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PRAISE.

Praise is in thy heart, O man. *Let it come forth, bid it come forth.* It is the song of thy life, but thou wilt not hear it unless thou *commandest* it to flow forth. Let it out! Listen to it! It will lead thee in the right way and do work for thee while thou art listening.

It hath wings of power whereby to fulfil its sealed commission. Thy father sent it forth with thee, to guide thee by its voice out of the darkness thou must pass through ere thou reachest the mount of transfiguration.

Let it sing. Thou mayest call helping hands to thee by and through it, and know, O child of earth, that when thy word of Praise is spoken, thou hast joined thy voice to the great Hallelujah around the Throne of Individualism; the Hallelujah Omnipotent that carries thee within the Great Circle of Power.

Here thy helplessness is gone, so, too, has thy sorrow and despair, and the riches of heaven are thine instead.

Power and Peace are thine and thou lackest nothing, and all this is got through Praise.

Sing! Sing! Sing Praises to the most High! He hears praise only.

Praise, Praise.

Let everything that is within thee praise His whole name.

UNITY OF LIFE

Let us come together and make a study of life, its intrinsic nature, its purpose, its hope; to learn how to make the best or most of it; to find the highest use we can make of our life, and the greatest happiness there is in life for us.

Philosophy is the science of reasoning—it is in the highest sense knowledge by reason of experiences that have enlightened the mind with proven truth or facts, rather than theories.

Let us call our study, then, "The philosophy of the True life," for we have had experience enough to know some truths—some practical truths of a higher life than is ordinary to man.

The common belief of man is, that he has a separate life from other life, all his own. This has led him to believe that he has separate interests from all other life, causing him to center all his interest in self; and created that law of self-preservation common to all in this consciousness of fragmentary lives.

But we have learned the truth of life is very different from this, in fact its very opposite is true. We have arrived at sound conclusions from years of experience in our search after truth, that cannot be other than helpful to some of our fellow beings—and in the hope of imparting for their good, and to make the way easier for them than it was for us, we will endeavor to systematize our knowledge in a philosophy that can be lived and proven to be good and true.

We are not claiming to have made any wonderful discoveries—only what is disclosed to every earnest advancing soul—nor to have made any great attainment in this higher life, but we are, with you, a fellow student of life, endeavoring, as we learn, to make truth practical in our daily conduct, and helpful to our associates. So let us begin the study as children—eager to learn—glad of every ray of light. And there is not a soul in all the universe but can gather rays of light from every direction by opening the soul to receive.

Light is everywhere. Life and light are one. There is no life but has some degree of light, light of some kind. This is truth, for the spirit within is light and life even though the outer consciousness is void of intelligence—and the soul not arrived at the first self-conscious stages in its evolution.

The causation or beginning of all manifest life, and conscious being is spirit—the one, self-existing power whose wisdom is the light of every soul in the world. Every soul or life is an inseparable emanation of this wisdom; and therefore its light is in itself, to be unfolded or evolve by experiences that make up its conscious existence. For this reason Jesus could truly say, "I am the light of the world," and "You are the light of the world."

Every life is, in itself, good, because the one of which it is a part or partaker is good. In the first stages of evolution there is, of necessity, much in our existence that is not good; because of the limited consciousness and false sense of life perverting its tendencies and its very nature; but in itself it is good.

Life is good. Everyone loves his life and feels in himself that it is good—good to be alive even though the battle with crude ex-

ternal conditions is fierce and unpleasant to the peace-loving soul. Would you, if you could choose—choose annihilation of your being, or conscious life? If you would choose being, to not being, then you have the evidence of your own soul that life to you is good. Who of you would choose not being, "for what would a man give in exchange for his soul?"

All life has one common source, and therefore, cannot help having one common aim and one common interest. "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all"—is our common source or life. That most wonderful prayer of Jesus, recorded in the 17th chapter of St. John, is—that all might come to the knowledge of the unity of life. Knowledge of our oneness with God and with each other would bring harmony and love into all souls. Strife and competition would pass away. Selfishness would cease to be. Peace and good will would be everywhere.

In these days of world-wide interest in spiritual truth, we see the dawning of the answer to that prayer, in the hearts and minds of the earnest seekers of light. They are awakening to the truth that makes free. They are finding their own true nature. They are dying daily to the old ideas of life—and altruistic thoughts and motives stir their hearts into newness of life, of hope, of endeavor; while the heavens are descending to fill the earth, and the angels of light are singing the glad tidings.

All life is one: in what does your life differ from mine? Is life divided into fragments? Our characteristics and temperaments may differ but life is life—one and the same.

We are like so many tributaries of an infinite ocean of life. The water of the ocean filling all its branches is one and the same. The ocean is all and in all, the tributaries are but its most outward and far-reaching points. We are like so many branches of an infinite tree. The tree is the whole thing including every branch; while the branches of themselves have no life of their own, and would die severed from the tree. But they are the same as the one life and give expression to it. Their story is the glory of the whole; their welfare the welfare of all; their very existence dependent upon their unailing source—the vital, free, unobstructed circulation of the one life common to all and in all, though above or greater than all.

Infinite Life and Wisdom—the source of all light and form—indwelling, surrounding, closer than breathing is God, the Supreme. In Him we live and walk. In us He lives and talks. One life, thine and mine, in the infinite.

The inmost spring or fount of all life—the power, who forms all things, is in the form as their life and intelligence and nature. So all that we are is good, primarily. Only perverted use of our God-inherited nature can be called evil. Nature is good; we may learn our lessons from her: she will tell us of God—her life. See how prolific she is. What wonderful infinite life she bears. How beautifully, how freely she bestows. What gifts are hers to mankind. Ever pregnant with teeming life of the infinite she gives as a goddess gives without stint or measure, but scatters her riches broadcast, inviting all to take freely.

Only the selfish greed of man has produced want, and only unselfish love can end it. And this love is impossible until they know the unity of life and that ultimately one can only cheat or wrong himself. Because, not the object of our injustice must suffer for our injustice, but we must reap our own sowing.

When this law of life, and the unity of life are understood men will speedily be found conforming their thoughts and acts to the true standard of living.

Spirit is the A and Z of being—the all inclusive. Spirit is not something we will be, by and by, but we are spirit, in our true self, manifesting in the flesh.

Truth inheres in every soul, and sometime every soul must stop and uncover its interior laws, and having grown wise through many lessons, learn to live by them. Thus shall the soul enter into rest; into the calm ocean of Infinite Love—enjoying every blessing of the ocean, in harmony with all life, transformed by all truth.

We do not have to wait till after death to find rest to our souls; for these things belong to life and we are alive now.

The kingdom of heaven is not a strange kingdom afar off, nor for the dead. But it is at hand; and there are those "who will not taste of death till they see the Son of man coming in His kingdom" in themselves. The kingdom of heaven is within you. The Christ cometh not with observation, but silently like a thief in the night He enters into His temple. You are the temple of spirit—into your darkened or limited consciousness the Christ, the light of the world, steals—the rays of Truth penetrating your mind and heart, scarcely dreamed of as the entrance of the Kingly One, of whom it is written "I will come into him and sup with him."

Thus the outer consciousness, or man, and the inner Light, or Christ, becomes one. Thus are we regenerated, reborn of spirit—the old nature overcome by our recreation through the influx of the heavenly spirit. Thus are we transformed by the renewing of our minds with the light of Truth, of Love flooding our consciousness; redeeming our thoughts, our acts—cleansing our hearts and establishing us eternally in the heavens.

There is no necessity for our knowing the *modus operandi* of creation—that is the work of the Supreme. But it is necessary for us to know the laws of true living—for our work is to live them, and all our happiness depends upon living rightly. It is not so hard to find these laws, we all know them instinctively, and have been taught them for ages.

Why do we find it so hard to obey the simple, beautiful laws that would bring us such peace and joy? Oh! there is no need to blame existing social conditions—the industrial system, etc. These are but effects—the outcome of our lives. Let us shoulder the blame ourselves, for had we lived truly these conditions had never been, or would have been transformed long ago. Any one can square his life by truth, known or believed, if he will. It is true, the existing conditions make it hard for a season. But one will not starve. Jesus, who said: "Your Heavenly Father knows ye have need of these things," was cared for. Let us follow his example the very best we

can—leaving the results to the Father. Surely our Father will not fail us. Surely there can be no failure, for these very laws of life are unfailing truth; a rock to build upon that cannot be shaken. Henceforth let us live for God by living for the whole—One definite Life in all.

NONRESISTANCE

The life of nonresistance is the true life; because in the true life there is no evil. All life is One and this One is Love. Everywhere Love dwells. We could as well live in this consciousness—this heavenly state—as in the world of strife and evil.

The kingdom of heaven has forever been at hand; but men have shut it up against themselves by living a life of enmity. Is this not preposterous when we learn that God is our life and God is Love. Then our real life is Love, and Love has no enmity in it.

Now can you conceive of God being absent from any place at any time? Then again I repeat the kingdom of heaven, and the King, are ever at hand. Why not so live as to consciously dwell in its blessedness, instead of in the worldly consciousness of hate, of sin and death.

Is it not good news to know our real life (not this outward show of sham), but the life of our soul is the spirit of Infinite Love; in whose beauty and purity not a taint or shadow of evil can ever be.

Oh! of course, when we are all heavenly beings there will be no evil to resist. Well! why not begin now to be heavenly beings, since in our true selves we are, and it would bring such happiness.

God is our life—what shall we resist? Shall we fight shadows, or laugh at them from the very joy of knowing they are but shadows.

Why not cease to resist evil and see if possibly by so doing we might find the kingdom of heaven. Why not try it as persistently and faithfully as we have the life of resistance. Who can tell what the outcome unless he has wholly abandoned the old life?

"Resist not evil, but overcome it with good." This Christian world does not obey that law, does it? Then how do we dare call Christ Master and Lord and have not done the things he commanded. It is high time for all who would be his faithful disciples to thoroughly investigate the laws of life he taught and then live by them if they died in the effort—for all else is a fleeting shadow—a panorama—a ly-show of idiots; a life of pretensions and mimicry. It is like a fantastic dream, out of which all must awaken to truth. Oh! the truth is so beautiful!—"We live and move and have our being in God." The great forever is here. Our Father knows and cares; and has prepared for us the never ceasing joys of love. But we must love in order to enjoy. Jesus said he gave us the command to love that, "My joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full."

If we loved all as ourselves, what would there be to resist? Love, then, is the fulfilling of all law. Do you begin to realize how void of resistance the true life is and how far you are from living it? Do you see the necessity of turning over a new leaf

in your life if you would ever find heaven?

To reach heaven by the way of the least resistance was surely the teachings of Jesus—and what else could one teach if they had faith in God, as ruling the world, and ruling justly.

God rules in love—if we learn to dwell in that spirit we will find Him ruling our lives with unerring wisdom, justice and mercy.

Strife is not God's manner of ruling—that is the work of the devil (self). God is love—love does not strive and domineer. A new rule is to be established in our lives when love dominates and actuates our being. It will be to us an entirely new life—this life of love with its perfect tranquility, its freedom and beauty. There will be no friction any where—all its parts moving together with one accord and to one end, shall blend with and assist each other with perfect ease and happiness.

How shall we begin to make practical this new non-resisting life? Its beauty attracts us; let us taste and see if it is good.

The new law of life is not an "eye for an eye," but, if your neighbor offends you, forgive and resist not—do this as often as he repeats the offense. You need not fear being called goody-good, which some estimate as being too soft to take your own part. If you think one displays weakness by nonresistance of evil, you give it a thorough trial and see if it does not require more courage, strength of purpose and principle than it would to strike back. Greater is he who can rule his own spirit than a Napoleon.

To practice nonresistance will build in you a character that cannot be moved from its high standard, so firmly does it fix you in principle that is truth.

Suppose your neighbor calls you a fool, and your immediate friends and family are chagrined and opposed to your new views of life, would you still have sufficient strength to quietly pursue your chosen course—thereby showing your real superiority over the weak carnal nature with its conformity to social customs?

Can you take up this new life and follow its laws with all the world opposing you?

To learn to rule self is the first work in the true life; and nonresistance of evil the first step toward it.

Without nonresistance there is no active, true faith; because, where true faith is, God is trusted implicitly, as back of and overruling all things.

True nonresistance is a condition of the heart or soul; outward nonresistance is the effect of that condition, but to begin to practice it outwardly is to train the soul and to lead up to that state where it is always in repose, no matter what turmoil there may be around it.

To resist not evil does not mean you should weakly yield to evil tendencies in your nature, for of the lower nature it is written "resist the devil and he will flee from you." For instance if the lower nature in a man suggested taking means that was not his, to yield to the suggestion would be playing right into the hands of the devil; while to resist and not allow that lower tendency to

control the life, would draw out the higher self or principle, and thus evil would be overcome of good.

So we are to resist committing evil—resist all inward temptations of a selfish or evil nature; but evil aimed at us is not to be resisted in the same spirit but overcome with good, with forbearance, with Love. Now does this make plain to you wherein the laws of resistance and of nonresistance are applicable?

To resist not evil means to leave it to God to justify you, while you go about His business—doing good. Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly? If you are practicing His laws, you can afford to be misunderstood and maligned. You can afford to be patient with those who do not understand His laws.

When all the warring elements in human nature are overcome, and nonresistance, our life—all the warring, inharmonious things in nature will cease to be. Peace will prevail throughout all animate and inanimate nature—and God all in all.

DIVINE COUNSELS FOR "DAILY LIFE."

My child it is not learning I require of thee, it sufficeth if thou lovest me well.

Speak to me as heart to heart that I may press thee in my chaste embrace.

Tell me all, child of my love. Tell me of the poor, thou would'st succour, the sick thou would'st visit, the sinful thou would'st reclaim, the estranged thou would'st receive to thy heart again. Pray fervently for all mankind. Be sure, child of my love, to be heartfelt and fervent. Hast thou no favors to ask of me. Give me a list of thy desires, all the wants of the soul. Tell me freely of thy faults, thy pride, sensuality, self love, sloth, and ask in humility my help to overcome them. Child come, be not abashed, many that had the same faults are now saints of God. By degrees they conquer, my child. I long to bless thee, do not hesitate to ask for temporal blessings, health, counsel, wisdom and success. Lay before Me thy failures and I will teach thee the cause. Rest assured all who are needful to thee I will place around thee. Come my child, tell me all thy weariness, who has grieved thee? treated thee with contempt? wounded thy self-love?

Tell me all and I will surely bless thee. Art thou fearful of the future? Trust in my Providence. I am present with thee. I know all and will not forsake thee. What are thy joys, tell me all that hast given thee joy, fear suddenly expelled, that unexpected success, that token of affection, the trial that proved thee strong. My child, I sent it all. Show thy gratitude and love to thy great benefactor. Hast thou promises to make to me. Be sincere. Art thou resolved to avoid the occasions of sin? Will thou go now and pray for those who vex thee and steal My Presence from thy soul?

Good, my child. Go return to thy daily toil. Be silent, be humble, be charitable, be resigned and then return to me with a heart yet more loving and devout and I shall have for thee a shower of blessings to refresh thy soul. Kneel my child, my benediction rests upon thee. "Go in Peace."—Sr. Loretta.

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MEDITATION.

It is a day of joy and charity. May the Blessed One make you very rich in both, by giving you abundantly the Peace and Glory of Christ's Kingship, and the grace of Christ's Salvation.

It is the joyous Christmas time, and the air is redolent with the Spirit of unselfishness and good-cheer. It is the season of the year when self is forgotten and the hearts of humanity vibrate in unison in glad tidings and goodwill to all men. The Spirit of the Master rejoices in the hearts and minds of all His children, penetrating the lowliest homes and the abodes of the rich, touching here and there some neglected soul in kindness and compassion, and bringing nearer to the Kingdom of God, countless ones, otherwise engrossed with materiality and the dross of earth life.

Let us unite in praise unto the Most High, that the solvent power of Love may fill our every act, that the feeling of kinship may enter our hearts, and that each soul may respond to the rhythm of the planetary bells in one glorious anthem of Universal Love.

Behold! Glad tidings to all men.

The Star of Bethlehem still shines.

Let Peace and Joy reign supreme.

We lend a hand to help all humanity, if we but live pure and holy lives.

Try living the Golden Rule one week, and see what radical changes will be made in your daily life and conduct.

God works in and through many men in many ways to reach His children with His mighty and everlasting love.

As we live we know. You cannot free yourself from the woe, misery and discord of earth life until you let the Supreme Spirit guide and direct you.

Pray and wait and wait and pray, has lifted countless souls out of despair into the bright and joyous realms of Hope and Courage.

Men have moderate success in this world because they will not Pray, Listen and Follow; pray to God for guidance, listen for His answer, and then follow the Divine Leading.

Strong Will Power has been many a man's ruin. The Master had no will but God's Will, and this was His great teaching—Surrender all Will to God's Will. "His Way, not my way," says the great soul.

When the mortal mind thinks it knows more than the Divine Mind and would have its way, then the mortal suffers intensely. It cannot be otherwise. This is the Law that never changes.

Not a day passes but we all of us, consciously or unconsciously, move on to better things. Such is the eternal Law of eternal life—from form to form, and plane to plane, always on the ascending scale.

Each and every achievement that results in the good of the Whole demands wisdom. We lift others only as we attain wisdom. "One may free others only as he is free." A wise teacher is sane, and has sense, poise, balance, equilibrium, and dignity.

Real religion begins in man when he begins to have a universal, loving reverence for the All—a pure and high love free from all compulsion and coercion; free from all traditional and conventional forms that bind and limit the mind.

It is only through living the Christ-life that we discover omnipotence—the power to do and to achieve, here and now. Belief without doing, or living the life, does not carry the soul far on the Path.

In shutting none out of your sympathy, in the willingness to help all and to be helped by all, we are here beginning, like children, to climb the foothills that lead us upward to immortality. We already breathe joyfully the air of the unseen kingdom.

The love side of our natures, while it makes us kind, mild, gentle, just and courteous, is our strong side—is our positive side. All the great men and women who have made a deep and lasting impress on the world for its upliftment were full of love, kindness, mildness, gentleness, justice and courtly dignity. As a man loves on the Universal plane he is impressive and attracts to himself all good, because he sees the good in all.

Let us try to extract the good from everything and everybody. Live more and more in the Spirit—in the Spirit of loving-kindness and gentleness and broad tolerance. Thus we broaden and deepen in soul, heart and mind, and come to find good in things that, in a narrow and limited view, seemed to be evil. There is something spiritually good in all religions. Let us strive more and more to live in peace, harmony and brotherhood, and promote civilization and bring men to a realization of the Sovereign Good of the Universe.

Believe in the good. Look for prosperity

and not failure. If thou has failed in most things, know it was because thou didst not have full and complete faith in God. Pray, and listen, and obey. Reach out for the highest attainment. Thy soul commands thee to aspire. Heed the Voice within. Go into the Silence and Listen. Angels are ever near trying to lead and guide thee. Love and trust them, and in the Silence listen—then you will hear their sweet voices and feel their strengthening and inspiring presence.

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." This is the grand teaching. But the first step for us to take to get Divine Power to overcome everything is to send forth Love, and to pray to God without ceasing; that is, to keep God in mind constantly, in our daily life, in every little act we do. This is a world of labor, service and work, and we can do our work easily by thinking of God all the time, and will then do more and better work. If any other thought comes into our minds it interferes with our work. But the thought of God does not interfere with any labor, service or work, but increases our power of performance. God-loving men do much more work than those who do not love God.

Millions upon millions have lived and passed on to a higher life, because of the teachings of our blessed Jesus. He came to help all mankind. While helping men he rendered blessed special help to women. "He worked for them, talked with them, strengthened them and defended them." This blessed Son of God loved All, and had compassion for All, but it was a blessed day for women, for all time, when the Master came to earth. No man, no pen, can describe the blessed work Jesus did for blessed mothers and sisters; His work for womenkind is beyond all calculation. "Women owe to Jesus their rank in the world, their mental and physical emancipation." Bless His name forever!

Heaven is in the heart. The toil of life ceases when the heart is pure. When the mind is harmonized with the Divine Law the wheel of drudgery ceases to turn, and all work is transmuted into joyful activity. The pure-hearted are as the lilies of the field, which toil not, yet are feed and clothed from the abundant storehouse of the All-Good. But the lily is not lethargic; it is ceaselessly active, drawing nourishment from earth and air and sun. By the Divine Power immanent within it, it builds itself up, cell by cell, opening itself to the light, growing and expanding towards the perfect flower. So it is with those who, having yielded up self-will, have learned to co-operate with the Divine Will. They grow in grace, goodness and beauty, freed from anxiety, and without friction and toil. And they never work in vain; there is no waste action. Every thought, act, and thing done rubs the Divine Purpose, and adds to the sum-total of the world's happiness.

Pleasures are puerile and empty; only small minds are dependent upon the pleasures of the world. The only blessed joyful pursuit is the search and finding of Truth—Divine Wisdom.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND BIRTH

By Nellie Whipple Fawcett

In the first chapter of Luke's gospel we find these remarkable words: "The angel answered and said unto her (to Mary) the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also, that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God: for thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name Jesus:" (meaning Saviour.)

In the opening chapter of Matthew's gospel we find equally impressive words: "Fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for, he shall save his people from their sins."

Holy Ghost and Holy Spirit is one and the same, but to make the meaning clearer we will say Holy Breath, as in Genesis 2, 7; where it is said man was formed by Lord God (Jehovah) who then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

Holy Ghost—Spirit—Breath, one and the same Holy Substance, means God's Breath or Spirit.

When human mind acts, moves, works, we call it thinking. Now, when Divine Mind acts or moves or works it is Holy Spirit moving or acting. It is God breathing. In other words, when the spirit of God moves, Divine Mind is thinking. To think is to exercise the mind, or to conceive with the mind. That is, thinking is conceiving. Thinking is action of the mind, or mental conception.

Now, what does it mean to be "conceived by the Holy Ghost?" It means, Divine Mind moved upon Spirit Substance and this was followed by immaculate conception in the virgin womb of Divine Love. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God's Holy Breath pervading All Substance. To the pure all divinely created things are pure. The holy child, called by a Name which is above every name, and meaning Saviour, is to each one a living reality. If we are to be born of the Spirit, we must first be conceived by the Spirit, as was our elder brother, Mary's son.

"Except a man be born from above he cannot see the Kingdom of God," said the beloved disciple.

Recognizing God as All, even the real Selfhood, and consecrating the whole life to indwelling God, immaculate concept of one's own being is formed within consciousness, resulting in a heavenly birth into dominion with omnipresent Good.

Well might angels sing to Bethlehem shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good-will toward men," for the peace of Divine Love manifesting on the earthly plane, and God's Will of man's dominion over all form of so-called "evil," was that very hour being ushered into visibility upon earth.

The old story of what transpired nearly two thousand years ago when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, yet thrills our hearts. Again we hear the voice of an angel saying "Behold! I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you

MESSAGE OF THE PATRIARCH

Joyfully we herald the coming anniversary of the Messiah. In the dim past this one grand manifestation stands out clearly as a glorious revelation to the world. To the few who received Him he demonstrated a power and a truth which has been unrivaled to redeem and bless a sorrowing world. He our beloved Jesus came to serve and had to suffer that we might learn life's lessons.

The same stars shine now that shone at His birth. The same divine Spirit lives and manifests through the children of earth. Every loving word and kindly deed is an answer to His prayers for us. He lived for us. He is the Comforter. Come unto Me he saith and I will give thee rest. Seek Me and ye shall find Me. He maketh glad the hearts of His people. Feed ye my lambs. So shalt thou who hath riches make glad the heart of the needy. Oh ye salvationists see ye the shining eyes and the smiling faces of Christ's little ones. Thou shalt drink from the fountain of Eternal Life. Thou art the disciples of God. Enter into the Kingdom, ye who are faithful.—Patriarch.

is born this day, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

To each one comes the revelation of an indwelling Saviour, whose immaculate conception and birth into consciousness marks a new era in the soul's unfoldment. Henceforth nothing will seem to separate us from the love of God, for that love is a well of living water springing up within the soul.

Nothing can separate us from Jesus the Christ, for that Immaculate Presence "the same yesterday, today and forever" abides within us.

We are temples of Holy Breath.

We are manifestations of One Spirit, for God is All and THE ALL IN ALL.

WHO IS ABOVE THE STORMS.

All in all, above all and over all, God is.

Man has lived in his own consciousness in a conflict of doubt and fear. Billows of distress and despair have beaten against him and mercilessly driven him on to a storm-tossed and desolate shore. The stranded soul, lifting itself to God, the Divine Spirit, eternal Energy, sweeping through space with resistless force, is caught up by this Omnipotent life and borne up above the rapids out of the reach of evil, into that pure life wherein there are no tides, no drafts, no rocks or shoals. Here far above the storms of mortal combat, conscious of the calm and rest of the All-Power, and evermore being in and of this great Consciousness, this soul shall float careless, free, at peace upon the bosom of the Father.

God is Light. Keep thine eye fixed, O child of earth, upon the Light, and neither the darkness, nor the billows, shall affright thee, for into thy being thou shalt draw such a power of immortality as shall redeem the world.

Be still and know that I Am God, and all thy being shall be filled with light and life and immortality.

Courage, courage, it is wings of Power.

I Am thy provider of courage. Call upon Me with all earnestness and I will answer thee. Be still and I will speak to thee, for I am not far from thee, yea, within thy very being.

I Am, for I Am All-Being.

MY REFUGE.

God is my refuge.

Other refuge have I none. God is Omnipotent and near at hand, yea, within call.

Appeal unto Him, for He shall keep thee in all thy ways.

Fear not, but be at peace.

Rest in the eternal fulfillment of the law of God for thee. "Mercy and goodness shall follow thee all the days of thy life and thou shalt dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

I will answer thee according to thy cry.

Bountifully have I provided for thee, bountiful is the supply. Thou shalt learn to be quick to see the hand of thy Father in all things, but it pointeth to thee but one way, the way of good, the way of great abundance.

Thou mayest not see it all at once, but thou shalt know in the near future how thou art led of God, who is indeed ever at hand to answer thy call.

Be at peace, keep peace.

Declare peace to all the world.

There is not one so poor, nay, not one, who shall not by thy Father's Will share the sweet peace of God with thee.

If thou canst not break this bread of life, and offer it to thy poor forgotten brother, thou shalt have it not, for only by the feeding shalt thou be fed thy daily bread.

Whatsoever thou hast of good, share it with some other, some one less fortunate than thyself, and remember "that it is of thy bounty that all must be fed."

Sit down in peace.

Build high thy seat of power above the world's din, for not until thou canst rise above it, this din, shalt thou be undisturbed by it.

Cease thy hating and love good, for it is God.

Peace and joy and gladness abide with thee, abide with thee, for thine inheritance is God-like.

Abounding and unalloyed Happiness is man's true life; perfect Blessedness is his rightful portion; only when he loses his false life and finds the true he enters into the full possession of his Kingdom.

HEART OF THE WORLD.

I felt the mighty pulse beats of the world
Throb in a deep unrest of ceaseless pain.
I marked great tears of anguish fall from eyes,
Hollow with hunger and the hourly strain
Of combat fierce with poverty's hard lot,
Till sorrow rose on wings and rent the skies,
Piercing the heart of God with earth's dread
agonies.

Yet over all the nation's flag unfurled,
Swayed in the breeze, promise of future years,
When reign of gold shall merge in rule of God,
And sufferings stripes be healed by stars of
love.

God help the children of our land tonight,
Assuage the grief that clings round many a
home,

Where in the place of happy voices sweet,
Vibrant of life and sounds of pattering feet,
Attuned to music soft 'midst homes' delights,
Only dull voices and grim shadows glide,
And that gaunt ghost the earth-pain grimly
haunts,

Leaving its palsied touch of hate and fear
On hearts God made for kindness and good
cheer.

God help the masses of our frenzied poor,
The outcast and down-trodden sons of toil,
Wearied of life and yet unfit for death.
"How long O Lord, how long!" is earth's grim
quest.

Let but the Christ appear and put an end,
And from the throne of Heaven some Angel
send,

Charged with a message glad, triumphant
grand,

Fraught with some magic power to free a
sin-swept land,

Then earth shall ease her pain and be at rest,
While pomp of kings and pride of high estate
Shall sink engulfed in layers of earth, dust.
A new day dawns of freedom for the race,
A day of liberty and power and wondrous grace.
When man shall bear God's impress on his
face,

And woman share with man equality of right
and privilege and opportunity,

Yet still be man's fair fount of inspiration pure.
Divinely free to bear true sons of God,
As plants in springtime spring from fruitful
seed,

Then home shall be man's temple, woman's
shrine,

While from the altar fed by love divine,
Shall rise fresh flames of pure love, mounting
high,

E'en to the noblest pinnacles of human destiny.
Heart of the world all hungry and athirst
For love and love's sweet pity. Bathe im-
mersed

In the clear fount of hope that gushes forth
Beside the pathway leading on to life,

Take the sweet bread of comfort heaven gives,
Walk out in faith serene and ideals high
And make of seeming failure steps to victory.

Breathe on the world, O God, Thy breath of
power tonight,
Shine into eager souls with Thy transfiguring
light,

Until a nation's thankful songs of praise arise
And earth's dull pain be lost in heaven's own
melodies.

H. Aymer Harding.

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The Unity of All Life

The Fatherhood of God

The Brotherhood of Man

The Leadership of Jesus

Salvation by Character

The Progress of Mankind onward and
upward forever

SOULS IN PROGRESS.

My God, Thou art My God and the God of
My heart.

A division as old as Aristotle separates spec-
ulations into two great classes: those who
study the "how" of the universe and those
who study the "why." All men of science em-
brace the former. All men of religion embrace
the latter."

Realize our sonship in the community of
service. My Father worketh hitherto and I
work.

In "His name go forth." Gather up the frag-
ments of broken human lives, these stumbling
blocks of sin and put them together for His
glory and honor.

I seek not my own will but the will of the
Father which hath sent me.

Sr. Loretta.

THOUGHTS FOR THE THOUGHTFUL.

Truth when not sought after sometimes
comes to light.

Many know how to conquer, but few are
able to use their conquest aright.

Judge not! is the Divine Command and to be
without evil thoughts is God's best gift.

No one was ever great without Divine In-
spiration.

With what judgment ye judge "ye shall be
judged." The adverse judgment of another con-
demns you of the same thing.

This world-consciousness is a world-phono-
graph from which the rank and file of human-
ity draw their inspiration.

God and His creation, mind and idea are
co-eternal.

M. Hyacinth Lount.

How noble in reason! How infinite in faculties!
In form and moving how express and admirable!
In action how like an angel!

In apprehension how like a God!

Shakespeare.

MUSIC

"It makes the mind intuitive; it suggests
the larger and nobler view; it discloses the re-
lations of truths and spreads them out, and
especially it unites and harmonizes them. This
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to find ourselves in the midst of eternal things:
truth, purity, obedience, love, adoration—the
realities that compose life and are symbol-
ically wrought into the rhythm and harmony
of the world."

BE HAPPY TODAY.

"Do not dwell in the future,
Do not dream of the past,
But live now, in the present,
Trusting the present will last.

Today is your day to be happy,
Tomorrow may never come;
Then drink of life's joys sweetest,
Of the future let lips be dumb.

The castles you're building may tumble,
The love that you trust may wane;
Then keep in the present, living,
And live not today in vain.

'Tis hard not to trust tomorrow,
Or another day that may dawn;
'Tis hard to look back with sorrow
On the yesterdays that have gone.

But such is life's great lesson,
Or at least I've found it so,
And the only way is keep trying
To make "good" each day as you go."

No one may expect peace until he knoweth
that, "The Kingdom of God is within you."

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Yours in loving sympathy,

MRS. R. M. S.,
WACO, TEXAS.

We thank you, dear sister, for your good thoughts, and wish to tell you, that just good vibrations as you say you receive from holding the "little messenger" in your hands are sent to every subscriber with each issue of the Mystic Magazine. In time all will reach that plane of consciousness wherein the power of the Spirit may be made manifest. "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep."

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L. M.,
CHICAGO, ILL.

Beloved Brother:—Your blessed letter received. God bless you. Hold yourself in an attitude of non-resistance to the conditions in which you are placed. Let love and pity fill your heart and soul for those who do not understand. Draw blessings out of your present trials and after a little time you will be led into purer atmospheres to refresh and sustain the Spirit. Be patient and trustful in your high aspirations.

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I am very respectfully,

R. J. H.,
BOULDER, COLO.

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Dear Mystic Brotherhood:—My Mystic Magazine for November received this A. M. I have not read all of the magazine, but what I have has made me so happy—its beautiful inspiring contents—I want to make some one else happy. I enclose stamps for one year's subscription to be sent to the name enclosed. With thanks to you all, and best wishes, I remain,

MRS. R. P.,
DETROIT, MICH.

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The Mystic Brotherhood.

Beloved Brothers:—I am sending herewith amount for the renewal of my subscription to the Mystic Magazine. I would like to tell you how wonderfully I am being helped by reading the Mystic Magazine and the Mystic's Text Book. But I am unable to express it in words; in return I am sending to you and all mankind thoughts of Peace and Love each day.

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C. V. M.,
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Respectfully yours,

J. G.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

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I remain sincerely, a Brother,

H. C. K.,
CLEVELAND, O.

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I will see you very soon. Yours sincerely,
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