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PERFECT LOVE

In perfect Love man needs no commandments: he unconsciously fulfills the whole Law of God. If a man really loves God and all, he can do no wrong. Love fulfills all the Laws of God.

How can the eternal and universal lover injure or hurt any form or manifestation of Life? Could such a Christed Lover covet anything? "Love is the fulfilling of the Law."

Jesus asked us to love our neighbor as ourself, knowing that if we lived in perfect love we would need no commandments.

Life is empty, hollow, and negative without this perfect Christ Love.

Love holds the Universe together in perfect order, and Love is greater than anything else because it is God, because the Whole (Love) is greater than the parand because It is the only Power that unites the soul with God.

And if thou seekest only Love, She will seek thee and send Her hosts of mighty ministering Angels to abide with Her and thee, in thy oneness.

And now, beloved, may Love, (Peace and Power) abide with thee. The Mystics.

"When men forget their love of gold, And love their honor more, When truth is only current coin, And counted o'er and o'er; When men throw self aside and live For some great purpose high. Then will the glorious era come, When none shall fear to die, Then shall the human soul grow strong And grand and wise and free, And raise the coming race-O God A fitter type of Thee, And then thy seal, and only thine, I set on every brow, And none shall wear the mark of Cain As millions wear it now. Then, shall the Eden bloom again, Then shall the angels stand And with new Adams and new Eves, White-robed walk hand in hand."

INFINITE MIND.

"In infinite Mind we live and breathe and have our Being. Teach us thy wisdom, O infinite Love!"

Thus saith the Spirit of the Universe! Reason is man's crown of glory. He seeks for reason everywhere, because the crown awaiteth him. Search deep, and far, and wide. Deep, I say; treasures are always hidden deep and they are revealed only to the seeker after them.

Mind contains within its vaulted chambers untold treasures, unutterable secrets. Man has learned to voyage on unknown seas, to visit unknown worlds, but there is a country yet but little explored. It is that of Infinite Mind. From this soundless sea and shore there shall come to the explorer truths never uttered by man.

How shall we know them?

Through his reason he shall prove all things. The truth remains with him; he cannot lose it, for it holds him. He need have no fear. The dauntless heart is the great explorer. Love is its pilot and mate; Wisdom its rudder and light. In quest, he will steer on, saved from the rocks; and the waves will part before the light that shineth afar for

This light is the light of reason, the light of wisdom. There is a voice on that soundless sea that will answer back to him who speaks the word, some of the many secrets of Infinite Mind.

The law of response is changeless; acquaint thyself with it. Watch more the working of thine own mind and thou shalt find the longsought answer of vibration, for God uttere Himself in silence, and there is a response to every moving of the waters, and to every articulate word spoken into the universal Spirit or mind.

In the bright realms of thought all things are formed and fashioned after the desires of the heart. Thus far hast thou gone in thy philosophy. O man; now learn to bring forth after its kind. Learn to know that this thou hast always done, and, knowing this, thou wilt fashion after a more exalted kind.

and the clear light of reason illumine thy

search. Untold treasures lie hidden right in thy pathway.

Keep thyself within thyself, and thy regenerated Being will daily reveal unto thee the truth of these words, and there shall be no more night for thee. Yet nor alone canst thou be blessed, thou shalt be a blessing unto sad humanity and shalt reveal unto the hopeless and faithless the Father's abiding love. Peace be unto thee now and forever more.

LOVE.

All things are found in Love.

It is the realm whence thou mayest draw all things. It is the "Akaza" wherein all things are dissolved and resolved into its own formless self, and wherefrom thou, yea thou, child of earth, shalt, when thou hast become Master, draw all things out of Formless Substance into visible appearance.

All things obey the Will of the Master. For He, the Master, has become one with the Supreme and Wills with It, the Supreme Power. This is why He is Master.

This Will is within thee, O man! Learn to know It. It is thy Light. It will light thee on to perfect day.

Thou dost cling to thy low estate, as a child to its toys. Let the light shine from within thine own soul, "a lamp in the window for thee." God has placed it there, knowing it would illuminate thy mind to see the law that is drawing thee nearer and nearer to Him.

O man, look up and see the streaming banner from the skies. It is Love! And when thou canst read this word clear, with single eye, thou art Master! and the light that will fill thy being will flood the world.

Near to the Mount of Revelation art thou. Stay not, until with God thou shalt look upon the other side thy web of life, and see clearly that the pattern that the Infinite hath conceived is flawless.

It is only this little light within thee, kept trimmed and burning, burning brighter, until it mingles with "the quenchless fire," the flame of God, Love Divine, that can ever lead thee out of earth (flesh) darkness into Spirit life, wherein all things become clear.

Fear not. What hast thou to fear? Thou must no longer resist God. This thou hast done all thy flesh-life. Thou art resisting God. And this resistance, not God, destroys

Let be! Let thy spirit mount upon its wings to find its mate. It will know its own and dwell in Love forever.

Come, come, come up higher! Leave behind thee all thy woes; none can enter here who leaves no burden behind, for he hath already entered into the joys of life. Joy is thine own; come and take it. Come and express it. Come and be it. The song of life begins here. Thou art near the gate. Thy password is Love.

When Love has hid thy unsightly self, by its overflowing fullness, the password will be upon thy lips, and by the touch of the angel the mystic gate will open wide for thee, and not for thee alone hast thou opened it, but Let the night of uncertainty pass away, all shall enter, whom thou hast met on thy way that have revived at thy touch or word. God and die."-Exchange,

MEDITATIONS.

"The truth shall make you free." These are no idle words. They embody a principle as deeply haid as the very essence of being itself. Again and again the deep truth involved in this simple statement flashes upon the student of occult science with new meaning. Again and again we are surprised to find how many of the perplexing problems of life the application of this far-reaching principle will

Really, what else is there to depend upon for the ultimate solution of the many problems which are now confronting us? Freedom! What else does the soul of man need? Trace the miseries of man to their source, and see if you do not find that they all begin with some kind of bondage-something that limits or binds the soul and thus prevents the right exercise of its powers. The endless struggle of life is nothing but a fight with the limitations by which we find ourselves held from that which we most desire.

Brother, are you a victim of strong drink? Let me tell you why you are enslaved by such a ruinous habit. That habit is only the outgrowth of a false belief. You think you crave strong drink, perhaps, but you do not. It is something else your soul is clamoring for. You have blindly made the mistake of suppossing that strong drink is the object of your desire. So, after all, it is truth that you lack, and truth only can break the fetters with which you are bound. If you only knew the truth of your own condition, your burning appetite would be found to be only the yearning of your soul for something higher, and the truth would teach you the true object of your desire, the attainment of which would make you free, indeed.

What is true in the case of the drinkhabit is true of every habit by which human beings are enslaved. The slavery is not bondage to any external condition or thing. It is primarily and radically a limitation due to a subjective condition. The fetters are forged by false belief. Learn truth, my brother, and these limitations, with all their attendant evil habits, will vanish like mists before the rising sun. All bad habits are alike. They spring from false belief, and vanish at the dawning of truth.

Again, my brother, do you find it hard to feed, clothe and educate your children, and bring into your home all those comforts and conveniences which characterize the ideal home of modern civilization? I meet you every day and every day I see you busy and anxious. Time is furrowing your brow. You are wearing yourself out, and you cannot see that you are bettering your condition in any respect. Your children are growing up to take your place, and you can see looming up before them the same dreary succession of years of thankless labor, which has ground all the sweetness out of your life, and the contemplation of it suggests to you the old foolish bitterness of the one who said, "Curaq

MENTAL IMAGES.

Mental images which have been constantly repeated, but are not of the aspiring character, of the longing to achieve more than the feeble powers of the Soul permit, become tendencies of thought, grooves into which mental energy runs easily and readily.

Hence the importance of not letting the mind drift aimlessly among insignificant objects, idly creating trivial Mental Images, and letting them dwell in the mind.

These will persist and form channels for future outpourings of mental force, which will thus be led to meander about on low levels, running into the accustomed grooves, as the paths of least resistance.

The will or desire to perform a certain action, such will or desire having been frustrated, not by want of abilty but by want of opportunity, or by circumstances forbidding accomplishment, will cause Mental Images, which—if the action be of a high and pure nature—will be acted out in thought on the devachanic plane, and will be precipitated as actions on returning to earth.

If the Mental Image was formed out of desire to do beneficent actions, it would give rise to the mental performance of these actions in Devachan; and this performance, the reflection of the Image itself, would leave it in the Ego as an intensified Mental Image of an action, which would be thrown out on to the physical plane as a physical act the moment the touch of favorable opportunity precipitated this crystalization of the thought into the get.

The physical act is inevitable when the Mental Image has been realized as action on the devachanic plane.

This same law applies to Mental Images formed out of baser desires, though these never pass into Devachan, but are subjected to the process before described, to be reformed on the way back to earth.

Repeated covetous desires, for instance, out of which Mental Images are formed, will crystalize out as acts of theft, when circumstances are propitious. The causative Karma is complete and the physical act has become its inevitable effect, when it has reached the stage at which another repetition of the Mental Image means its passing into action.

It must not be forgotten that repetition of an act tends to make the act automatic, and this law works on planes other than the physical. If then an action be constantly repeated on the psychic plane it will become automatic and when opportunity offers will automatically be imitated on the physical.

How often it is said after a crime, "It was done before I thought," or "If I had thought for a moment I would never have done it."

The speaker is quite right in his plea that he was not then moved by a deliberate thought-out idea, and he is naturally ignorant as to preceding thoughts, the train of causes that led up to the inevitable result.

Thus a saturated solution will solidify if but one more crystal be dropped into it, at the mere contact, the whole passes into the solid state.

When the aggregation of Mental Images has reached saturation point, the addition of but one more solidifies them into an act.

The act, again, is inevitable for the freedom of choice has been exhausted in choosing over and over again to make the Mental Image, and the physical is constrained to obey the mental impulsion.

The desire to do in one life reacts as compulsion to do in another, and it seems as though the desire worked as a demand upon Nature to which she responds by affording the opportunity to perform.—Karma.

> "Daily deed and daily thought Slowly into habit wrought Raise that temple, base or fair, Which men call our character. Build it nobly, build it well; In that temple God may dwell."

THE BRIGHTEST TRUTH.

One of the brightest truths for which we stand is, that there is hope for all—that from the unlikeliest life there may spring at last a growth of beauty in "the garden of the Lord."

We once planted a tree and watched it for two or three years without any promise of growth. At last it dwindled and was said to be dead. We resolved to dig it up, but went away for a long holiday without doing so. On our return we saw that from the heart of it a new strong shoot had sprung. We cut away the dead parts, and gave the new growth light and air. In the end we got a goodly tree.

Will the Almighty Father be less patient and less provident? Will the Power which holds so fast by the germ of life in a falling tree be unable or unwilling to watch over and develop the germ of life in a failing soul?—Light.

INHERITANCE.

Poor, struggling youth, who gladly toils alone To win and hold the key to knowledge dear! Humbly he knocks at Wisdom's gates of stone That open not till on their sides appear, Carved by his hands, two rugged figures clear

Of Industry and Patience fully grown;
And whence at last admitted to be shown
The glories of the inner court, the fear
Of falling back from vantage gained lends
strength

To struggle bravely always; and, at length

When all life's tasks are done, he leaves
his heirs

This best inheritance—the impulse strong That leads them onward, though the way be long

Knowing all lists are free to him that dares.

Strong, cheerful heart of human life, 'Mid tempest tossed environs placed; In deepest sea of earthly gloom, And clanging passions mighty sway, Hold far aloft the Star of Hope, And seek the Light in purer climes; Know that through trials,—blessings, all, The Heights are won.

WAVES OF INFLUENCE.

"The smallest wave of influence set in motion extends and widens to the eternal shore."

As we have stood on the seashore and cast pebbles into the clear expanse of waters we have seen the surface rippled by waves widening and ever widening until the eye could no more follow them.

So, as we stand on the shore of the sea of life we cast in, it may be a smile, a pleasant word, a kind deed, a vote on the side of a right cause and thereby set in motion waves of influence that widen far beyond our knowledge, yea, even to the eternal shore.

This learned I from a tree whose shadow te and fro did sway upon a wall. Our shadow-selves our influence may fall where we may never be; believing thus, how careful we should be that our influence is always cast for good, that our "mental attitude" is right, for what we daily do within our hearts we grow to be. Such as are our habitual thoughts such will be the character of our minds; and what we are we influence others to be, for it is true that no man liveth to himself alone, no one fills so small a place in the world but he has some influence for right or wrong, and it is true, though much to be regretted, that bad influence is just as farreaching as good.

Then let us fling into the flowing stream of life for others the best we have, be it a word, a tone within a word, a smile with a word, a kind thought, our heart's sympathy, kind actions, as we have opportunity, knowing that in the economy of life nothing is lost, no thought conceived by the brain, no word spoken or written, no act performed has ever been lost or ceases to exert its influence upon mankind. The world is today what the thoughts, words and deeds of all who have gone before us have made it, and the world of the future will, in this respect, be like the world of the present.

Let us try to take a little from the world's vast store of sadness and add to joy's too scanty score a little more.

Roll on, O waves of influence.
Roll on to ocean caves.
And give high inspiration,
Tell of a power that saves.
Peal in a mighty harmony,
Speak with a mighty tongue,
Till never grander symphony,
In mortal ear hath rung.

Janet Turner.

Each demand on the infinite ocean of truth is a finite one, and what each individual receives at any time is limited ever by the demand he makes. Through striving, one may grasp a truth he is unprepared to assimilate, but it will prove an unsatisfactory investment and result in suffering until either he relinquishes the slight hold he has upon it, or as a result of his further development he assimilates it.

Ignorance is better than Head-learning with no Soul-wisdom to illuminate and guide it.

IN THE GREAT GOD WE TRUST.

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MEDITATION.

Illumine thy soul with kind acts. Waste not time or strength on trifles. Let hope become a mode of thy spirit, and so serve beneficent ends. Remember that refined and purified thoughts, pill attract thy brother to higher issues. Let not clouds of your own creation obscure the Light. Learn the spiritual meaning of each daily experience.

Beauty of character is the effect of Love, l'aith and Hope.

To live nobly in this world one must forgive much, forget much and forbear much.

"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

All the time there is, is Now. So, blessed soul, let us fill it full of Life and Doing for the good of the blessed Whole.

Strong character is formed by facing obstacles, difficulties, sorrow and grief with a cheerful and hopeful spirit.

Let the spirit of truth fill the souls of the poor and the rich alike, and the scepter of the old many-headed tyrant, Mammon, is gone.

Come, precious soul and Listen! The fountain of Wisdom is inexhaustible. Drink to thy fill, and be refreshed and enjoy eternal life.

If thou wouldst be a conscious actor in the eternal drama of the Whole, thou must know the blessed truths of evolutionary philcoophy and reincarnation.

Tomorrow is but another today, therefore, let us live and do NOW. "Thou art happy when thou hast done what God has planned for thee this day, this hour."

All sature, all forms, proceed from One Universal and Eternal mind, God. Therefore, all is good. Who is there, save the carnalminded, that dare label this thing good and that thing bad?

Love God and get your heart and mind right and then you will become a wonderful psychie to attract only the good, unseen forces that will help you along the Great Path to Eternal Joy and Bliss.

At-one with God, man is a Universal Seer as well as a universal lover—sees the all in All past, present and future—from everlasting to everlasting he sees and knows all, because he is united to the all-pervading eternal All.

Feed thy soul, heart, mind and body with the best foods. And what is best? That which the sweet and silent voice of thy soul tells you is best in your serene moments of ealm and meditation. Intuition is thy best guide in all things. Pray, listen, obey and

Not all your dreams are spiritual leadings From the deep wells of our inner life come the waters of refreshing, but in them we have cast now and then a poisonous weed, and the influence of these upon what shou be our waters of joy is often apparent. Try all your intuitions to see if they are harmonious with spiritual love.

"All is of God that is or is to be, and God is good." All that He has created was and is good. In the plan of God everything is designed for some good use. Evil is the perversion of good. Solomon said: "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." And it is possible to read the mind of man, because he gives expression to his thoughts in and upon the body.

Wonderful things are doing and arranging to fill the future with blessed uses and glorifying the Inner life of All; filling our hearts with overflowing peace and with songs of gratitude and praise to the benignant Love that broods with divine kindness and perfect wisdom over all of us. Oh, how bright and blessed is the present; and how much brighter and more blessed will be the future for All!

Great is he who loves and sympathizes with his unfortunate brothers in real wisdom. Indeed, in love and sympathy for all is real wisdom. We are here by God's Will to help such other, to serve and co-operate with love for the good of the Whole. It is always sald of a great and good man: "His heart was always with the weak and miserable poor." Come, beloved, let us bless, and be blessed, by learning to love, by living Love.

To the soul that has realized Truth all things are related and the thought of separateness is never in mind. Such a soul is free and exists in Omeness. Emerson said: "To the poet, to the philosopher, to the saint, all things are friendly and sacred, all events profitable, all days holy, all men divine. For the eye is featened on the life, and slights the circumstances. Every chemical substance, every plant, every animal in its growth, teaches the unity of cause, the variety of appearance.

When I am charged with the Holy Spirit I am all life and reach that plane of consciousness known as the superconacious or blissful state. This is not the subconscious or trance state, but the wide-awake state—the Supreme State, when I live and vibrate with the Infinite. We all have these blessed and supreme moments at times, and it is this occasional touch with God that gives us new life, new strength, new hope and new courage to push ahead on the Eternal Path of Progress.

The cure for nervous exhaustion is to frequently relax all tension of nerves and brain and go into Silence and commune with the Spirit. Think of the Most High and be bathed in the soothing calm of the [Holy Spirit, Buddha said: "All that we are is the result of what we have thought. It is founded on our thought." If a man thinks fear-thought he is more or less nervous. "The nervous system in its conditions affords a constant and unerring register of the state of the mind." It well on God within and be calm, serene and whole (holy).

Anyone who lives an absolutely pure and Holy Life—the Christ life—is a more or less Natural Healer of Diseases. Wherever such a person goes will be started health vibrations. Not a thought need be thrown out, not a word spoken or not an action taken; with a Holy Man, wherever he goes the air is purified and Peace and Harmony reign. His very presence is recreating and refreshing. The baseat sinner rejoices in the presence of a really Holy Man, and we will look up to his radiant face with a new hope and a new inspiration. Such is the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Suppose you say to yourself: "This is an ordinary, shabby life of mine to look at —no great thing to do or be or hope for or grow to. I have just got to content myself with drudgeries that must be every day the same and never advance me beyond themselves. But I mean to put great cheer into all I do. I mean everything shall show integrity, shall speak of honesty, shall prove my truth; nothing that I touch that I will not adorn by some grace of soul." What will be the result? Where will be the paltriness, the worthlessness, of your life?

Mental Science says: "Get yourself right and the world will be all right." So far so good. But Mental Science cannot get your SELF (The soul) right, because the SELF, or SOUL, is a spiritual thing and not a mental thing. Therefore, we must go to Spiritual Science, or Religion, to get our SELVES—our Souls—right. We must pray to God with carnest prayers for Divine Help and Leading. We must look only to God for help. The Mind can help us very little. There is the SOUL which is the master of the Mind, which must be roused and joined to God before we can get our SELVES (Souls) right. We must surrender mortal mind and mortal will completely to GOD before we can get our SELVES right; before we can breathe the Holy Breath—the Holy Spirit.

Spiritual Science, or Religion, can help both Spiritual and Material things. Spiritual Science and Mental Science are not alike; a Spiritual Scientist and a Mental Scientist are two different persons. One is a knower of the Soul, and the other is a mere knower of the Mental Science will carry one so far along the Mental Path and no farther, while Spiritful Science is not limited and carries the Soul far beyond all reason, all mind, to God, the Omniscient One. Religion, or Spiritual Science, is scientific, and is the Science of being here, now and forever; it is God, Christ and the Holy Spirit—Omniscience, Omnipotence and Omnipresence—OM.

A fervent mystic prayed earnestly and patiently for years to God to know Him. His one theme was to know God. At last, one day when he least expected an answer to his continuous prayer, the Voice said. "I am all you see, feel and know; act and action and reaction; cause and effect, good and bad, day and night; I am the killer and the killed; the perceiver and the perceived; I am, sweet soul, thee, and thou art Me, and we are Eternal Existence." In this, God's answer to those who would know him:

I am the earth, I am the sky,

The night, the sunshine and the clod;
I am the master, and the slave!
I am Divine, Almighty God!"

The language of the soul is pure and simple and understandable by all souls, because it is the language of pure and simple Love. The more Love man puts into his thoughts and words the more widely is he understood. He who speaks from the soul alone is whole (holy) and not partial, and is better understood by the Whole—the multitudes. Moreover, the language of Love is lasting—it endures. Can the words of Socrates, Plato, Buddha, Jesus and many other great lovers of the Most High ever die? These Universal Lovers spoke and wrote the Universal Language which is eternal and easily understood in all ages.

Our perfect duties are these thoughts and acts which are the outcome of perfect love for all-universal love. When we continuously burn with fervent love for the Whole, we live in exact justice with all the parts. When we live in Universal Love life is pure, sweet and simple, and not embittered or complexnot disturbed and interrupted. Perfect Love is the principle underlying all justice all line. right living. To the degree we love, to that degree we are just and charitable and unselfish. Perfect Love is the greatest and highest ideal in the world; when it manifests on the Universal Plane it is God. "God id Love. Universal Love carries the soul to the highest, purest and most radiant and beautiful realms and spheres of the Universe. Perfect Love is the Sovereign Good-the Eternal Life and Eternal Sustainer of the Universe.

Before the Soul can see, the harmony within must be attained, and fleshly eyes be rendered blind to all illusion.

MESSAGE OF THE PATRIARCH

Oh ye sons and daughters of mortality. May the Voice of the Infinite penetrate thy soul and awaken thee to the needs of the hour. Speak the Word that shall thrill the hearts of humanity o'er and o'er; pure and strong to save. Raise the Banner of Love and Truth high, that its folds may sweep the sky, unsullied. Loyal be thee to God and man. Banish vice and depravity by the purity of thine own living and speaking. Millions recognize the all pervading power which is supreme. Wait not to obey the Law divine until sorrow or defeat lays thee low, but seek ye now. Let the Christ Love dominate thy life. Beneath the ocean's wave sweet flowers are blooming, where no mortal eye can see. Within thine own soul Holy thoughts of devotion may rise to bring forth bright blossoms that never fade,—Immortalized.

CONSCIOUSNESS.

Consciousness is always conditional; varying aspects of the human mind.

Tone-notes, maliciousness, selfishness and hatred have shrivelled the pure life force. All those qualities are so changed from the original that in all their different ways they are far from the heart of supply, which alone can feed them.

Seest thou not that all this unlikeness to truth must produce mental confusion, which is alone made manifest in the flesh in socalled disease?

As the strings of an instrument must be unbroken, so, too, each one must have special attention in the process of re-tuning, that perfect harmony may be expressed, through the use of the many to produce one harmonious effect. So must be each special aspect or line of thought in the mind, thoughts being likened unto the strings of the instrument, so must each have special attention.

The harsh tones mellowed by the Divine Love; that one burdened with fear, affecting every other thought of the mind, that of envy eating like canker, hate sending forth its malicious power, all combining, driving the joy tone altogether away. Each one of these needs special treatment offtimes. While the fountain is sweet, inflowing and full, some of these thought channels, so full of waste products, fill more slowly than others. This is a deep study, but months of careful attention to what thought has been given thee, will bring thee great returns. Thou shalt be more and more instructed along this very line.

Keep silence, a sacred silence within thine own soul. There shall inspiration flow full and free for every child who turns his eyes heavenward in longing, in aspiration. This is the law! Come whosoever will and drink of this quenchless source of all Being!

These are days of rejoicing! Know that there is none so near, so dear as thy Father; with lavish hand He feeds thee; with abatelies love He comforts thee. Thou art neither high nor low, rich nor poor; thou art beyond all these; thou art greater than these. Be thou conscious.

Thou art Love, O my God!

SPIRIT

"And there was silence in Heaven for the space of half an hour."

Conception was taking place.

Out of the formless, form was projected. Words filled with Spirit and with Life came forth!

By them the glory of God is declared, through them the mystery of His nature is revealed.

They are the links that bind the Creator and the created.

They are the wisdom of God and the understanding of man.

The revealed word declares the Law of God; it interprets His majesty and power!

Man stands in the midst of the great wave currents with the possibility of catching them, little known to himself; but with dilicent searching it shall be revealed.

Learn to use thine inner ear, for the wave currents can only be caught by it; thus is thy spiritual sense quickened, and thy spiritual discernment increased.

Moments of bliss await thee, when once thou hast caught the thrilling tones of the Divine Love.

Neither father nor mother, nor lover's voice can have any semblance to Its sweetress, for the Universal Father is all this and pure added thereto.

Loneliness thou canst never know again if once thou hast caught these sweet tones.

They bear thee wisdom and wealth, peace and comfort, and lead thee into new-found paths of righteousness, wherein the law shall be fulfilled for thee.

Spare not thy search, for it is profitable. Become soul centered here in the light of wisdom, and thou shalt send forth such illumination as proceedeth only from the mind of thy Creator, the mind that is Wisdom.

Let thy little or greater light shine to illuminate the pathway of others, for earthnarkness is impenetrable save by the Divine

This light thou hast; it is the quenchless flame of God!

A TWENTIETH CENTURY COMMOTION.

The threshold of a new century marks a transitional stage in the evolution of Christendom which is unique, writes Henry Wood. A long-continued dispensation is closing, or rather we are in the midst of the tumultuous waves which roll between it and its successor. The shore of the former is melting away, and no landing has yet been effected upon the new one, for it is but just coming in

In a word, we are emerging from the reign of external authority, and have not yet developed the full knowledge of the laws which are inscribed within.

Never before has there been such an intense activity among beneficent and spiritual forces, never so much altruism, such love, such unselfishness and such a zeal for reform as is now in evidence. But pause for a moment! The opposing forces are equally aroused. In great degree, Satan seems to be turned loose. The battle rages hot between spiritual powers and the cohorts of materialism.

If we survey the surface of current events and manifestations, there seems to be abundant ground for discouragement and even pes simism. The recent outbreak of religious and racial persecutions in Europe, with the lynchings and race conflicts within our own borders, reveal depths of brutality and depravity which, perhaps, we have flattered ourselves belonged only to past and inferior stages of civilization. Disregard of law, the spirit of anarchy and class enmity are among the symptoms of a general upheaval.

The great black head lines of our sensa tional press, with their tales of crime and depravity, show what is taking place; and yet worse, through the law of suggestion they scatter noxious seed which produces an inereasing crop of its own kind. Millions of immature, weak and chaotic minds furnish the fertile and receptive soil. The great tide of materialism surges on with its flotsam of sensuality, class antagonism, intemperance and militarism, threatening to undermine the very foundations of society.

In the midst of such an exhibit how shall those of us who are radical optimists, and who believe that the world is steadily growing better, reconcile our principles with cur-rent events? Are our bopes of a general increase of spiritual development and a higher and purer civilization only dreams? Has our idealism played us false? Have we been trying to build a little paradise of our own, and at the same time had our eyes closed to the sweep of things about us? By no means.

The world is growing better. Never before was there so much spiritual aspiration and practical religion in the lives of men as are in living activity today. Never before were ideals so high. More is expected and demanded. We have new standards and contrasts are sharper. Every new era of thought has a troubled infancy.

Perhaps the present epoch may be better understood by comparison with a much earlier transition, with which it has a close correspondence. That evolutionary step, or rise-often known as "the fall of man"-furnishes an illustration of the greatly advanced movement of today.

Eden symbolizes the full cup of animal satisfaction, the climax of pre-Adamic sensuous development. Next in order came on infantile and troubled moral consciousness and responsibility. The former was of a low order, but fully mature. The latter, though of a higher order, was only in a childish stage. It was from perfected animalism to feeble and experimental humanism. From the exactitude of instinct to a reason full of mistakes, even though of infinite potentiality, seemed like a fall; hence the great tradition. From the first, no further advance was possible, while the second included unbounded possibility. It was an exclusion from sensuous delight into a realm of "thorns and thistles," yet to be transmuted into the flowers and fruits of moral character. Educational experience was necessary, and it must include some missing of the mark or knowledge of good and evil. Its ultimate goal was the ability to make a wise voluntary choice.

So of the transition of today. A new standpoint! New motives! New faculties unfolded! Each evolutionary step always destroys the existing equilibrium and upsets time-honored foundations. Commotion is a symptom of advance, while stagnation is arrested development. The old "fall" from the unmoral up to the moral, from ignorant innocence to the knowledge and choice of good and evil, typifies the present fall from the correct outward aspect impressed by external authority to that which is finally coming-the internal. It seems like a fall until higher ground of a firm quality is attained.

There is a kind of seeming personality in negative and established conditions which fights to be undisturbed. It does not want to be "cast out." Its dying kicks are more furious than those which it delivered while in its full vigor. When under the command of Jesus the evil spirits make their final exit, they "tear" their victim as the finishing touch. The great modern demonic host first enumerated are making a desperate fight, for they behold their supremacy slipping away.

The goodness of the retiring age was based mainly upon repression from without. The spirit of that dispensation was a general, Thou Shalt Not. Its righteousness was largely negation outside correctness. The era of a positive goodness, of a radiation of good will from the centre, of an overflowing love, is knocking at the door.

The past evolutionary stage of the reign of external authority is to give place to that of inner forces, and repression to expression. Ecclesiastical, kingly and other forms of dominion have been strained to hold men in check and to give them a moral veneer. The motive of technical and arbitrary punishment some degree kept the world in outward or-derly form. Not the love of right per se, but the apprehension of disaster was the moving force which preserved the semblance of morality. But whether or not we consent, all outward restraints and authority, formerly so compelling, are passing, and respect for them is lessening. This is so evident as their place?

The coming rule will be that from within. But the fountain of authority, the higher individual selfhood, is yet largely unrecognized. Hence a moral and spiritual commotion, a degree of anarchy. This is the cause of the seething unrest and disorder.

While the fear of an arbitrary punishment from without and in the dim future is mainly lost, that of a hellish condition withinwhich is inherent and far more inevitable and close-fitting-has hardly been recognized. The traditional and arbitrary hell is to give place to one which is scientific and psychological. The "day of judgment" does not inspire the old terror, but the subjective tribunal with its indelible record of every thought and "idle word," terrible in its scrutiny, is yet unrecognized. The sheep still will go to the right hand and the goats to the left, and this by an unerring law of the universe which is engraven in the subconscious personality. But the new hell, though terrible in its severity, is not final nor everlasting. It is an inner condition and not a place, and its fires are purifying and not vindictive. They burn only the "wood, hay and stubble," and save man from his lower and seeming self. If penalty penetrate through body and soul, and is near and sure instead of dim and future, it will lessen transgression. It is becoming evident that hell is the result of breaking the laws of one's own nature.

By a creative law now well understood the human consciousness can be renewed, refined and filled with spiritual ideals of transforming power. Salvation becomes logical, a birthright rather than a purchase. Virtue will be valued for its own sake and not as a means of escape from doom. Character will be recognized as an orderly growth.

Out of the present disturbed conditions there will come a new dispensation of good will. It seems morally certain that the new century, even in its earlier part, will witness a wonderful advance in the higher development. With an individualistic starting point in awakened souls, it will widen and become collective and soon have national and interpational recognition and relation. The spirit of militarism will be cast out, and with a federation of nations the reign of peace will be set up. Love will prove to be the universal solvent of all problems and difficulties,

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