly and resteth not! retire into the Holy Silence of thine own being, and live therefrom. So shalt thou, finding simple, Pure Goodness, enter the Veil of the Temple of Illusion, and enter into the Patience, Peace and transcendent Glory of the Perfect, for Goodness and Original Simplicity are

blessed, indeed, are the Pure and Simple lovers.

OPPORTUNITY

Many times a thought comes to us or we hear a statement of some truth, and it may be long afterward that the full realization of the true meaning of the statement comes to us. We often have heard that the only thing a man can possibly lose is his opportunity? How well we know that it is true, and yet do we not frequently waste our God-given opportunities or fail to recognize them as they come? And so they pass us by.

When we hold ourselves in readiness for opportunity, and seize it when it comes, we make the way for more and greater opportunities, for the true things of life come where they are utilized and appreciated. You need never fear that opportunity will not come your way, because it will. The only thing to doubt is your reception of it. Will you be ready for it, and accept it? Will you be true, generous and joyous in the expression of your opportunity?

Countries, churches, societies of all kinds, as well as individuals, have their opportunity. All religion is founded upon some form of truth, or it could not last at all, but when any organized worship loses its strength of love it has lost its opportunity and you will find the organization disintegrating. When the truth of it has gone, it must go and make way for the next movement and the next opportunity.

Truth is the vitalized life of all opportunity. The truth of anything is the essence of the thing; that part of it which lives always, which is everlasting. Truth knows no such thing as destruction. Its whole expression is one of beauty, harmony, youth, everything beautiful. See how Mother Nature always seizes her opportunity; how she constantly renews the bloom of her youth; how she is always a living expression of life and divine economy!

Opportunity knows neither time nor space, neither sex nor relation. Its religion is universal. Its force is limitless eternity. To be sure, exactly the same opportunity never returns, and if you waste one opportunity the next may be more difficult to grasp, but it is always within reach, and when you utilize an opportunity, the next is always more ready, as well as easier to control.

The genuine part of all things, of all manifestation, rests in the soul of men. The part of man which is divine recognizes the divinity in everything else. The more we come into complete soul-consciousness, the more we are unconscious of the unreal. Only life can produce life. Only life can perceive life.

If you examine yourself truly you will see that what you condemn in others is always in yourself. The more bitterly you condemn it the bigger it is in yourself, and the reason you do not act just as badly as the person you condemn is probably because you have not the chance. Were it not so, you would not even be conscious of it in him, or if you were conscious of his act, it would not make enough impression upon your mind to give it the second thought.

We do not want to be emotional in grasping opportunities. Emotions are useful in their place and under control, but the power is in the steady, calm poise. An emotion is either a virtue or a vice, according to the use we make of it. A force that in one expression might be considered a vice can be so applied as to be called a virtue. What it is to us depends entirely upon our attitude of mind toward it.

You cannot make a dogmatic statement of anything when that is simply your opinion of it. All virtue is a matter of opinion. Vice is also a matter of opinion. Whether it is a virtue or vice depends largely upon our opportunity of expression. The truth of a manifestation lies far deeper than any untoward form of its expression. The truth of it is the essence, the soul of it.

Sometimes these statements sound extreme, but let us see. Generosity is considered a great virtue, but it may be so misapplied as to be a positive vice. It may be carried to such an excess that the man naturally so generous may become a spendthrift or a libertine. The quality of generosity or any other quality does not belong alone to the pocketbook or to externals. A man who steals your material belongings is no more a thief than a man who gossips and steals your reputation.

Charity, such a beautiful soul quality, may be so perverted as to be injurious. You may do the utmost injury to a man by the exercise of false charity. Again, it is usually considered a vice to deprive a soul of its opportunity of expression upon this planet.

In other words, to kill a man is regarded as a crime, and yet if a robber attack me and I kill him I am a hero. If I go to war and help slaughter hundreds of my brothers I am

crowned with glory and honor. Do you not see that it is all a matter of application and opinion?

Genuine opportunity is always constructive. Any force that is destructive is not true. A man must grow either in one direction or another, and with the desire for truth in his soul he will always grow in truth and always be stronger in consciousness.

A student of truth for truth's sake will never turn backward. No matter how the objective expression may falter, the soul has started on its journey and will never hesitate when once it has perceived the great opportunity of its expression, and knows it must become strong in that expression.

The way to be strong is to constantly and consciously desire strength; then you will practice for it, pray for it, breathe for it. Such things mean accomplishing. Faith without works amounts to little more than works without faith. Realization is weak without action.

Spiritual practice means to make the attempt to perceive everything from a spiritual basis. Polarize in the spiritual, as it were, being conscious of man and of the universe from the spiritual standpoint. It can be done, and is really the only way of establishing the kingdom of God, the spiritual on earth. Harmony can reign on earth; that is the only heaven there is anywhere. Harmony is heaven, whether manifest on this plane or any other.

Sometimes it seems strange that it takes any effort to realize the opportunity of our lives when it is all so easy. Perhaps that is the reason we pass our opportunity by. We are looking for some great big something to do. We want somebody's else work—something which seems mightier than our own—and so we miss the opportunity which belongs to ourselves.

When we learn to see the very best there is in every other one of ourselves we have come into the God-spirit of creation. All this misconception about each other is so unnecessary, so delusive. Why not change it into the Christ-realization, and know that we are all one and all beautiful in a spirit and in truth? With that realization of truth about people our individual earth which was without form and void has become divinely methodical, and the spirit of truth recreates man in his own image.

To see the good in all men we must reveal it in ourselves. Be ready to serve our brother. It is far better to serve than to pray. No one but ourselves needs our prayers, and every other one of ourselves as well as ourselves needs our service. The great opportunity of life is in service, and opportunity is always a present thing. It has nothing to do with any past or future expression.

THE MIGHTY LOVE OF JESUS.

There never was a man that loved more than our blessed Elder Brother, Jesus. Read His life and His teachings if you would read the greatest love story in the world. "Of all the love stories that the world has ever heard, this stands out unique." There is no other like it. Never man loved like this Brother. "There never was such a love revealed as this, a love utterly self-forgetting, a love equal to intense serenity and devoid of all fear." Jesus had no maudlin sentiment—He was the highest manifestation of pure love. "He could be severe. He uttered words that scorched and seared the

conscience of man. But he never uttered such words but you could see behind them a divine reason. He had a fervent love that could be intense and devoid of fear, and yet love that could discover good where no one else could. His love was the love that sees the worst in a man, and yet bids him hope because He the Christ, is able to bring out the best because of the worst. Never was there love like this."

It is the Christ-love all must have before they can hope to attain to the Most High—attain to infinite perfection.

"I come to give life to souls that need it." Our Elder Brother was moved with only love and compassion.

Man is weak until he has the love and compassion of Jesus—until he is Christed.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

All men are surely moving onward, forward and upward to oneness with God—the state of universal love. Says Tennyson:

"One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event
To which the whole creation moves."

PERFECT HEALTH

Physical health depends entirely upon our thoughts—upon the mind. If we think sanely and rightly, we eat, drink, breathe, bathe and exercise correctly—naturally.

A spiritual-minded man or woman, without any effort, but in a natural and easy way, knows exactly what to do with respect to hygienic and physiologic laws.

A very important matter in health is the attiring of the body, as to kind, quality and quantity of clothing; this the spirit always attends to in a scientific and æsthetic way, in a spiritual man or woman.

These are simple things, yet very important if we would have strength and health of body.

Yet a spiritual-minded man gives them little or no thought, as he will naturally be attracted to the right way, and always makes good and wise selections.

No man is spiritual who does not consider his human body as a holy Temple and keeps it clean, pure and wholesome, internally and externally.

So we shape, mold, beautify and keep clean and furnish in an artistic manner the holy Temple in which we reside by inheriting psychical powers—by listening to the master within. Mr. Henry Wood says:

"If the human temple be consecrated with clean thought, and high respect be given to its sacred office of soul-expression, it will measurably respond and reflect the honor upon its resident executive. That will be a 'blood purifier,' by the side of which the most available patent panacea will pale into insignificance. The reflex influence of the pure body upon the man whom it houses will also be harmonizing and helpful. The temple will closely correspond to the service which goes on within. It will faithfully echo back honor or dishonor, clean thought or unclean, harmony or discord, optimism or pessimism."

A spiritual man naturally does the exact right thing at the exact right time, and health is as natural to him as disease is to the sensual man.

Health, beauty, grace, poise and freedom are natural to the spiritualized man; hygienic sins

or mistakes cannot be committed by one who lives in the Spirit.

So we perfect health from within the soul, and in no other way.

Let the soul be awake and be master, and disease and weakness are impossible.

Moreover, the soul, when it is master, fills the whole organism with universal life vibrations, and man then thrills with an indescribable bliss—a peace that passeth all understanding.

Understand, what man designates ordinarily as religion is in no respect soul-culture; when we speak of soul-culture or spirituality, we mean that broad, wide, universal love for an omnipresent God and all beings and all things—Universal Love.

A religion that cramps and binds the mind with fear, doubt or apprehension, and has a petty-tyrant God, can in no way make man sane, serene, healthful, happy, forceful, helpful. There are only health and force and power in Oneness and Wholeness (holiness)—fervent and deep love for the All.

REINCARNATION

The doctrine of reincarnation has lived as a vital doctrine in all ages. The test of its truth is that no age can destroy it. The mightiest thinkers and greatest intellects at all times, without a moment's cessation, try to disprove it, but still it persists and always will, because you cannot destroy truth.

All Masters know the truth of this beautiful evolutionary system whereby the eternal soul is continuously casting off cruder bodies for fresher and more refined bodies.

Reincarnation, like all blessed truths, robs life of many of its terrors, especially death; through its study we come to know that death is only a birth into the Angelic Spheres; that we remain there for a while and get spiritual strength, refreshment, knowledge and wisdom, and then come back to earth for another experience and another service for the good of the Whole.

Browning said:

"I count life just a staff
To try the soul's strength on."

Many of the world's greatest poets had positive knowledge about Reincarnation, as their works are full of it. Emerson said:

"The rushing metamorphosis
Dissolving all that fixture is,
Melts things that be to things that seem,
And solid nature to a dream."

Evolution and Reincarnation are one doctrine. Man eternally strives and hopes and must have countless forms on countless planes to reach infinite perfection. "Evolution gains its dynamic force through an all-pervading spirit of hopeful endeavor, or, in other words, an ideal which is always an impelling forward attraction."

"And striving to be man, the worm
Mounts through all the spires of form."

Dig deeply and profoundly into the ancient doctrine of Reincarnation and the modern scientific evolutionary doctrine, and open your mind to truth about the oneness of Life and Being and its eternal and progressive expression from the pure and simple to the complex, the more complex, back to the complex and pure and simple—the grand, eternal Involution and Evolution of all souls.

REINCARNATION IN NO WAY OPPOSES BELIEF IN, PHILOSOPHY OR SCIENCE, BUT HELPS TO MAKE THEM ALL FAR MORE COMPREHENSIVE.

Reincarnation helps us recognize and realize the glory of God in all things, all beings; we then know God as the All Good, the All in All and through All.

Every form in the universe is the expression or manifestation of God in some degree of evolution; every being is God walking on some one point of the Eternal Path of Life—the Progressive Path. In a while each and all souls, by the divine and beautiful law of Reincarnation, incarnate in the etheric matter and are then angels. Most men in this planet's present stage or degree of evolution reincarnate here in gross matter—each time a little finer matter. In a while, as they reach infinite perfection they reincarnate in higher and better developed planets or in the Angel Worlds.

When we come to fully realize all the truth in connection with Reincarnation, the whole universe is practically known and is our field of action. Then, "the infinite boundaries of space—hitherto called empty—are filled with God; and if with God, then with Love, Life, Intelligence, Wisdom, Benevolence, Poetry, Beauty, Cohesion, Energy and Truth. The Father gives all—Himself—to His children. All spirits are embraced in Spirit. Matter is resolved into an appearance. All things cease to have separateness, for nothing exists but Being."

Realizing the truths of Reincarnation will fill our minds and our hearts with fervent, universal love for all and make us freed souls, at-one with the eternal God, and eternally peaceful, blissful, forceful and helpful. Moreover, it opens the mind to the great God and not a petty and tyrannical Creator with whimsical human attributes.

Serve God and man with Love, and thou wilt rejoice with tremendous joy.

The highest happiness consists in aiding and blessing others—in loving all.

There is no ideal that cannot become real, that will not become real.

We manifest Universal Love when we live the Golden Rule.

Be silently positive to all external nature and negative to the inner or divine nature.

Blessed are they who come to know God is not angry and wrathful, but is pure, fervent Love.

"Behold, I make all things new," is always applicable. This is the order to-day—"Behold, I make all things new."

Only when we come meekly and with fervent love to God and the fountain of Omniscience, as little children, may we drink of its waters.

Crowd all your life forces into to-day, that tomorrow may be brighter, fuller of life. Thus all great souls live—in the now.

When I have my being in Universal Love and Universal Life, and Universal Mind, who or what can harm me?

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The field of the Mystic Brotherhood is as broad as the world. There is no limit to what may be accomplished; it is a movement tending to the uplifting of humanity by disclosing the divinity of all. We want members, workers, helpers everywhere. The keynote of our magazine and of the Mystic Brotherhood is unity. There is a great work before us. Think what an impetus would be given to the dream, so-called, of universal peace if the members of our order, one hundred or ten thousand strong, were to concentrate their minds on peace—peace to the world. And this is but one step on the path. Do not wait—send for the twelve degrees and work each month by month as they come to you; and when you have reaped your harvest of blessedness share it with others. It is by serving others that we best serve ourselves, because life is One.

BEING, NOT DOING, MAKES LIFE.

A great Mystic teacher finding his text in the command of the Lord to the seventy disciples to go and heal the sick and the joy of the disciples when they found that the devils and demons were subject unto them, said in part:

"You take great satisfaction in your power and work, but what I want to say is that it is not power, but character, not deeds, but faith, not the doing, but the being, that makes life. It seems to me that if He were alive today He would give that message to us. It is truth in every line. We are a great nation in these days and we have been given great power beyond the imagination of our fathers. We have a great country full of resources. We are great and big and wealthy. Our population is increasing. It is well. He is a timorous soul who fears such things. If, however, we at the same time are not growing in heavenliness, character, righteousness, truth, love and purity, it

is of no avail. These are the elements of the heavenly life. Heaven is not a place so much as it is a condition, and hell is right here among us. As a nation we must have those heavenly characteristics which really make the nation. It is not the wealth but the character. We have all seen a gigantic youth or man, and yet so weak in his will power that he falls a victim to sins that the man of smaller physique is able to meet because he has more spiritual strength. Whether in business, in political life, in all parts of life, the citizens must be men of power, more true, and more full of human sacrifice. It is that that makes a city, not buildings, not tawdriness, not business. And now I want to suggest three characteristics of heavenliness: loyalty, serenity and childlikeness. What is the first characteristic of heaven? Loyalty to heavenly qualities. Who reigns in heaven? God. Who is God? He is righteousness, truth, love, purity. He who, therefore, is of heaven though he be in the street or in the mart, or if she be in the shop or the home, are heavenly if they are loyal to these qualities.

"The small talk of today is a great disturber of serenity. Was there ever a time when from the pressure of population the public opinion has ever been so heard as at the present time? It calls for the utmost serenity of temper. As we look back to the great characters, is it not true that the great quality which belongs to them all is the simplicity of the child? Through Abraham Lincoln the slaves were freed, and it was not what he did, but what he was that was the great blessing to the country. "We may do great things and we may be called upon in life to do small things. That is not the consideration. The democracy of Christianity is in the thought that it is not the deeds, but the quality, the character. The great democracy is heaven and we all possess the entrance into that democracy."

Silent contemplation of God, life, nature and holy things is inspiring and helpful. How we are fired with holy vibrations when we sit in holy places, such as the silent woods, churches, temples and the Silence Room. And if you are a home-maker, be sure to have in your house your sacred and holy Silence Room, dedicated and consecrated to the blessed Silent One. In a well-regulated home we find the Silence Room, a music-room, a library, a drawing-room and family sitting-room but of all rooms do not neglect the holy Silence Room and go there alone with God as often as thou art weary.

Our minds become henumbed by the labor of thinking too much about the Spiritual and not being (acting and living love) works of simple love. It is in simple love for All and service that we grow spiritually and not so much in thinking and wearing and tearing the mind. Let the mind rest; open it wide to the influx of Divine Mind. Let the Holy Spirit work within and without. Anxiety about doctrines, dogmas, and speculations about God, wear the mind and keep us disturbed. Live in simple love and faith and prayer and works and quickly and simply reach the Most High without much thinking or worrying.

O God! Thou dost love All. Thou dost even love the workers of sin and strive by Thy mighty love to win them all from their sins, their aches, their woeful diseases and sorrows.

But, O God, our poor sinful brother is *perverse* and *self-willed* yet, and ignores all Thy Healing, Saving Love. Yet, a little more patience, a little more Love, and He, too, will come unto Thee and be blessed. Then the Angels will sing, Glory, Glory, Glory be to God forever!

Blessed is he who is led by Eternal Law.

Love is the substance of life.

Men are not always content to sleep on. This is the Awakening Age.

Everything is at peace and harmony with him who is at peace and harmony with the blessed All.

When the spiritual man attempts any work in which he needs the help of the whole world, the whole world always serves him.

Listen to the Voice which is soundless! When sorely troubled go into the Silence with the blessed Silent One and Listen.

When we are fit to receive psychic and occult powers, by our becoming universal lovers, then all the "secrets" are revealed to us.—A Mystic.

Love the world and the world will love you. The more love we have the broader, straighter and smoother the Path—the more of omnipotence and omnipotence we have.

True spirituality is friendly to science, and true science is friendly to spirituality. In a while, in this blessed Age of Mergers, both will merge and become one.

God wants straight, radical testimony and preaching. If we fail to fulfill His will on this line, He will set us aside and raise up others to take our place.

Let us all try to bring others into the sunshine of Life. But remember, the blind cannot lead the blind nor the deaf speak. Open the mind! Open the mind! And see the Light, and hear the Voice and the Angels, and be dignified and sober when you help others.

The apostles were bold and uncompromising in their testimony for Christ. They were not afraid of people being turned from the truth by being radical and definite in preaching. Let us follow their example.

Have you a mere fragment of Life, or the whole of it? That is the question! Whether we live in wholeness or completeness or partially, should engage our attention above all else.

From everlasting to everlasting there are always blessed words that come down to men in their evolution from plane to plane and form to form. "Be still, and know that I am God," will always soothe and strengthen and heal man, no matter where he is on the Path.

The ministry must raise the standard and practice what they preach. The preacher who cannot keep an experience of salvation, had better quit preaching and engage in something else. Such a one is not a proper example for the flock to follow.

THE CHRIST WITHIN.

I am yearning for the coming,
Into this heart of mine,
Of the Christ-child, pure and holy
Born of a love divine.

Therefore, while I am waiting
I will make my dwelling fair,
Of everything unseemly
Will sweep its chambers bare.

Should any thought of evil
Have found a harboring
I'll open wide my casement
And from my portals fling.

Oft' keenest pain and anguish,
The richest blessings bring,
So ere I gain my heart's desire
I must pass through suffering.

But when my hour cometh,
And in travail am I,
I shall forget mine agony,
In listening for His cry.

His birth-will prove unto me
A resurrection-morn,
Forth from the tomb of selfhood
My spirit be reborn.

Forever evil passions
Have lost their power o'er me,
I pray for those who hate me,
Or use despitefully.

Through eyes full of compassion,
My fellow-men I view,
See in the meanest faces,
Gleams of the good and true.

I seek the weak and erring,
And take them to my heart,
I heal the broken hearted
With heavenly Christ-like art.

In every word and action,
The Christ-child speaks through me,
Since with him and the Father
I have grown one to be.

Lura Brower.

THE INFERIOR AND HIGHER NATURE OF THE SUPREME

God, in his inferior nature, in his outer world, is seen through our senses; in his spiritual nature, in his inner world, he is seen through our inner senses; hence, if we would see God, and not the manifestation, we must close the doors of the outer senses, and look within our own soul; we must shut out the external; we must shut our eyes of sense to the external beauty and grandeur of the Rockies, even, and look within our own soul for the more satisfying and lasting beauty of the "delectable" mountains.

When we are able to make the distinction between the inferior nature of the Supreme, and his higher spiritual nature, we have made a great advance; we have taken a step toward the Absolute; toward the impersonal. No one can see the inner planes of being, the divine life, until they can close all the doors of the outer senses.

"Greater is he that is in us, than he that is in the world," because, he that is in me is the soul, the higher nature of the Supreme, while he that is in the world is Life, the inferior nature, the manifestation of soul.

AFFIRMATION

"I, the spirit, having mind and body, move among the conditions and those surrounding me as One illumined. As the radiance of God's spirit is my spirit, I open the doors of my mind and body and let this light permeate every thought and action. As all knowledge is God's knowledge and all power is God's power, I realize that in me and through me God speaks, and 'tis no longer I the mortal, but I the immortal who live and move and have my being."

I think the limitation of science and scientists is, that they do not admit, the existence of the inner senses.

Dedicating a Hall of Psychology in the Universities, without mystics, those who have developed the inner planes of consciousness, as teachers; is as useless as to dedicate a Hall of Philology and install as teachers those who are just learning the alphabet.

When the Heads of Universities learn that there are subtle senses lying within the physical senses, that must first be developed before one can explore the psychic plane; they will be more ready to start at the beginning; and if the University Professors are not able to teach the rudiments they will secure mystics who have themselves attained the inner senses.

They must first know, and admit, that the whole world is animated and lit by a world within it. This inner world is called astral, psychic-astral and divine-astral, and the first lesson must be directed chiefly toward the cultivation and development of the astral or inner senses. Until the first step has been taken in this development all psychic research is useless; all they can study is psychic phenomena which is a waste of time and effort; they must develop the next higher plane, the divine-astral.

Certainly, there are one or two simple lessons which the psychic-astral can teach us. It is a most confusing plane, and, generally speaking, we may say that those students are more fortunate who make a marked degree of progress in developing the inner senses without having any conscious experience of the psychic-astral plane; for then they can, later on, learn it from above, instead of from below, and with far less danger to themselves.

The Universities are waiting for science to make the discoveries; but science is in the same boat; science can not explore the inner planes of consciousness, until scientists themselves develop the inner senses; until they are at one with that which they tell of; that which they see and know and have experienced.

The Independent churches are halting; they have only an external God to worship, and they are not very lavish in their worship of Him; it seems a sort of half-hearted devotion. Neither can they get very far on the way of knowing the living God; nor seeing the living Christ with themselves until they develop the inner plane of consciousness.

Neither can the ministers read the inner

meaning of Jesus' teaching until they can read astrally, because it is written in the divine-astral cypher. "The letter," or external meaning, "killeth;" but the spirit, inner meaning, "giveth life."

Scientists, scholastic, and churches have always ignored mystics. It is curious to see how that the writings of one mystic—did you ever know of a seer or sage who was not a mystic?—are becoming the entering wedge in our Unitarian and Independent churches; I refer to the Emerson classes. Some of the teachers, however, think they know Emerson because they can read the text; only the awakened soul who can read within the letter can understand Emerson.

I see the Independent churches that might be a living power, if they would direct some of their energy toward awakening dormant souls by developing the inner planes of consciousness, where they are now only swelling the tide of materialism and utilitarianism.

The church should be spiritually minded, it should spiritualize its members, however the Independent church materializes them. I have seen its work in the characters of the young, and it was not altogether lovely; any knowledge or reference to the soul seemed beyond their limit.

It is not to be wondered at that today, when the dominant note is "that of our age, utilitarian, commercial," that nearly all mystics and awakened souls, except Emerson, are classed with those psychics who have developed what they call spiritual powers, and are making their way to the front with "Health, Happiness and Prosperity" inscribed on their banners. Was that the dominant note in Jesus' teaching. Is that the highest aim of the awakened soul? That is only a different phase for selfishness, all the spiritual powers are to be used for the glory of the personal self, the prime object being—success.

The Independent churches can not look to this class for any spiritual help; they are working on the mind plane, matter in a modified form; they have nothing to do with the spiritual plane, the divine-astral, which they have not yet attained—and very likely will not attain, because they halt on the astral,—and which, as I have come to know, can only be attained through the sacrifice of the personal self.—*The Divine Life.*

"Art is the beautiful way of doing things. All Art is the expression of sublime emotions; and there seems a strong necessity in every soul to impart the joy and inspiration it feels. Art is for the artist first, just as the work is for the worker—it is all a matter of self-development."

CONCERNING PROPHECYING.

You ask the method and nature of Inspiration, and the means whereby God revealeth the Truth.

Know that there is no enlightenment from without: the secret of things is revealed from within.

From without cometh no Divine Revelation: but the spirit within beareth witness.

Think not I tell you that which you know not: for except you know it, it cannot be given to you.

To him that hath it is given, and he hath the more abundantly.

None is a prophet save he who knoweth: the Instructor of the people is a man of many lives.

Inborn knowledge and the Perception of things, these are the sources of Revelation: the Soul of the man instructeth him, having already learned by experience.

Intuition is inborn experience; that which the Soul knoweth of old and of former years.

And Illumination is the Light of Wisdom, whereby a man perceiveth heavenly secrets.

Which Light is the Spirit of God within the man, showing unto him the things of God.

Think not that I tell you anything you know not; all cometh from within: the Spirit that in-

formeth is the Spirit of God in the prophet. What, then, you ask, is the Medium; and how are to be regarded the utterances of one speaking in trance?

God speaketh through no man as you suppose, for the Spirit of the Prophet beholdeth God with open eyes. If he fall into a trance, his eyes are open, and his interior man knoweth what is spoken by him.

But when a man speaketh that which he knoweth not, he is obsessed: an impure Spirit, or one that is bound, hath entered into him.

There are many such, but their words are as the words of men who know not: these are not prophets nor inspired.

God obsesseth no man; God is revealed: and he to whom God is revealed speaketh that which he knoweth.

Christ Jesus understandeth God: he knoweth that of which he beareth witness.

But they who, being Mediums, utter in trances things of which they have no knowledge, and of which their own Spirit is uninformed: these are obsessed with a spirit of divination, a strange spirit, not their own.

Inspiration may indeed be mediumship, but it is conscious; and the Knowledge of the prophet instructeth him.

Even though he speak in an ecstasy, he uttereth nothing that he knoweth not.

Thou who art a prophet hast had many lives: yes, thou hast taught many nations, and hast stood before kings.

And God hath instructed thee in the years that art past; and in the former times of the earth.

By prayer, by fasting, by meditation, by pain-

ful seeking, hast thou attained that thou knowest.

There is no knowledge but by labour: there is no intuition but by experience.

I have seen thee on the hills of the East: I have followed thy steps in the wilderness: I have seen thee adore at sunrise: I have marked thy night watches in the caves of the mountains.

Thou hast attained with patience, O prophet: God hath revealed the truth to thee from within.

Anna Bonus Kingsford, M. D.

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THOUGHTS FOR BUSINESS MEN

Let us rise in the morning with the knowledge that divine Love is looking straight into our hearts and urging us to go forward on the pathway of harmony and righteousness throughout the day. Let us breakfast in the atmosphere of peace and love, and let our thought ever and anon, be a silent whisper of thankfulness for the infinite blessing of everpresent divine help and guidance.

Let us go to business with a silent prayer for the loved ones at home and for divine direction in perpetuating their happiness and well-being. Let us meet our business competitor on a plane of conscious fraternity, knowing that there is no discord in the divine Mind, and that, as children of that Mind, all should reflect only truth, honor, and brotherly love. Let us bring to every business transaction the Golden Rule, and expect a kindred compliance from our business neighbor.

Let us dismiss as unreal,—not of God,—all thoughts of anger, malice, hatred, jealous rivalry, and charge our consciousness with the ideal life reflected in kindness, love and goodwill, knowing that the soul is conscious of all we do, say, think, feel, or hear, that is right. Let us strive to see in our business rival our Father's image, and send no thought toward him that will not cheer and purify.

Let us return to our homes with our hearts free from annoyances, and share the blessings of the day with the loved ones in greetings of thankfulness and love. We shall then have the sweet consciousness that we have tried to follow the example of our Master during the day, and thus proved ourselves worthy to bear his name.

There is but one real sin—ignorance.

"The right word is always a power."

"Joy is wealth, and Love the legal tender of the soul."

It is only the open-hearted, the open-minded and open-souled people of the Earth who know and enjoy all the countless blessings of the earth—aye, of the universe.

Great truths are always realized by men and women with calm, serene, open minds, and large and expansive hearts, and souls stripped of all the veils of darkness, ignorance, intolerance, fanaticism, superstition and passion.

The coming perfect man will have the spiritual powers of clairaudience and clairvoyance perfectly developed; these are a few of the natural fruits or effects of the spiritual life—of coming into oneness with the Blessed One.

He reaches the goal of infinite perfection and eternal bliss who is so full of fervent love, faith and trust that he is always calm, sane and serene and sees that with God always in the universe there can be no disorder anywhere.

This world is grand and beautiful to the spiritual-minded; it is dull, stupid and commonplace to the unawakened. The world is to each one as each one thinks; beauty and ugliness, order and disorder, can be had for the mere thinking.

True opulence can only reach him who loves the All, is at-one with All, who is free from attachment, and is perfectly non-resistant; disease, poverty, drudgery and all forms of bondage touch him who is bound by the illusion of dualism.

That is of value which proves the omnipresence, omniscience and omnipotence of God; there is no value to any religion, philosophy or mental scheme that makes God small, petty and a personal far-off being with human attributes.

Man in perfect oneness with God can see and hear in a way that he little dreams of while he is existing in dualism. It is then he will comprehend how the seers, sages and prophets in all ages can see the "Unseen" and hear the "unheard;" then he will know all about the blessed ministry of angels, and will not only be thoroughly familiar with all the psychic and occult powers, but will be the great and true worker in occultism.

Patronize and help cheap things if you would make yourself cheap and poor, and also foster sweat shops. It is the divine law that real good must be withheld from the cheap man, the little and mean man. And, beloved, knowest thou this one great truth: as you patronize and help good things (the best of everything,) you help to create good things, and with that blessed spirit within your mind, heart and soul you add to yourself a great psychic and occult power to attract and hold all wealth needed for thy needs. Many people are in poverty and drudgery and disease and misery because they are small, mean and cheap.

There is no confusion, distraction, friction or perturbation in life only as the mind lacks the Light of Truth. And what is it that sets man aflame and aglow with this blessed eternal White Light? It is Love, nothing else but Love.

When Truth possesseth thee, thou dost lose possession of all worthless possessions.

Dogmatists have a fear of the Light of Truth, the most blessed light in the universe.

Whoso would be a man must be a universal and eternal lover.

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Our first step toward the Infinite is when we first begin to love and search for the Infinite. Man may never hope to be omniscient until he knows God is not incomprehensible. The old dogmatic teaching was and is that man is not to know God—not to know the Plan and the Planner. Nonsense! Man is not only to know God, but is to become one with Him.

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"Matter is a greater mystery than mind. What such a thing as Spirit is apart from God and man I have never been able to conceive. Spirit seems to me to be the Reality of the world."

"Life is simple. Being is simple. The universe is simple. Complexity arises in ignorance and self-delusion. . . . Looking through the woven network of his own illusions man sees interminable complication and unfathomable mystery, and so loses himself in the labyrinths of his own making. Let a man put away egotism, and he will see the universe in all the beauty of its pristine simplicity."

"Let a man put away all his mortal mind and will and become simple and humble in Divine Mind and Will if he would realize the Peace, Joy and Bliss of a life here and now, and forever, filled with Love, Light, Life, Force, Power, Knowledge and Wisdom"

"He knows how to live well, who knows how to pray well."

Mystery is only mystery to the uninitiated—to him who has not come into full and complete union with God. At-onement is full recognition and realization of the eternal and omnipresent God that dwells within all souls—all beings. The inner conception of Being opens the mind to all the mysteries in the universe, all the seen and the "unseen." With clairvoyance there is no unseen and with clairaudience we are open to all the sweet eternal songs and messages of the universe. We now walk and talk with God and the Angels for ever and ever. This blessed awakening may come now, and here or there, but come it must, to all. This is the Blessed Plan—the eternal plan of Involution and Evolution. To the unawakened all things and all events are more or less of a mystery. Blessed truth!—none of us can sleep forever. Awake! beloved, awake!

The pessimist magnifies and dwells on all adverse conditions and suffers intensely and disturbs others; he attracts, under the law of attraction, vibratory forces that keep him in darkness, ignorance and misery; all that makes for inharmonious is attracted to his aura the same as a cheerful optimist attracts hope and sunshine and strength and power to be and do. Malignant thoughts nest in the aura of a pessimistic or carnal-minded person and make him negative and colorless. Beautiful and potential thoughts find their lodgment in all minds that are optimistic and idealistic. Optimism and Idealism always create a fine and clear aura which is the medium in which angels can dwell and work.

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