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We recognize Thee O Sacred Presence; we know that Thou art our solace and our stay. Every hour and minute we should manifest Thy Will in word and deed. Our souls are awakened by the Voice of the Living God within. Let the sweet cadence of the Spirit Voice be heard above the din and strife of mortal sense. Come ye heavenly hosts abide with us and with promptings true guide o'er the dark and gruesome days. The Light of the Spirit illumines the night and immortal joys await us. "My people are thy people," saith the Lord, so be it that thou should forsake them not.

Blessed is Knowledge!

Blessed is he who knows Truth!

Thrice blessed is he who knows he knows! And all blessed is he who knows he knows, and is filled with Holy Love, and fills with love the heart of his brother who sees him, hears or reads his teachings.

Such a holy one spreads eternal Love, Light, Life, Truth, Peace and Bliss throughout the world, aye, throughout the universe, for he is an eternal and universal teacher.

Such a holy one never founds a sect, but stands out in his own pure light in all sects, all religions.

The influence of a holy man never ceases; indeed, it increases from age to age.

A Buddha, a Jesus, lives and grows forever in the souls, hearts and minds of men.

These blessed Elder Brothers of Love and Compassion who come into perfect oneness with the Omniscient One teach the world how to love and how to live, because they have through spiritual growth and unfolding—through perfect love—become all-knowing men, and know they know—the simple Truth.

And they teach man that his goal is omniscience—to know that knowing which all is known.

These blessed Sons of God teach that through perfect love for the All we will come into consciousness of our oneness with God, the Omniscient One, and will know All; that man cannot reach freedom until he becomes Christed.

No man can act and live in true love and true justice to his brothers (all men, all beings) until he knows, through fervent and constantly growing love for all; he must hold as his eternal theme the bringing about of the universal and eternal Fatherhood of God and the universal and eternal Brotherhood of man.

The blessed truth, or knowledge, that comes to the fervent and constant God-lover is: "That which exists is One;" God is the All in All; We are all eternal children of One Eternal All-Father-Mother, ever moving onward,

forward and upward to one goal—All-knowledge or Omniscience and infinite perfection.

This is that blessed truth knowing which all is known and through which we can only reach the blessed state of Eternal Peace, Force, Power and Bliss—the superconscious state.

The nearer omniscience a man is the greater and wider is his love, and the greater his force and power to render great and lasting help to All.

The more of truth a man knows the more he does his duty to his brother, and the more he can teach others to live in pure and holy relations with their brothers, with the world and the universe.

The underlying principal truth of all great and lasting works is Truth itself; love, truth and knowledge (universal knowledge learned in the University of the individual soul) carry man to God and make him an eternal co-worker with God.

Sheer Truth will overcome all the petty and false schemes of life; will teach us that each being is an eternal child of the eternal God; that no one is without redeeming virtue; that each has his own character, determined by what point on the Path of Eternal Evolution he is—in what degree of evolution he is working.

What a great blessing it is for a man to know that he knows—that each ego, and all egos, are pressing on and evolving, by Divine Law, to one eternal radiant Centre—God.

With such blessed knowledge God becomes God, and all apparent confusion among men ceases; order comes out of chaos and disorder, and a perfect, orderly, eternal Plan is discovered and all discordant notes in the grand Symphony of Life are found to be only temporary and incidental discords to the later Grand Performance—the Grand Harmony—which is to come in a while, after we all get through practicing and rehearsing.

The language of the Soul, as it comes through mortal, carnal or finite mind, is more or less weak and powerless to express the truth about God and our blessed Universe.

A holy man (a whole man) never spoke or wrote a word in which he did not put all his heart, all his soul and all his mind; the great God-lover breathes only Love.

The great God-lover who comes to oneness with the Omniscient One is always full of his theme—LOVE, universal and eternal love.

The glory and love of his God is so great that it covers all things; from the smallest atom to the greatest and most distant stars (suns), and from the one cell organism to complex man, and the bright angels, and the arch-

angels, and the seraphim—all are covered with the glory and love of God.

So immeasurable is the glory and love of the All-Father-Mother that there is no place, no space, no being, no thing that it toucheth not.

Knowing and living this grand truth the holy seers and sages and prophets come to know that God is really the All in All, and that All is good; no great Master ever lived, or ever will live, who did not or will not teach and live non-resistance of "evil," and by so living will have the great and mighty power of God within him, and will, in a while, overcome all evil; sooner or later, the Christ-truth about non-resistance will bring the Kingdom on earth; here and now is the place and time for the Kingdom to be established.

The blessed Christ liveth for ever and ever and never faileth; it is only the finite sees the Infinite as finite; only the impotent and weak and ignorant who see God as impotent and not omnipotent; only the closed, cramped and unawakened minds who say omniscience for man is impossible—that man cannot, is not, to comprehend God; it is only the bound and earth-attached mind that says man will not reach angelhood here and now and by his psychic or soul powers be practically omnipresent.

Man creates a mental picture of God, and these concepts of God are just as many as there are men; a man can never rise superior to his concepts of God.

So, our knowledge of God (Love, Truth, Light and Life) determines exactly our knowledge of life, and places us on the exact plane of action, in this eternal Life and Evolution, where we belong: An angry, ignorant and blundering man has an angry and ignorant or blundering God; a good and wise man has a good and wise God; a seer, sage, an adept, has an all-powerful God, an omnipotent God; a Buddha, a Jesus or any truly Christed-man has a great God of only Love, Mercy, Peace, Omnipresence, Omniscience and Omnipotence.

It is scientifically true as well as spiritually true that as man really knows God, and is freed from the illusions of Dualism, Dogma and Tradition, to that very extent he is healthful, strong, peaceful, forceful, purposeful, blissful, progressive and prosperous.

Each age recognizes and realizes a greater and better God, so each age is more blessed in progress, prosperity and happiness; has less of the poison of doubt, fear, pessimism and fanaticism. This is the eternal Law of Evolution—of improvement and progress.

True, there appears to be much of cruelty, harshness and injustice in the world, born of ignorance, selfishness, fear, doubt, pessimism and fanaticism, but it is nothing compared to

what it has been in the past (in the Dark Ages), and in this blessed Age of Love and Light and Knowledge and Wisdom it is surely passing away; each succeeding day is a better and brighter day, for man has a better and greater God—is coming to know the great God who is always in His universe.

You, beloved reader, any man, any people, any nation, any inhabited world, cannot rise superior to your concept of God; the very air you breathe, the very water you drink, the very mouthful of food you eat, the very clothes you wear, the very house you live in, your friends, your whole environment, is determined by your own concept of God; the very fates, seen and unseen, that always surround you, are determined by your concept of God.

How important, then, that we all aspire to know the truth about God—to comprehend the Blessed One who can be comprehended; it is only finite, carnal or mortal mind that has ever declared that we cannot, are not, to comprehend the Infinite; all that is real, full and rich and beautiful in life comes into our being when we know and comprehend God. God is comprehensible through spiritual growth.

And to know and comprehend our blessed All-Father-Mother, we must begin to love the All; must begin to love and know the ever-present and blessed Christ within our own souls; must begin to aspire and reach out for Fellowship—for oneness with the All-Father-Mother; the Holy Spirit must have full and supreme sway in our souls, our hearts and our minds.

The only way to Peace, Joy, Health, Power and Bliss here, now and any place, for all time, is to follow the Eternal Spirit—to ask it in fervent love for Love, Light, Life, Understanding and Wisdom, to patiently listen and willingly and cheerfully follow: Seek Love, and all Love will seek thee; seek Truth, Knowledge and Wisdom, and all Truth, Knowledge and Wisdom will seek thee.

Praised and adored be eternally the Omnipotent One; may I never turn away from the Path that leads directly to the centre of my soul, where dwelleth forever the blessed Christ.

"We ought to always pray, and not to faint."

"Ask and it shall be given you."

"Without Me, you can do nothing."

"God wishes always to give, but He gives only to those who ask."

Come, beloved child of God, ask the All-Father-Mother for Love, Light, Knowledge and Wisdom.

"To prayer (seeking God) may be traced the beginning, the progress and perfection of all virtues that come from Knowledge—Divine Knowledge."

"Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

"For everyone that seeketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth."

In the Holy Spirit, if you ask for Knowledge and Wisdom, your prayer will be answered.

"The Lord is high unto all them that call upon Him; to all that call upon Him in truth." God will do the will of him that truly loves the All.

So, come, beloved eternal spirits, who read

these words, let us seek first that which explains all; that which gives all Peace, all Joy, all harmony and melody—and that is the God or Christ within your own souls.

THE PROBLEM OF LIFE.

I believe, that the constitution of things is such that man's nature is so wonderful, that the world and life are such glorious things, and that the tendency of the laws under which we live is so thoroughly on our side,—if we only place and keep ourselves in harmony with them, that, even if there were no second world, it is worth a great deal to be born into this. If there were really no God over him, no Heaven above or eternity in prospect, things are so constituted that man deem it a most fortunate circumstance that he lives at all.

He may turn the material of his little life poem, if not always into a grand epic, mostly into something of interest and beauty; and it is worth his doing so, even if there should be no sequel to the piece.

I should be willing to put it thus: Whether the life that now is, might not be so taken hold of in its raw material, and worked up and woven in such a manner as to become a resplendent and beautiful thing, simply as a temporary possession—the man feeling it a joy to have been born, though there should be no second birth for him into a higher state. Whether moreover, this might not be accomplished on such a principle, that, supposing there should be a future or second state, the advantages and happiness of that state should be secured and prepared for too?

Supposing that this life is your all. Why should you throw it away? Supposing the future to be a dream, this life is real enough—it is no dream.

THE WILL OF GOD IN DAILY ROUTINE.

How often the bright glow of sunrise, when the golden tips of the mountains seem but to point to the glory above and beyond them,—how often, I say, is this followed by the dull and leaden sky, seeming, as it were, to shut us out from all that radiance of glory. And is not this but an image of the way in which the dull, uneventful horizon of our daily life is often clouded, and those bright rays which first shone into the soul are obscured to its longing gaze? The soul had just seen it, in order that, as with wearied steps it pursued its way, it might never lose the remembrance of how it had been transfigured, even as those blessed three descending from the Mount, gazing on their Lord after His Transfiguration, must have treasured and seen with an ever increasing clearness the Fullness of the GOD-HEAD shining out under His Humanity.

But if we would see the sun rise and behold this glory, we must not slumber too heavily; we must beatir ourselves, we must arise. And many there are who never do thus arise; and for such as these, earth with its din and turmoil but also with its fleeting pleasures and pastimes, makes up their life, they are satisfied with it; as the butterfly with its brief day, they soar not beyond it. They hear no voice speaking to them 'mid the daily circumstances of life bidding them rise and follow Him. It is

only as the Mystic learns to look at the circumstances of life not as bare form, but as the fringe of His glory, even as the true poet mid the cries of earth hearkens for the heavenly music, and as the true artist beholds not the shapes and forms alone of mountain, dale and rivulet, but the spirit underlying them, it is only then, I say, that he sees the true meaning of outward things; and whether his work lies in the world of politics, of letters, or of manual labour, in one and all he sees his GOD. Follow him on through the day. How, mid all the lowering influences of earth, the dissuasion of friends, shall he be true to his GOD in all? Just as the lark soars on high and, with the air of heaven around her and about her, pours out her heart to her Maker in a burst of grateful song, and then descends to earth again renewed and invigorated, even so must he, withdrawing himself at times from all the pressing anxieties of earth, ascend in prayer to commune with his GOD. Without this, none can keep a high aim before him, none can help sinking to the low standard of the world. Many, who are living without God, first began to wander from the right path by the neglect of stated times of prayer. The worries and anxieties of daily life are more wearing than any one great trouble: there is more strain upon the spiritual life and vigour in a number of petty worries than in a direct assault of Satan. The faults and infirmities of those we live with are often harder to bear than unkindness from without. The careworn mother, the faithful brother, the loving daughter, are only strengthened to persevere in their labour of love by remembrance, "Ye have done it unto Me." That is the mainspring of their actions, that is their reward. It is the home of life, for the most part, that saints are formed. "He that doeth the will of GOD (and especially does this seem to point to daily duties) the same is My brother, and sister, and mother."

MESSAGE OF THE PATRIARCH.

Child of Mortality, from whence cometh thy strength? Enter thou into the Silence and listen to the still small Voice, and thou shalt know whether it comes from within, or from the forces of external life, which press so urgently and persistently upon you. Quench not the Spirit! Neither allow thyself to be crushed in the wine-press of selfishness. Thou cannot give the wine of Life pure and sweet, unless it is allowed to flow spontaneously from the Heavenly fount. Harvest the fruits from life's garden only when ripened. Gather not the grapes from the vines until sweetened by the sun's rays. Thou art marching onward up the steep of time. Mountains loom before thee. You cannot behold the path by which you ascend, yet it is there. Thy feet may be weary, yet the light of Divine beauty will illumine the deepest gloom. But we say unto you—Halt! now and then. Let into your being Nature's vitalizing forces. Let down the tension. Breathe the life giving odors from Nature's great laboratory where the red man found the healing remedies. They still exist. The Great Spirit dispenses His blessings throughout the earth.

BUILDING.

Through the barricade of trials,
In the soul's emblazoned paths,
Through the pain and self-denials
Of our lives and daily tasks;
We are building as we onward,
Travel up the winds to light;
We are sowing here a harvest,
That we reap with all our might.
We are winding, winding, upward,
To heavenly glorious heights,
We are casting there a shadow,
And are placing here a light;
We are building, broader, grander
For the soul's immortal flight.
So let peace and joy be foremost,
With a willing heart to do,
Let each thought, motive, action,
Bear the Spirit's impress, true.
Peace my soul,—in freedom seeketh,
Still! hear the Angel voices sing,
Proclaim the Word, He is waiting,
Lead us onward—crown us King.

AS THE ABSOLUTE RULE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

"In His Will is our peace."

THE WILL OF GOD.—As the ideal to the artist, as the beaten tract to the wanderer, as the helm to the bark sailing mid dangerous reefs, as that star of old to the Eastern kings, is this Will to the Christian soul.

True, as one has said, "it is not always a joy here to do His Will; it will be hereafter." Still, more surely, there is no joy to that one who does it not. For what is it NOT to do GOD's Will, but just this: to set up on the throne of the heart, that throne which was created that God and God alone might fill it,—to set up, I say, on this throne of the heart, as ruler, as sovereign potentate, the great enemy of our King and our God.

Even among those who are really striving to live to GOD, of how many can it be said that they are trying to do His Will in all things? Whence this eager pursuit of cherished schemes, this impatience at obstacles, this keenly-felt disappointment at failure; and then, as life goes on, this desire to plan out the lots of others; but because the motive power in the life is not this, to do the Will of GOD?

If one virtue more than another be needed in order that one may do the Will of GOD, it is humility.

Would I know what GOD'S Will is? The single eye alone can see it; the simple heart alone can know it. Have I laid down my own will at the Cross of CHRIST? not losing the power of willing, that motive-power for the battle of life, but freely yielding all in that is of self to be purified away, consumed by the burning fire of the LOVE of CHRIST; for then, and then only, does His Will become mine.

Just as the span of that hand of yours, held between you and the sun, will completely prevent your seeing its golden orb, so does self-will, on any one point even, hide from the soul the Will of God. It may be as with the man of little learning, the simple and upright desire to put GOD first, or with those of larger mental grasp and keener spiritual

perception, the contemplation of the most holy leading to the knowledge of Himself and of His Will; one and the other is true, "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life."

As the child, her hand in her father's, walks safely along dangerous paths, and stumbles not as she passes along the edge of dangerous precipices, so will the soul that has once and for ever yielded itself to the loving guidance of the Blessed Spirit, walk safely on mid life's perplexities and dangers. But thus entirely to yield the will costs many a struggle. Again and again does the soul demur as some cherished scheme has to be laid aside, some toilsome duty undertaken; again and again is it tempted to lay aside the yoke it has taken upon itself, and, if but for one brief moment, to assert its own will; and it is only as it yields itself to the manifold calls to self-surrender which make up the discipline of life, and as the grace of perseverance strengthens it, that the desire to do the Will of God becomes the motive power in its life.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

"He is truly learned that doeth the Will of God, and forsaketh his own will." (Imitation of Christ.)

THE SPIRIT OF UNIVERSAL LOVE

Sometimes we call it good will, sometimes kindness, sometimes philanthropy, sometimes attraction and sometimes love. Whatever our name it is the one constructive force of the universe. It holds atom to atom, cell to cell, heart to heart, and world to sun. It is everywhere manifest, everywhere operative. It is shown in the sunshine that warms into life the myriad forms of each planet. It is shown by the rain that falls upon the thirsty lips of the leaves. It is shown by the cosmic force that holds the clustered stars in space and impels them forward in perfect harmony and order. It is shown by the mother that lends her substance to the little one and thus furnishes a gateway for a soul to enter into life. It is shown by the martyr who gives his life that the race may be quickened and the truth made plain.

We are coming more and more to see that the way of love is the way of life, and that he who denies good will to any being in that far limits his own happiness. It is our privilege to give out kindness as the sun gives out light. It is our privilege to carry with us an atmosphere of blessing and health. It is our privilege to make life a song to radiate good cheer. As these things flow out from us so will they flow back to us. As we give, we shall receive.

All through the ages men have had but a partial conception of life. They have looked at a segment of the circle, not the full rounded orb. They have limited themselves by their own attitudes. They have cut off their power of coming to the universal—God—by hating, and excluding a part of that universal. They have failed to see that they could not arrive at the fullness of life until they were reconciled to every being who shared that life. They tried to be at peace with God while at war with their neighbors. They forgot first to be reconciled to their brothers before bringing their gifts to the altar.

The light grows. Our conceptions broaden. A larger segment of the circle appears. We begin to see that to hate is simple to limit ourselves. God does not exclude us, but we exclude God when we exclude His creatures. He is love, universal love, and we can only come to Him by entering into the spirit of the universal love which He is. To shut our hearts against any is to shut our hearts against Him. "As ye have done it even unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Those who sin are like children. In any real sense the sin hurts only themselves, but they do not see, they do not understand. If we hate them for it we do them no good and hurt ourselves. It is not ours to censure and exclude, but rather to help them unfold and grow into something better. A flower will not blossom in the darkness, but in the sunlight. So a soul will not open unto hatred, but rather unto love. When our child commits a fault we love it into doing better. So we should make our attitude to the little, growing souls that stumble and fall along the way of life.

This is the heart of the gospel taught by Jesus. Underneath every sentence of it is the spirit of love. The religion of the Jews had been one of strife and struggle, of stern justice, of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. That religion stoned the malefactor and went forth with the sword to slay those whom it considered the enemies of the true God. It regarded the children of Israel as the chosen people, and excluded all others. It was a fierce, a warlike faith, that sought to limit the Father to a faction.

The Nazarene brought an utterly new faith. It judged not. It resisted not. It excluded not. Like the sunshine, it flowed out alike to all, Gentile as well as Jew, sinner as well as saint. It laid aside the battle flag and raised instead the banner of peace. It was no longer the avenging angel, white and stern and terrible; but it was the angel with the shining eyes and the smiling face, that came not to condemn but to lift up.

From that day a new word was on the lips and in the hearts of men. That word was love. Long it had struggled for expression, but the utterance was faint and broken. Now had come a full and adequate voice that sang forth the song with sweetness and glory and power, and the music that fell from those divine lips has charmed the world into some semblance of harmony and good will.

We are just coming to understand the spirit behind that song; we are beginning to see the wisdom of that doctrine of non-resistance; we are learning that the universal love which He incarnated is the way, the truth and the life. We catch a glimmer of a wisdom that is higher than our wisdom, a simple faith that goes deeper into the mysteries of things than the plummet of all the boasted knowledge of man, and a fountain within the soul whose shining and singing waters bubble forth with a joy that is always sweet and new.—Ex.

Charity is the first born of religion.—Fraser.

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ADVERTISING RATES UPON APPLICATION.

We get a knowledge of God and His Plan by loving Him—fervently and persistently loving Him. No one can fervently and persistently love the All-Father unless he loves all Being—all His children—"good" or "bad."

"Lead us not into temptation." No man was ever so far advanced in the divine life as not to need to utter these words. In fact, the holiest breathe this petition with the most frequency. And if an angel should be sent from heaven into the midst of us, it would be ever upon his lips.

Learn to live with the eternal Law of Righteousness and you will be saved from all worry, fret, anxiety, apprehension, nervousness and distress of mind and body. Learn to live the Golden Rule if you would know joy, peace, force, health and prosperity.

The progressive man is always joyous in any thought that is new and pertains to the blessed Now. Truth is ever fresh and untrammelled. Man's progress, his health, his prosperity and his very life depend upon large views of life. A progressive spirit never builds a wall about its mind nor does it bring it within the limitations of any formula.

How the world loves a gentle soul! All want to know about a gentle spirit. Such a spirit stimulates countless others to excellence. The mild yet eternal radiance of a great soul sheds its light everywhere, for all time.

Blessed are the simple God-loving Quakers (Friends); theirs is a simple religion. Indeed, it is so simple and just and honest that it does not suit some of our brothers in some of the sects who wish for a complex and spectacular scheme of salvation. We can all of us do well to study the Friends and emulate their lives.

Great souls have great hearts overflowing with Love and Compassion, and are freed from human will. They have divine Will instead. Small men swagger about unbalanced with their mighty wills, their massive heads and small congested hearts and souls.

upon Him, the for our mistakes. Ignorance God will do the will and changeless Law does not the All. So, come, beloved etc.

excuse not suspend the penalty. The Law is beneficent in that it is changeless and its operation never for an instant suspended. From everlasting to everlasting the law is that we reap as we sow. Through much suffering in breaking the One Eternal Law, man at last, some time, somewhere, comes to know the Law and conform to its requirements, and to know the Law and obey it is to see and know its beauty and beneficence and reach absolute freedom—oneness with God. "The carnal mind is at enmity with God," and will not recognize the eternal changeless Law, and consequently suffers much.

Think not ill of thy brother and hold thy tongue from censure and condemnation: "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle."

Blessed is he who sees only good in the universe. Blessed is the man who knows and realizes that God is the All in All; that all is good.

God is a "Present Help" when we know and realize He is always nearer to us than anything else. "The soul is in God, and God is in it." And he it known, beloved, that "Communion with heaven is through inward states, and not by way of tidings and messages from without," and we are healed and made whole (holly) as we know and rely wholly on the omnipresent One. "True life comes through openness toward God. The traditional far-away God is not a 'Present Help.'"

To slander anyone is cruel, and all slander comes from one who is hard, cruel, and malignant—it is a vicious quality that is made up of anger, hate, envy, greed and selfishness.

The carnal-minded and unregenerate are given to slander and cause much suffering in the world through this sin. The wise man says: "If you are slandered, never mind it; it will all come off when it is dry."

What a beautiful world this will be when all the slanderers are converted to God, and live the life.

"Whenever you see a man trying to do something for the common good, you see the uprising of the spirit of Christ; what he is doing is a part of the Atonement. In church or out of church, with or without a formal creed, this is the true way in which the redemption of the world is proceeding. Every man, who is trying to live so as to make his life a blessing to the world, is being saved himself in the process, saved by becoming a savior."

Are you peaceful and blissful? Do you know that there are many men and women who live now and here in perpetual sunshine—peace and joy? Have you seriously and honestly considered their methods; or, do you know it all?

We ever strive to make this Magazine a blessing and a necessity to all aspiring souls, and to reach and help the sad and sorrowful. We pray God to help us.

Every gift of God to man comes by the Holy Spirit. He who fully and completely lives the Christ-life has bestowed on him all the Divine Gifts—seership, prophecy, clair-audience, clairvoyance, psychic and occult powers. But "the chief of the blessings that come by the Spirit is knowledge and wisdom." Omnicience is the great gift. "Ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." Knowing all things one is a prophet. The Holy Man is the only man who can know all things.

The law of righteousness is fixed, eternal and unvariable. "It cannot be accommodated to man, man must reach up to and obey it; it consists of an undeviating line of conduct, apart from all considerations of loss or gain, or reward or punishment; that, in reality, it consists in abandoning self, with all the sins of desire, opinion and self-interest of which that self is composed, and in living the blameless life of perfect love toward all men and creatures." Living under this blessed law, "life is fixed and perfect; it is without turning, change or qualification, and demands a sinless and perfect conduct."

Each man is a channel, or a medium, to a more or less degree, for the Holy Spirit. "There is power over, in and behind us, and we are the channels of its communications." How important it is to keep the channel open, clean and pure! The great God and mighty angels work easier, better and freer through an open pure channel. "We lie in the lap of immense intelligence, which makes us organs of its activity and receivers of its truth"—more than that, transmitters of its truth. In oneness with the Most High we are perfect channels and we are tremendous receivers and transmitters of Truth; thus our thoughts keep us young. "Some thoughts always find us young and keep us so. Such a thought is the love of the universal and eternal beauty."

If the Divine Mind is permitted by man to dwell within his mortal mind, it makes him perfect. Therefore all Great Souls become such by giving up entirely the mortal will and the mortal mind to the Divine Will and Divine Mind. The great men and women of the world have no will of their own; they are always mild, meek and gentle persons who are world-movers. Such was the Master, the Blessed Christ. There are no limitations to the powers of love, kindness and gentleness. All power comes from God, and "God is Love."

"The spiritual heart of man is the Heart of the universe, and, finding that Heart, man finds the strength to accomplish all things. He finds there also the Wisdom to see things as they are. He finds there the Peace that is divine. At the centre of man's being is the Music that orders the stars—the Eternal Harmony. He who would find Blessedness, let him find himself; let him abandon every discordant desire, every inharmonious thought, every unlovely habit and deed, and he will find that Grace and Beauty and Harmony which form the indestructible essence of his own being."

THE EVOLUTION OF A GOD.

In the following article there are thoughts presented that have not been taught before that I am aware of. As the plan was evolved through my consciousness it gave the impression that it was truth. It told a story from beginning to end, without any missing links, and it brought a feeling of joy and a consciousness of power such as I had never known before.

God is the sum total of all there is, acting as a single intelligence, and having inherent within itself the powers of involution and evolution. Evolution is organization. Involution is disorganization.

The ego is an immortal, self-existent part, a perfect miniature of the whole. So that God's involution is the involution of the ego into "fine mist." His evolution is the evolution of the ego back to individuality. Human intelligence must conceive of a starting point, so science accepts the atom as that point. All atoms of one ego belong to each other by the law of their affinity. And all atoms have two powers; that is, attraction and vibration.

Attraction in its highest form is soul, and vibration is known to us as energy or force.

All atoms are of equal power, but when two atoms in affinity are drawn into cohesion a primitive organization is formed and the power of the atom is doubled. Now, the organization is strong and attracts to itself an atom not in affinity with itself. Here discord arises and discord is death to the organization. So the atoms disorganize to reorganize on a higher plane. For they retain the power they have gained.

This is the first death and the first manifestation of unlove.

Even here the organization had nothing only what it attracted to itself. If it had been all-wise it would not have attracted the third atom, but what not to do had to be learned by experience.

When these atoms reorganize, with others of their own that are of a lower rate of vibration, we have a complex organization. As the complexity increases the organization does not die immediately, but building and tearing down is going on in the same organism. We begin to die as soon as we begin to live, and the whole must disorganize some time unless a change can be made.

When some rates of vibration have so increased as to be invisible to the eye the soul is formed; but bear in mind it is still the same organization. At some point (and the human soul is undoubtedly that point) part of the organization has reached perfection. That is, through experience it has learned all wisdom. Never more will it attract that which is not its own, consequently it will not disorganize any more unless it does so at will. This is the spirit. Here is what we recognize as immortality, and here is perfect love, perfect wisdom, perfect power. This is the God of the conscious man.

Just as the seed of the plant containing the most highly evolved part of the plant that is visible to the eye, is the last to disintegrate, and becomes the source of reorganization of plant, the higher parts having passed on, so the soul is the last of the perishable, invisible organization to disintegrate, and the rate of

CHARITY

"Every good act is charity; your smiling in your brother's face is charity; an exhortation of your fellow-man to virtuous deeds is equal to alms-giving; your putting a wanderer in the right road is charity; your assisting the blind is charity; your removing stones and thorns and other obstructions from the road is charity; your giving water to the thirsty is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellow-man."

vibration it has attained is the prophecy of its next organization. This is the karma of the Buddhist, and the "Destiny that shapes our end," of which the poet tells us; and from these facts arises the doctrine of "the reincarnation of the soul" and "the resurrection of the body." Our glimpses into this soul realm is where we get our psychic phenomena.

With the ordinary individual this higher, immortal self merely shines down upon him, as it were, entering but little into his conscious life, because of his non-recognition of its presence. But when the whole organization comes to that plane where the person feels this higher presence as part of himself there is a new birth. A conscious God is born on earth. He has gone through the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms, has been through the period of manhood, and now the infancy of godhood has begun.

The practical reader exclaims, "Yes, this is very pretty and very interesting, but of what use is it to me?"

"Knowledge is power," and man's highest power must come from knowing the law of his being. Here is one of the practical things that this knowing will lead up to.

You will agree that to know it and to live it would be more than could be valued in gold and silver. It would be the announcement that the God was becoming powerful in the flesh.

Would you know how to live in perfect harmony with the world? Would you avoid the discords and bickerings with your fellows, which really bring more of annoyance and pain than any other cause? Would you avoid persecution? Would you realize so much of peace that you could lay down and sleep securely, although surrounded by savages? Then listen! The way is simple if you will but heed.

Recognize not evil.

"Oh," you say, "Mr. A. is doing bad things all the time. How can I help recognizing a fact when I see it?"

Yes, Mr. A. is living on a low intellectual plane, and you are aware of it. Here is the way you will regard him; you will say to him, "My friend, you are all right. You are a creature of evolution and are manifesting just

as much good as your present organization can recognize. I regard all your acts with the tolerance with which a mother would regard her young child. More than that, I know there is a higher self in you. You could not be human if it were otherwise. There are rates of vibration of which you are not conscious. I am conscious of them and I will hold to the recognition of them for you."

If you live this all the time Mr. A. will present to you the possibilities of his higher nature. But don't wait until a burglar enters your house before you begin to practice it.

Here is the philosophy of what takes place. Man ranging from body to spirit, presents many different rates of vibration. We will compare him to a musical instrument of many tones; you can get any tone from the instrument that it is capable of producing. But if you strike "C" all the time it will be to you as though no other tone was possible. We will suppose you want "G" vibrations. Then don't strike "C." That's all. Simple enough, isn't it? Of course, you knew "C" was there, but you were not interested in it; you were interested only in "G." The recognition you hold the man in is the key you strike.

Now go one step farther. Mr. A. is accustomed to recognizing only "C" vibrations both in himself and in you. He is conscious of nothing else. He will strike "C" and it will be natural for you to respond to his recognition.

But no. You know more of the law. If you are sending higher vibrations, his will never reaches you, yours being stronger.

Would you like more evidence than logic? Then turn to history for a corroboration in actual experience. How think you William Penn and his peaceful friends lived for seventy years with the Indians of Pennsylvania, holding the love of those crude savages all the while?

Look at Thomas Paine. When he, by the light of the spirit, saw and wrote the future of the United States, he sounded a high note of vibration, and was useful, beloved and honored. That work might be called the fire that relighted the torch of liberty, which the pessimism that arose from hardships had well-nigh extinguished. Look at him again. He goes to France, and becoming imbued with

thought of a lower rate of vibration, he wrote the "Age of Reason." Did it tear down evil? Not a bit of it. What did it do? It brought scorn and persecution upon him and degradation and death upon his body.

Walt Whitman was one of the noblest souls that ever trod this planet. He understood this law and taught it. But when the country was torn by strife he went upon the battlefield, engaged in his work of mercy. But he almost naturally fell into the vibration of the spirit of conflict, and sang of it. For this he spent years of pain and poverty.

And so it has always been with the world's teachers and reformers. When they fought evil they were crushed by it, and it was only because they lived and proclaimed Good that they became great.

"I say unto you that ye resist not evil" was certainly one of the wisest rules laid down for man's benefit.—E. H. H. in *Freedom*.

THE RIGHTEOUS MAN.

There are times in the life of every man who takes his stand on high moral principles when his faith in, and knowledge of, those principles is tested to the uttermost and the way in which he comes out of the fiery trial decides as to whether he has sufficient strength to live as a man of Truth, and join the company of the free, or shall still remain a slave and a hireling to the cruel taskmaster, Self.

Such times of trial generally assume the form of a temptation to do a wrong thing and continue in comfort and prosperity, or to stand by what is right and accept poverty and failure, and so powerful is the trial that, to the tempted one, it plainly appears on the face of things as though if he chooses the wrong his material success will be assured for the remainder of his life, but if he does what is right he will be ruined forever.

Frequently the man at once quails and gives way before this appalling prospect which the Path of Righteousness seems to hold out for him, but should he prove sufficiently strong to withstand this first onslaught of temptation, then the inward seducer, the spirit of self, assumes the garb of an Angel of Light and whispers, "Think of your wife and children, think of those who are dependent upon you; will you bring them down to disgrace and starvation?"

Strong, indeed, and pure must be the man who can come triumphant out of such a trial, but he who does so enters at once a higher realm of life, where his spiritual eyes are opened to see beautiful things; and the poverty and ruin which seemed inevitable do not come, but a more abiding success comes, and a peaceful heart and a quiet conscience. But he who fails does not obtain the promised prosperity, and his heart is restless and his conscience troubled.

The right-doer cannot ultimately fail, the wrong-doer cannot ultimately succeed, for

"Such is the Law which moves to Righteousness,
Which none at last can turn aside or stay"—

and it is because justice is at the heart of things—because the Great Law is good—that the man of integrity is superior to fear, and

failure, and poverty, and shame, and disgrace. As the poet further says of this Law—

"The heart of it is Love, the end of it
"Is peace and consummation sweet—obey."

The man who, fearing the loss of present pleasures or material comforts, denies the Truth within him, can be injured, and robbed, and degraded, and trampled upon, because he has first injured, and robbed, and degraded, and trampled upon his own nobler self; but the man of steadfast virtue, of unblemished integrity, cannot be subject to such conditions because he has denied the craven self within him and has taken refuge in the Truth. It is not the scourge and the chains which make a man a slave, but the fact that he is a slave.

Slander, accusation and malice cannot affect the righteous man, nor call from him any bitter response, nor does he need to go about to defend himself and prove his innocence. His innocence and integrity alone are a sufficient answer to all that hatred may attempt against him. Nor can he ever be subdued by the forces of darkness, having subdued by those forces within himself; but he turns all evil things to good account—out of the darkness he brings light, out of hatred love, out of dishonor honor; and slanders, envies and misrepresentations only serve to make more bright the jewel of Truth within him, and to glorify his high and holy destiny.

Let the man of Truth rejoice and be glad when he is severely tried; let him be thankful that he has been given an opportunity of proving his loyalty to the noble principles which he has espoused; and let him think—"Now is the hour of holy opportunity! Now is the day of triumph for Truth! Though I lose the whole world I will not desert the right!" So thinking, he will return good for evil, and will think compassionately of the wrong-doer.

The slanderer, the back-biter and the wrong-doer may seem to succeed for a time, but the Law of Justice prevails; the man of integrity may seem to fail for a time, but he is invincible, and in none of the world, visible or invisible, can there be forged a weapon that shall prevail against him.—James Allen.

FROM THE SILENCE.

"Be Ye Perfect."

Matt. 5:48.

The soul that would be perfected be and holy

Must ever dwell in consciousness of God,

Yielding its little will unto his wholly,

Be free from all desires of the sod,

Must fill its cup of life to overflowing

With love for every creature great and small,

Giving as doth the sun in its bestowing,

That freely gives its light and warmth to all.

It must remember from the Mount of Vision

To bring its inspiration to the vale.

Be ever mindful of its heavenly mission,

To speak the word of life, that cannot fail.

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C. F. C.
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Dear Brothers,

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I do not look for an answer to this as I know how fully your time is taken up but shall be glad to hear from you when you have a word for me. Your letters have been a great help and inspiration to me and I have read them many times.

May heaven's choicest blessings rest upon you.

Fraternaly,

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R. E. D. C.
BUTTE, MONTANA.

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Sincerely,

L. M.
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Great seers, sages and prophets in all ages conversed with spirits and angels. Today, more than ever, "clairvoyants and clairaudients under certain conditions see and converse with those dwellers that tread the evergreen shores of immortality. To such the future life is knowledge, and Spiritualism gives knowledge for faith." Faith and belief are well in their way, and as a means to an ultimate, but they can never bring the peace and bliss that come through knowledge. In the Higher Thought of the present day men are coming to know, and are fearless and progressive, happy and successful in all they do. Man is adding a sixth and seventh "sense," if you please to call it a "sense." Clear-seeing and clear-hearing are the fruits or gifts of the soul, the developed psychic powers that are latent in all men. There is a superconscious or blessed state in which we see all, hear all and know all. This comes, with perfect recog-

niton and realization of our eternal oneness with the All.

We have bliss and eternal Freedom when we cease to "bicker," "argue," criticize, censure, judge and condemn—when we love all with such universal love that we have no inclination nor desire to meddle with their God-given right to think, reason and act as they please.

Let today open our minds to new views, new methods, new friends, and new thought; this is the way to progress, prosperity and happiness. A man who is afraid of a new idea does not cut much figure as a factor in the growth, expansion and progress of these blessed days.

Death is only change—always for the better; the soul is eternally progressive. At the passing from the body we do not cease our activities. That religion that does not minimize or destroy our fear of death is false. Spiritualism is doing a grand work in demonstrating to men that at the transition called "death" the soul merely passes on to a new and higher and brighter plane of action in the Spirit World.

That form which exists is good; when not needed it will cease to exist—so, with all religious teachings in the world, when not needed they will cease to exist. As man advances in psychic-mental development he will have a newer and higher and better religion. At the present time we of the Higher Thought are building a broad, universal religion, with universal love as its basic principles, and an All

Father that is all Love and tenderly merciful to all of His children.

"Let the thought come to every one of us that we are commended to a sinless life, and by that is meant that we are to put ourselves in right relations to the universe, to truth, and to mankind; for sinlessness is just that. Let us go to work to bring it to pass that there shall be no evil in the world which we can prevent, whether it be evil in our own hearts, in the streets of our city, or in the lanes and highways of our country. That is a task beside which the picking of oakum and the stepping on the treadmill is the mere task of a child. For we cannot go on promising to the men of our day and generation a heaven beyond the sky, or threaten them with a hell beyond this life, while we make no effort to create a heaven here on earth and while we let hells burn with all their fires in our very midst. Sinlessness in our own lives, sinlessness in all other lives, through the mighty power of our own transformation—this is the work that Christ has set us to do."

The study of modern psychology, metaphysics, psychic and occult subjects, along with a study of Eastern Philosophy, is elevating to mind and soul. Such study opens, deepens, widens, expands and cleanses the mind. In all the walks of life such study strengthens our doing powers. Much, if not all the advancing progress of today is due to metaphysical seeds planted here and there by American metaphysicians a half century ago. Consciously or unconsciously, American leaders in all lines use metaphysical powers. The clear-vision of all our great captains of industry is psychical; the ignorant and foolish name it otherwise. All progressive men are such by their optimism—by their rock-bound faith and hope in things and events. These great and wise men do not see failure—they live only in the vibrations of progress and success, which is always the divine way. There is an old illusion—or rather tradition—that progress, success and happiness here and now were opposing the Divine Will. How blessed it is to live in the New and the Now and have the power to Do—to know! The great God never intended His children to be cringing, whining worms with much disease, drudgery and poverty. Some have made themselves thus by poor thinking.

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