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SPIRITUALITY

Great men are spiritual men. Living in the Spirit maketh for health, vigor and intense love for works that will help humanity.

The spiritual man is top-most continually; his life is full, rich, and blessed, and the Christ-like man hath blessed psychic and occult powers that the non-Christed do not possess.

The world and the Universe resteth on a Spiritual basis and not on materialism: all the uplifting things of life are created by spiritual ideas.

O, sons of God, let us live in the very heart of eternal Life (God), and know the spiritual idea and value of education, work, and art, and charity, and thus build only spiritual manhood. Herein lieth the secret of vigor, health, peace, power and plenty.

And, beloved sons of God, let us all give to each and all the deepest and richest meaning of eternal Life, by living the simple yet powerful Christ-life: this is the great love and service for humanity. Blessed of all men is the pure spiritual man.

The Mystics.

LIFE, ITS PRINCIPLE AND LAWS.

Included in Life is all that was, that is and that is to be. Life is stupendous, it is all-inclusive. Eternity is required for its understanding. Eternity is required for its fulfilment. Eternity is not required, however, for a conception and understanding of its fundamental Principle and Laws.

A conception of Life that excludes any kind or degree, any part or condition, any property or function has for its basis a conception of duality and separation; it believes in two opposing and conflicting principles, two forces, two motives, two purposes, two objects. Such is the conception of a diverse instead of a Universe.

This it is that limits and binds the consciousness and is productive of pain, suffering and sickness. This is sinning against the Holy Ghost. It retards the ongoing toward realms wherein alone the Soul may know its Self and thus know God (Good). To know Self is to know Good; to know Good is to love It; to love It is to obey Its Laws; and to be obedient is to be in peace of mind and health of body; it is to be in conscious harmony with environment and with Life.

No part of Life is separated, in consciousness, from any other part either in substance, motive, function or object, when the last analysis of Life is reached and when its basic Principle and Laws are understood, for Life is known to be One and Eternal.

In this united and all-inclusive light, Life embraces the animate and inanimate, the visible and invisible, the material and the immaterial—or the spiritual—factors, and has neither beginning nor end.

Cause and effect, Principle and its manifestation are two inseparable phases of one Perfect Whole. Everything that one is, or knows, or does, or has, is a part of—because a function in—the One Life.

Because of its ceaseless continuity of relations, revelations and obligations, and its endless opportunities for their higher and more complete fulfilment, Life is the Mystery of Mysteries.

One may never know Life's entire import, for Life is eternal and Eternity is endless. Instead of its being a discouragement, to one with an awakened consciousness this fact adds zest and joy; it is an incentive to manifest and evermore fulfil that which is latent in the Soul.

The most wonderful—because the simplest and most practical, and yet the most far-reaching—fact in modern scientific research is the discovery of Life's fundamental Principle—Unity.

Nothing is larger than the scope of Life which includes the Universe. What is true of the Universe as a whole is true of every atom of the Universe. Wherever any phase of Life exists—whether in the clod or in the manifest Christ—it is animated with and conditioned by One Substance and One Principle.

The Life-substance in any manifestation of Life is identical with that in every other, says Science, and in whatever form Life appears the fundamental Substance is one and the same.

To Study Life in any phase or degree, therefore, one must study Life's Principle and Laws,

for the basic Principle and Laws of Life in the highest degree are the same Principle and Laws fundamental to Life in the lowest degree. For if Life is One, then—from an atom of star dust to a Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God—the same Principle and the same Laws are operative in and produce the one as operate in and produce the other.

One modern scientific writer says: "We cannot investigate history, or psychology, or biology, or archaeology; we cannot ascend with astronomy, or dig deep with geology, without being forced to unity of nature as the finality of thought. Evolution, as science, is science of One Nature; as philosophy, it is the philosophy of One in Nature." Another one says: "Life, all life, higher or lower, is one organic unity." A more ancient writer expresses it. "Of one blood hath He made all nations of the earth."

Unity is Life's fundamental Principle.

There are other principles in nature and in Life, but they are secondary, having their rise in, and dependence upon, the Principle of Unity.

Everything in the Universe is a part of (not a part from, but of) every other thing. Each and every part of Life equals and is One with each and every other part, in Substance and in Principle, hence in kind. They differ only in degree. Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other.

Unity is the Foundation Rock upon which everything in the Universe is reared, from a card house to a character, and from an ant hill to a planet.

The understanding and practice of Life's Principle is the supreme life work of every Soul.

The greater number of points of view one touches and consciously—with intelligent understanding—unites himself with, the more expansive and universal is he, because in so doing he lives a life of Unity and therefore of Principle.

Expansion and universality consist not in ownership and tyranny, but in recognition, comprehension and co-operation. The mission upon which every Soul is bent is the mastery of the lower, undeveloped, sordid and exclusive conception of the self by means of the higher, intelligent, altruistic and generous conception of the inclusive Self and its universal potentialities and limitless possibilities.

To live a life of Principle and to become universal is to see and recognize the One Universal Substance in every Self, however degraded or degenerate, and to know that it has fulfilled the Law of its Life as far as it has unfolded.

Breadth, altruism, co-operation and mastery become verities and one becomes a great Soul by means of inclusiveness, not exclusiveness; by means of a knowledge and comprehension of the various points of view, and through this knowledge to understand the relations of people and things, and to know where each and every one belongs.

Principle is abstract, formless. Law is concrete, formed. Law is formulated Principle. The Laws of Life, like their Principles, inhere in Life itself and are not tacked on from without. Man's every effort for better laws and their enactment is an effort to have fulfilled

that which he apprehends as already Self-existent.

Law is Principle in action. The Principle of Unity may be formulated in terms of Law variously as one equals one; cause equals effect, and are one; action equals reaction, and are one; centrifugal equals centripetal, and are one; positive equals negative, and are one; inner equals outer, up equals down, going equals coming, giving equals receiving, male equals female, and they are one.

The activity of this Law determines the harmony or inharmony in the Life of every individual. In action, the Law of Cause and Effect is the Law of Attraction, the effective result of which is Justice. And to understand fully the Law of Attraction is to understand all conditions of Life, past, present and future. Furthermore, such understanding enables one both to regulate his life and to live it in conformity to that which makes for "Health, Happiness and Prosperity."

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," because "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." This word-picturing of the Law is unmistakable, it illustrates its exactness, and therefore its Justice.

Fundamental to the Law of Cause and Effect is the Law of Obedience, "thou shalt." For except Obedience were the centre of action there could be neither Law nor order.

Obedience is Life's fundamental Law.

Obedience in action is Integrity. And one lives a life of Integrity when his outermost act conforms to, and is one with, his innermost conviction. This is wholeness, and this is what Integrity means; from integer, whole. One is whole only when he is true to his Soul—the Self.

As Herbert Spencer says: "Life is the continuous adjustment of internal conditions to external relations," and this is accomplished harmoniously through the conscious, intelligent co-operation with Life's fundamental Principle, Unity, and its Laws, Integrity and Justice; for Integrity and Justice lived is Love revealed. Love is the fulfilling of the Law.—Margaretta Gray Bothwell.

PEACE AND POWER COME FROM THE DIVINE CENTRE.

Not to know that within you is that which is changeless, and defiant of time and death, is not to know anything, but is to play vainly with unsubstantial reflections in the Mirror of Time. Not to find within you those passionless Principles which are not moved by the strifes and shows and vanities of the world is to find nothing but illusions which vanish as they are grasped.

He who resolves that he will not rest satisfied with appearances, shadows, illusions, shall by the piercing light of that resolve, disperse every fleeting fantasy, and shall enter into the substance and reality of life. He shall learn how to live. He shall be the slave of no passion, the servant of no opinion, the votary of no fond error. Finding the Divine Centre within his own heart, he will be pure and calm and strong and wise, and will ceaselessly radiate the Heavenly Life in which he lives—which is himself.—James Allen.

ACTIONS MAKE ENVIRONMENT.

This is a general principle of far-reaching effect, and it will be well to work it out a little into detail. By his actions man effects his neighbors on the physical plane; he spreads happiness around him or he causes distress, increasing or diminishing the sum of human welfare. This increase or diminution of happiness may be due to very different motives—good, bad or mixed. A man may do an act that gives widespread enjoyment from sheer benevolence, from a longing to give happiness to his fellow-creatures; let us say that from such a motive he presents a park to a town, for the free use of its inhabitants; another may do a similar act from mere ostentation, from desire to attract attention from those who can bestow social honors (say, he might give it as purchase-money for a title); a third may give a park from mixed motives, partly unselfish, partly selfish.

The motive will severally affect these three men's characters in their future incarnations, for improvement, for degradation, for small results.

But the effect of the action in causing happiness to large numbers of people does not depend on the motive of the giver. The people enjoy the park equally, no matter what may have prompted its gift, and this enjoyment, due to the action of the giver, establishes for him a karmic claim on Nature, a debt due to him that will be scrupulously paid.

He will receive a physically comfortable or luxurious environment, as he has given widespread physical enjoyment, and his sacrifice of physical wealth will bring him his due reward, the karmic fruit of his action.

This is his right; but the use he makes of his position, the happiness he derives from his wealth and his surroundings will depend chiefly on his character, and here again the just reward accrues to him, each seed bearing its appropriate harvest.

Service rendered to the full measure of opportunity in one life will produce, as effect, enlarged opportunities of service in another.

One who in a very limited sphere helped each who came in the way, would in a future life be born into a position where openings for giving effective help were many and far-reaching. Again, wasted opportunities re-appear transmuted as limitations of the instrument, and as misfortunes in the environment.

For instance, the brain of the etheric double will be built defectively, thus bringing about a defective physical brain. The Ego will plan, but will find itself lacking in executive ability, or will grasp an idea, but be unable to impress it distinctly on the brain.

The wasted opportunities are transformed into frustrated longings, into desires which fail to find expression, into yearnings to help blocked by the absence of power to render it, whether from defective capacity or from lack of occasion.

This same principle is often at work in the cutting away from tender care of some well-loved child or idolized youth. If an Ego treats unkindly or neglects one to whom he owes affectionate duty and protection, or service of any kind, he will but too likely again find himself born in close relationship with the neglected one, and perhaps tenderly attached

to him, only for early death to snatch him away from the encircling arms.

The despised poor relation may re-appear as the much-honored heir, the only son, and when the parents find their house left unto them desolate, they marvel at the "unequal ways of Providence," that deprive them of their only one, on whom all their hopes have been set, and leave untouched the many children of their neighbor.

Yet are the ways of Karma equal, though past finding out save for those whose eyes have been opened.—Karma.

THE WAY OF LIFE.

Life free from sorrow,
Sickness and loss
Cometh but one way,
This—of the Cross.

Put ye the Christ-life
Into your own,
Then of its secret
Ye shall be shown.

Live ye in conscious
Oneness with God,
Walk in the footsteps,
The Master trod.

Then on the mountain
Of God erelong,
Ye shall transfigured
Sing Life's grand song—

Of love triumphant,
Love that can save,
Of love victorious
O'er death and the grave.
Lura Brower.

PROCRASTINATION.

How many of us realize that we are responsible spiritual beings today—as much so as we ever shall be? asks one of our brothers.

That the future is always embodied in a present, we know. We cannot live again in the past, neither can we live in the future—our living is always in the present. NOW. And our responsibility cannot be relegated to a future time.

We are responsible beings here, now, today, and unless we wish to be considered as weaklings—or worse yet, paupers—it will be necessary for us to unfold our spiritual natures, dominate the lower self and become spiritually self-respectable and self-reliant. We can never become so as long as we depend entirely on the judgment and advice of others, incarnate or decarnate.

Each man or woman must unfold for himself or for herself. The time to step forth to the front is NOW.

Before the Soul can comprehend and may remember, she must unto the Silent Speaker be united just as the form to which the clay is modelled is first united with the potter's mind.

Give up desires for vain and empty things. Let aspiration take place of desires. Aspire to nothing but that which is Real.

AGREE WITH THINE ADVERSARY QUICKLY.

That is, if thou already be persuaded that good is for thee.

Let not an instant elapse when evil confronts thee, until thou hast declared thyself loyally on the side of good. So shalt thou shut the door of the outer court and bar it with the Word of God.

Within the inner court of thy being (thy soul) God the King and Master is waiting to give thee the power to defend thyself.

Within the Temple (the Holy of Holies) waits the Divine Spirit to give thee thy high commission. This commission is to rule with Him in the outer world. The only requirement is, "seek ye Me," and come and rule forever in My domain. If not, thou shalt be beaten and blown about by all the seeming winds of doubt and misfortunes of chance.

I Am thy head, thy hands, thy heart, O man. Learn to know this and the storms can no longer overtake thee, nor buffet thee about.

The current of My power is All Power. Thou canst not resist this. It would destroy thee.

Learn to know It and thou thyself becometh a part of it, moving in unthreatened safety all thy days.

I am thy voice.

Learn to hear and know Me, Me who am always thine to help and to save.

"GOODNESS AND MERCY BIND THEE TO THE INFINITE."

Riches and peace are her eternal rewards.

The sorrows of mankind are but stepping stones to higher things.

Thou seekest freedom; it is within thine own nature, and obtained through the action of thine own mind.

If thou didst but know the vast unexplored regions before thee, thou wouldst seek with diligence.

Thou, O man, canst understand the gold of the earth hid in her being, because thou canst see it. Know, this is given to thee as a symbol, only of greater wealth in this unexplored country I speak of and this wealth is of vastly more account, for it is power.

Thou art master when thou shalt win.

Victory in this is not to the strong, but to the diligent.

Love's busy unseen hands are never idle for those who speak her favors.

Kindle in thee a desire. Pursue it; it is sure and swift.

Thou hast not to fret, the way will be made plain before thee.

In the Light of Wisdom thy feet are shod with success.

Loneliness thou shalt not know, nor lack of helping hands to profit thee.

It may be thou deemest this untrue, but take heed, it will profit thee.

The fear that hast bound thee has brought with it its own impenetrable veil of darkness, and thy feet have slipped in the way thereof.

Put thy mind on Deity, and Omnipotence hath loaned thee its power.

Be true, be good.

Seek no more than these,

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MEDITATION.

Life is more than motion, it is Music; more than rest, it is Peace; more than work, it is Duty; more than labour, it is Love; more than enjoyment, it is Blessedness; more than acquiring money and position and reputation, it is Knowledge, Purpose, strong and high Resolve. It is perfect order, purpose and power used for the good of the All.

Peace and Love abide with thee.

Love is success, love is happiness, love is life.

"Love largely and hate nothing," is the divine way of living here and now.

The true happy life is not one made up of a few great joys, but one of many little ones.

God and His righteousness is the only permanent rock on which to stand and to build.

Life, Health and Happiness comes to him who is moral and virtuous through love of God; it cannot come through morality and virtue alone.

Wisdom and power to do right can only come to man in one way, and that way is through love of God and strict obedience to all His commandments.

Life takes on a new meaning to him who begins to seek God—it looks brighter and larger. New hopes and new courage come. It is never too late to seek the Living Father of All.

Learn to be quiet and passive without any ambition and listen to the Divine Mind. Then God will make you active and you will do greater works than the ambitious person. Let Aspiration take the place of ambition.

What is more beautiful than a well-ordered life! The soul dislikes discord. Disease and failure are discords. God is orderly, and when we live according to His Law we live beautiful and well-ordered lives, without any discords.

There are no troubles that cannot be overcome if we but let God and the Angels help us and stop trying to overcome them by mortal mind and mortal will. The Spirit helps us when no human or mortal power can.

Earnest, silent, fervent prayer to the All-Father for Light, Understanding, Knowledge and Wisdom honors God and rouses the soul. Earnest, sincere prayer to God is uplifting; it is the direct way to speak to our Heavenly Father.

As personality is permitted to dominate the truth, the spiritual is subordinated to the material, and quality is established. Personality is necessarily limited, and what is not included within the scope of its understanding will be ignored or denied.

The righteous man, performing all his duties with scrupulous diligence, and living above sin, is invulnerable at every point. He who has slain the inward enemies of virtue can never be brought low by any outward enemy; neither does he need to seek any protection against them, righteousness being an all-sufficient protection.

We live this moment to learn how to live the next; this day to live tomorrow; this life to live the next, and so on, always learning, always getting experience, and always progressing through painful and happy moments, gay and mournful days, until at last we reach a state of consciousness where we recognize, honor and love God, and forever live with Him, the Blessed One.

It is a most excellent plan for the aspiring soul, now and then, to sit alone with conscience, and take a retrospective view of the past, and then ask God to forgive all the sins and errors you have committed, and ask Him to give you divine strength to overcome all similar evil tendencies in the future. All of us commit sins—of omission and commission—to a more or less extent, and it does the soul good to confess them to God and ask His blessings and forgiveness.

Love of God cures all fear. With fear we lack poise, and our mental and physical health is determined entirely by Soul or Spiritual Vibrations. When man lives with God he realizes there is nothing in the universe that can hurt him—he becomes a fearless soul. Worry and apprehension about life and its affairs is fear of the worst kind and causes many to go to pieces, spiritually, mentally, physically and financially. Love is the only specific for Fear.

Every action produces an effect. How important it is to act rightly. Once the act is done, we cannot change the effect. The Law cannot change. O what misery comes to man from some base or mean act! And what joy and peace comes from a good act! It does not take a great thinker to reason out that all is cause and effect. We must reap as sow. This truth has been printed millions of times and will be printed and taught as long as man is not perfect.

"Because the soul is progressive, it never quite repeats itself; but in every act attempts the production of a new and fairer whole." Each succeeding day finds the soul nearer freedom—nearer its source, God. The soul is Eternal; it is; it comes from God and returns to God; it was never born and never dies; it is! It is the only simple in the universe. Nothing comes from it; it comes from nothing; it has neither beginning nor end; it is. Almighty God! we are eternal with Thee, the Eternal One.

As we grow in soul culture the animal or carnivorous appetites naturally leave us without any special effort to drop them. The soulful man becomes angelic and is endowed with divine discernment and discrimination, so that he only desires to select such environment, foods and drinks as will best serve him and influence the whole to a better and higher living. As we become angelic here and now we cease to live as animals—cease to be carnal-minded and carnivorous. And when we cease to be carnal-minded and carnivorous we get beyond the power of disease, weakness, drudgery and poverty—we become strong, healthy, merry, blissful and whole (holy). There is nothing that can carry us so high as soul-culture, and it is the basic foundation of all that we call refined, cultured, and civilized—progressive. The spiritualized man not only prefers the best, but by his great psychic-mental powers continually and naturally attracts the best.

THE MYSTICS' IDEA OF PROGRESS.

The Mystic, through love for God and the whole universe, sees only perfect order and progress at every hand.

He knows that the Soul is eternal, and, therefore, he looks at everything with the spiritual eye; he is a real seer.

He loves God and is fearless.

He knows that fear of God is weakening and retards the soul's progress.

Human fear, doubt, ignorance and superstition, appetite, passion, greed, cupidity and selfishness are always strong with those who fear God.

God does not punish; God is love; He cannot be wrathful or revengeful. Every soul is eternal, ever going onward, forward and upward to God; some souls appear farther ahead on the Path than others, but that is only an appearance. Some time in the great eternity the lowest type of man who is now on the earth-plane will reach perfection; all souls are evolving; all are progressing; there is no such thing as degeneration or retrogression; these are only appearances because we take time into consideration. The Mystic never takes time into calculation; indeed, with him there is only eternal progression—neither beginning nor end.

The flint may remain for myriads of years under water, still it does not lose its inner fire. Strike with iron whenever you like and out flows the glowing spark. So is the true devotee firm in his faith. Though he may remain surrounded by all the impurities of the world, he never loses his faith and love. He becomes entranced as soon as he hears the name of the Almighty.

LIGHT.

O children of Earth, wallowing in the river of sensualism, look up and know that unto thee is given Eternal life.

Look for the light. It is within thee.

Round about thee is the darkness of impenetrable night, but God has given thee a light, that, once recognized, will throw its rays before thee to light a narrow pathway, which thou mayest securely tread in safety. The darkness comprehendeth it not; but by it thou art shielded from the evils contained therein; for the forces there have no power to contend with this power of light. Let thy steps be firm and sure on this way of life.

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

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

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

Oh, couldst thou but know how loving, how tender is this Will for thee, thou wouldst lift thyself by thine own desire into perfect consonance with it.

In wisdom the full illumination is given unto those alone who are faithful. As these look back upon present joys and sorrows, upon toil and struggle, they become to the growing soul as children's games and broken toys, not worth considering.

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

Thou art now one with Infinite Spirit.

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

Let go this changing form and lay hold on eternal Spirit, that its power may be given unto thee to know all things, to understand all things, dwelling in Light and Peace forever.

All truth is in the Sermon on the Mount. O, beloved, silently live it and be eternally blessed.

PEACE IS POWER.

When the winds blow do they not toss all movable things into confusion wherefrom it is not easy to bring order?

Order is God's law.

Order to exactness, to perfection, is required of the children of Perfection.

How art thou expressing order? O man, seek to answer, for thine own condition of progress may be determined by thine answer.

If thou hast not done so set thine house (mind) in order without delay, for to be out of order is to be out of harmony, is to be in confusion, and thou wilt find debris and fallen timber in thy way, that consumeth thy strength, even to look upon.

Put thine house in order quickly. Depend upon the law. It alone can extricate thee from the confusion of disorder.

Message of the Patriarch

He that *knoweth* Me shall find rest, for I am Peace; if sorrow befall thee, I will comfort thee. If thy loved ones are taken I will not forsake thee; I will bestow upon thee thine own. Read thou the lesson from the tree of Life. Gather its scattered leaves and gain wisdom. From the fount of Eternal Love thou shalt drink its sweet waters and become Immortal.

Depend upon it and all the tangled threads will straighten themselves.

Leave thy confusion, leave thine established beliefs, thy false judgments, for thou canst not judge wisely until thou hast come unto Me and counseled in My secret chamber.

O man, I am Peace. I know no confusion, therefore I know thee not, until thou comest to Me and dost meet Me in Peace. I will hail thee there, for "I Am the Prince of Peace," and Mine, all-power. Come and know Me as I am. I cannot come to thee until thou first comest to Me.

Herein is the law, "Seek and ye shall find."

Ye are seeking power, ye poor toilers of the earth. It is found alone in Peace. Swiftly it comes when I give it. I give to all who seek.

My Law is order, as I have told thee. Have I not stretched out the earth before thee, and canopied it with My firmament, wherein I have set lights for thee, O man, to direct thy thoughts to Me?

Is My Arm foreshortened? Have I not delivered thee from thy mother's womb? and now thou resistest against Me.

Knowest thou any other helper, any other deliverer? Even as I delivered thee from the womb of thy mother, will I deliver thee from thy flesh darkness; but thou must seek Me, for the womb of nature opens only at My command of "Peace, be still."

Learn of Me to command silence in thy world, bring order out of chaos, even as has thy Creator.

Speak My word of Peace. It is the password of My Council chamber. Once entered there, thou shalt read the hand writings on its walls and understand their meaning, for they are their own interpreter. I, Wisdom, am in them.

I give thee Power. Wisdom is My name. When thou hast found the password call upon My name. I shall answer thy call, and thou shalt come to read with the clear eye of wisdom the cause of thy confusion, thy disorder.

Fret no longer nor trouble the waters with the storms and winds of doubt, but find Me in thine own still centre, My secret Hall of Learning, and be wise.

WISDOM.

I have spoken unto thee, O man, and told thee by My Works and My Word that I am thy Wisdom. There is none other. I am All-Wisdom. It belongs alone to Me. When thou dost acknowledge this I can teach thee, but when thou, O man, sayest, "I am wise," thy sayings fail thee, but when thou addest My name thou art saved, for I am the only source. I created thee, and My wisdom alone is sufficient for thy needs.

How long, O My child, wilt thou go mourning in the earth as one without help when I am thy help? The darkness of the earth it is that overcometh thee, for the earth hath no light. I am the light thereof, therefore must thou look unto Me.

My light shineth even upon thine earth, but the earth hath no wisdom in itself, but I give unto thee, even as I have already told thee, Wisdom in the Beginning to light thee home to Me, Wisdom by which to find out who I am, who sent thee, and whom thou art whom I sent.

Have I thy heart yet? If so, thou wilt soon know that thou and I are One, for thou wilt feel My pulse beat through all thy being. This will warn thee.

When thou has come to know my pulse-beat, and when thou hast warmed thyself in this consciousness, all physical functions will act lawfully, controlled by My power thou hast invited to come and dwell with thee, where thou didst entertain fear that froze thy blood, because it whispered words against Me, thy Creator.

I require thy whole allegiance, thy all-worship. Trust Me utterly and none other, for I am all. Unto thee I have given My all, but it can not avail thee until thou givest unto Me the power to rule in thy world.

Thou wilt have thy way, because I gave thee a free will, but in time thou shalt learn that My Will is joy to thee and wilt gladly unite thy Will to Mine, to find this eternal joy and peace, My Joy and My Peace.

Make haste, O My children! Come to Me in the way I direct thee, for there is none other, for "I am thy Wisdom."

The Mind is the great Slayer of the Real.

HOW TO GROW BEAUTIFUL.

Raise your head, throw off your sadness,
Never let your rosebuds chill;
Cultivate each germ of gladness,
Beauty then your life will fill.

There is evidently a way for every individual to live so as to become beautiful. It will be found, on examination, that you carry the work of your life in your face, and are either good-looking or the reverse as your thoughts and acts have been good or evil. I know you will often hear it remarked that beauty is only skin deep, but believe me when I tell you that this old proverb is not true. Beauty reaches far deeper than the mere outward surface. It must come from within, being a product of the interior life, that incomprehensible agent known as the vital power or force, and therefore is as deep as the very soul itself.

Every kind of work in which we engage, every movement of your body, every thought that emanates from your mind, all leave their impressions on your hands and face, and go to form your character. In fact, what you are each moment is determined by the sum total of these impressions. If good thoughts and impressions prevail your face will look good and beautiful. If bad thoughts and impressions prevail your face will look mean and ugly. In other words as are your thoughts and acts so will be your hands and face, and so will be your life and character. If you will but take the trouble to examine into the matter carefully for yourself you will readily discover that people who look mean and ugly have mean and ugly thoughts. In the language of Bulwer-Lytton, "Some men are uglier than they have any business to be." Their thoughts are ugly, they act ugly and as a result they look ugly.

On the other hand, you will find that those who look pure and beautiful have pure and beautiful thoughts and consequently live pure and beautiful lives. Just notice the features and expression of those who have been benefactors of the race—a blessing to mankind. They are literally clothed with beauty, while a halo of glory enshrouds the forms of this grand and glorious company. Their burning thoughts have melted that which is low, gross and groveling out of their natures, inasmuch that their faces are illuminated and beautified by the indwelling and radiated light of a high and holy aspiration, by an honest, benevolent and holy life. And even now they look like men and women of a superior order of beings, standing as they do enrapt and ennobled, in a glory that shall never fade away.

What is needed to become beautiful is a perfect and harmonious growth and development of all the faculties of both body and mind. The most attractive face and figure is the one that is most fully rounded, the most completely developed on every side. If any of the faculties remain uncultivated, or if any organ or sign of a curve is deficient in size, it cannot help but injure the harmony and symmetry of the entire face. Consequently the most beautiful are those having the most perfect and the fullest manifestations of life. These are the ones whose notions and desires have been prompted by the loftiest aims

and the noblest good, and who have, step by step, risen above the gross and groveling things of time to that which is high and noble, beautiful and eternal.

It is undoubtedly by the positive force of thought that the expression of virtue or vice is imprinted in the lineaments of the face and the features improved or injured. You will find the more you develop your selfish nature the more cramped and narrow-minded you will become, and your face will correspondingly become mean and unattractive. Selfishness at best will finally defeat itself, but nobility of soul will give expansion to the intellectual and moral faculties, an expansion which really means soul culture and outward growth. Edmund Spenser very truly and forcibly expresses this idea in the words:

"From out the soul the body form doth take,
The soul is form and doth the body make."

If you are selfish and seek to draw everything to yourself you must in consequence contract your mind as well as lessen your own pleasures. On the other hand, the more you cultivate the moral, the social and the intellectual faculties the more will your soul expand and your face accordingly will become more intelligent and beautiful. In fact, beauty of mind, beauty of face and beauty of character go together, and are inseparably connected. The body is the image of the mind, as much as man is the image of God.

Rest assured, in whatever condition you are, or vocation in which you are engaged, you will always find that

It is an art worth cultivating
Growing beautiful with age.

W. K. Burr.

REMONSTRANCE.

"Day after day,
Work, work, away!
O Time, a moment tarry!
Let us forget
The fume and fret
Of life, and just be—merry!"

Herd is the fate
That will not wait
For happiness or laughter,
And leaves the best
Of life to rest
In some remote hereafter.

O Time, be fair!
Let not dull care
Life's mystic meaning measure!
Work is for man
The wisest plan—
But crowned with peace and pleasure!"

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ASPIRATION.

Higher and yet higher mounts the soul, day by day set free from earth bondages; day by day streams the light from the mountain peak of Truth, mountain of Wisdom.

Plant thy foot firmly upon the first step of uncovered ground; it will prove more solid than granite beneath thy tread; thy ascent is sure when thou hast taken firmly thy first upward step. The height is steep; thou mayest make it straight or circuitous; thy will is free; whichever way thou chooseth there is no toil in it, for the wings of unseen power are loaned to thee, as sometimes almost impenetrable darkness parts to reveal only one step higher. Let the joy of thy soul refresh thee at every resting place.

Look not beyond with such intensity, that shall rob thee of present joy. Thy Father meant that thy journey of life be one of joy. Thou hast robbed thyself oftentimes by peering into the seeming darkness of thy hidden way.

Make not too much haste for the same reason, but know that every step is attended by an invisible host, and that thou canst not lose thy way when once thou hast set thy face toward the light. Thy Father leadeth thee and crowneth thee with everlasting Life and everlasting Joy. Let all thy being, everything that is within thee, seek that light.

Thou hast been earth-bound, footsore, too long a weary pilgrim; this was not thy destiny, O man! To reach thy Father's house was the Divine purpose. Come unto thy royal inheritance, to claim it, and proclaim it, to glorify thy Father by thy word of praise, for His overflowing goodness to thee.

Lay down thy load if thou hast not, and mount sure and free, light as air, for joyousness is lightness of heart.

Mount step by step in hope and confidence; thy Father waits thy coming, He will clothe thee with light as with vestments of His glory.

He will give thee richest counsel; He will name thee child of His love.

He will bless thee with all that He hath, and none shall ever rob thee.

HAPPINESS.

Oh, you who seek and strive for it, know your desire is already granted, know it is near you, cease your struggle; you cannot buy it.

It must come from within that well of selfishness, that is as a well of water springing up into everlasting life. You are only to allow it to flow through you.

Know God, know all things noble, unworldly, lofty, and beautiful. The continual desire for happiness, our longings after the infinite, clearly indicate an equally existing capacity for the gratification of that desire. Therefore, allow not clouds of doubt to darken your horizon.

Be still and know happiness.

Despondency, disappointment, grief—these are the reflex aspects of pleasurable excitement, self-seeking, and desire. Give up the latter, and the former will forever disappear; then there remains the perfect Bliss of Heaven.

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