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—Henry Harrison Brown.

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## TWILIGHT'S ADVENT

Dark shadows from the raven pinions,  
Cool and silent, of the Night,  
Fill all the valley, while white gleamings  
Of the Day, still crown the height,  
On western hill-top burns the pyre,  
New kindled, for the dying god.  
Still blacker grows the valley's raiment;  
While censers swing from flowery sod.

Requiem murmurs from every streamlet,  
Are echoed back by night-bird's call.  
The choristers are owl and cricket;  
While Maiden Mist spread wide the pall.  
In hiding now are day's marauders,—  
Sly bandits of the night and shade.  
In compliment to the dying Master,  
Aside their search for prey they've laid.

The dew, the twilight's pearl tiaras,  
With grace on every grass-blade sets.  
Baptised, I stand amid the pagent,  
With the radiance Faith begets!  
The dying king, on glorious highway,  
Knows resurrection now as when,  
First from eastern throne he issued  
His edicts for the life of men!

In triumph now I mount Thought's charriot  
And journey through the eternal blue.  
For earth may own old Time as master!  
But Time and Space I conquer you!  
Swifter, O Sun, my spirit pinions,  
Than is your creative light!  
Thought's wave is more intense in power  
Than is your constant threat of Might!

Far, now beyond the sunset's pyre,  
In perfect freedom swift I roam.  
By fiat sun to earth, is fastened!  
I own the universe as Home!  
Eyes of love from stars are gleaming  
Through my redwood-lattice high!  
O joy, they shine alone on body.  
While in Eternity's light am I!

HENRY HARRISON BROWN.

Aug. 30, 1913.

Nature has not seed nor husk,  
She is all things at once.—Goethe.

## MY FATHER'S BUSINESS

Not his alone the gift divine  
Who understands how, line by line,  
To re-create a dream with all  
Its wonder-world ethereal:  
Something of that same gift has he  
Who, reading, through the lines can see  
The dream itself—the secret thing  
That stirred the poet's heart to sing.

—Frank Dempster Sherman.

In this reforming process we must carefully avoid putting our interpretations into old things.—Kudolf Eucksen in "Religious Life."

A correspondent asks, "What are we to understand by Jesus' words, 'I must be about my Father's business?' What is the 'Father's business?'"

I can interpret the words of another only by my own experience. When I do not find them answered there, I lay them aside till some experience throws a light upon them. I am not obliged to understand them. If they are for me I will perceive their meaning. I will not attempt to read my meaning into them. I will not feel that there is from any source or from any cause a compulsion that I find Truth in them? I did not write them. Had I written the Bible I would know what I meant....perhaps! I know that much is written that the writer does not understand; never when he writes from the subconscious; when he is inspired! I have written much that I have not understood for a long time. The Understanding does not lie parallel with Perception. Much that comes by intuition will have to make for itself brain cells before it is understood. For this reason I am not ready to say that Jesus understood his own expressions... But He did better he felt and thus he

## To the receptive soul the River of Life Pauseth not nor is diminished.

—George Eliot.

**KNEW TRUTH.** He SAW Truth, as all seers do and announced what was truth to Him as naturally as children tell what they see, knowing truth but not understanding it. "Great men are never understood," says Emerson! But I will add... Great men never understand themselves! The intuitive, spiritually developed, psychic men, are a puzzle to themselves. To others so great a puzzle that they are often called insane. In our day Emerson, A. J. Davis, Thoreau, the poet, Poe, and inventors of some of our best machines have been called insane. For any person to tell authoritatively what Jesus or any person in any other age or tongue meant is presumption. It is impossible for any one to do so. The only honest answer is "I will tell you what I mean when I say it!"

No two persons ever get the same meaning from the same composition. There are as many Bibles as readers. As many Napoleons as readers of his biography. Each of us is the author of whatever we read. When one becomes familiar so as to make the principles laid down in Emerson is "History" a reality to him he will realize that there is but one book i.e., the one the reader writes. That only which I accept as my own work is of benefit to me. Each person must solve the problems of his own life. The experiences of others as embodied in history and in civilization are helps, whenever I realize that what I am all men are. That within my own Being I am to find the solution of all the problems of Life. The only life is MY life.

There are many interpretations of the Bible. Others are coming every day. The easiest way to notoriety is to give a new one. It would be amusing, were it not sad, to see those put out under some Metaphysical name, by some New Thought cult. And most wonderful is the

fact that no two of them agree. Christian Science has a perfect right to its "Key to the Scriptures." But is only one key among six hundred others.

Free minds are not going to accept the dictum of any person or believe that any one has divine authority to interpret the Book. The Catholic Church claims that right. In the catechism of that church I find this answer to the question: "Can the church err in what she teaches?" "The church cannot err in matters of faith because Christ has promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his church; that the Holy Ghost shall teach her all Truth and he himself will abide with her forever."

The only way any "key" can be accepted as authority is by renouncing one's own right to reason and by accepting a "key" upon some authority beyond reason. Upon some authority every sect and Christian Science rest. Upon page XI of the preface of my edition of "Science and Health," I read "When God called the author to proclaim His Gospel to this age, there came also the charge to plant and water His Vineyard." Upon some such a claim, and in such faith all ecclesiastical institutions are founded. Supernatural revelation, or supernatural interpretations lie at the basis of every system of theology.

Now, my dear friend, understanding this you will realize that no one has any right, ethically; no right in reason to say WHAT any passage in the Bible or in any other book means. I do not attempt to say what Emerson means. I never attempt to interpret Emerson. I will simply tell what I get out of him. I help others to find in something in it for themselves. But they will not find what I find. When any of us strike Universal Principles in our interpretations, we have struck what those authors have struck

who have found 'Truth.

But what is Truth...MY PERCEPTION OF THAT—WHICH—IS. Truth is not created. It is found. So Jesus found 'Truth. He expressed it in his way. Of this I am sure,—until I see truth from his point of view I shall not see in the words attributed to him that which he saw. I look out upon the landscape from my point of the hill of life. You from yours, Jesus from his, Mrs. Eddy from hers. And each one is true, and each reports that which is seen. Remember Kilpin's lines:

Shall paint the thing as he sees it  
For the God of things as they are.

To the one who sees that which he paints with pen or brush, that which he sees is to him Truth. But never so to any other till that other stands upon the same rung of unfoldment. Then he sees Truth, not because some one else saw it or said it, but because he SEE IT.

Intellectual Freedom compells this position. Emerson's "Address" in 1838 was called "The Intellectual Declaration of Independence!" That freedom each of us should demonstrate. For this reason all these attempts to interpret the Bible for others are attempts to roll back the scroll of the ages, and to restore to the twentieth century the mental slavery of the sixteenth.

For myself I never quote any other as authority that Truth as I see it may be the gainer. But I do quote another where I perceive he seems to me to have seen from the same view-point that—which-is, that the reader may have the two visions, and be better able to decide for himself.

Is it not time for all persons to quit this interpreting of another for another? We have Browning classes, Shakespear classes, Bible classes and Emerson classes, that some one's interpretation

may be authority. Let us take all writings and study to find in them something for life's expression. In my classes I treat Emerson as an effect in Life. What is there in these utterances for me? I don't care what Emerson saw or lived. How can he help me to live? The only value any book or teacher or friend is, as an inspiration.

To accept as any authority is limitation, is slavery. To enjoy as an inspiration is liberty. Read not to agree; not to accept; but to grow in consciousness of self. Read thus and you will find an interpretation that fits you at the time. No matter if there is a new one the next time and every time you read; that which satisfies you with one reading or with one interpretation is valueless. Throw it away. Any book of real value will open to you a new vista every time you read. I find a new Bible every time I read it. I find a new Emerson every time I read him. But when I read a commentary, or an interpretation, or an ordinary sermon I get all it has for me at once. I find if I try to read into the Bible any view I am limited. So with any interpretation of Scripture, no matter if by some New Thought teacher (and there are plenty doing this) it is a prison to both teacher and reader. I never read these interpretations save occasionally to see how many new ones there are, and how easy a new one can be made. I studied Scientific Criticism and realize how scholars are repelled from Metaphysics by these attempts to put the new wine of the present into the symbols of the past.

So far as an introduction, my friend, let us look at the Book and the words you quote.

JESUS lived at a time when the Hebrews spoke the Aramaic language also known as the Syriac-Chaladaic. The language

**The deeper I drink of the cup of  
Life the sweeter it grows.**

—*Julia Ward Howe.*

spoken by the Jews in Palestine at time of Jesus, and which the Hebrew books known as the Targums were written, as were also parts of the Old Testament. In what language the New Testament was first written is questionable. There were Syriac versions in the second century. In the same century we have reason to believe there were versions of parts of the New Testament in Greek. But earlier than the Fourth century there are no manuscripts extant and these are in Greek and have been tampered with by transcribers.

Now the questions arise. How did the Aramaic language of Jesus get into the Greek versions, from which our English versions comes? Have the translators rightly given us the meaning of the Aramaic words? Did these scribes who wrote Aramaic rightly report Jesus? At that time there were no means, as today of reporting speeches. How and when were the words credited to Jesus recorded? How far do the extant manuscripts of the New Testament rightly represent the words of the first reporter? Prof. Calvin E. Stow tells us that there are thousands of verbal differences in the extant manuscripts. Compare the Revised Version with the St. James' version and you will see the difficulty of there being any real translation from the Greek into English. Every scholar knows that an accurate translation from one language to another never was and never can be made. No two persons will make the same.

For these reasons no one can authoritatively say what Jesus meant. And all one can say is "I get such a thought from the reported words." Every person's utterances at any time should be interpreted by his other expressions and by his life.

Now understand me:—It matters not to

me IF there was an historical Jesus or not. That there is such an Ideal, is enough to make the New Testament priceless and to cause us to revere and love that Ideal. This Ideal Man is worth more to the race than any historical personage that ever lived. I prize above all other histories this history of Jesus and I depreciate all attempts to prove him historical. He IS; and TO ME HE IS THE PROMISE AND THE PROPHECY OF EVERY MAN.

Whoever gave the record to the race were not only the finest of historians but also the Greatest Prophets and the wisest of Seers. Jesus's realization of Unity is the most wonderful fact in all history. It is the end toward which Human Evolution tends.

To me the "Christ," is the Universal Spirit expressing Itself in the Human individualization of ITSELF. The Human expression is LOVE. Jesus was the physical instrumentality and Christ is the Divine. Through Christ the One made expression of Itself as Love. I never have used the symbols Jesus and Christ as synonymous nor in connection with each other. Understand, this is my opinion and my use of the New Testament, i.e. as a photograph of the Coming-man. What I can be and what I will be when I shall come into as complete a realization of my Self as The Father as Jesus did.

The Real Self is to my mind the Father. Henry Harrison is the individual finite expression of the Father; I as Henry Harrison am the limited expression of the Absolute.

Then I, as Henry Harrison, have a work to do on the objective plane. I also have a work to do as the Father on the subjective plane, of the One Life.

I am about my Father's business when I listen in Silence and about my business

**Minute a man stops looking for  
Trouble, happiness looks for him.**

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—Irving Ascheler.

when I obey what I get in the Silence. Intuition, inspiration, and psychometric guidance is the work of the Father: the work of the Real, the Sub-conscious self. But that which I receive in the Silence—"In the closet when I have shut the door," of the senses,—I am to express in the open of the objective life.

Perhaps when Jesus uttered these words he felt the need of retiring by himself, that he might be spiritually recuperated for the great objective work he was to do. He retired into the Garden; went off by himself into the wilderness, for the purpose of communion with the Father. He said, "I am in him and he is in me!" So real was the Sub-jjective life. the Spiritual Reality that he said, "He that sees me sees the Father!"

Therefore Jesus was, as theologians claim, both human and divine. But they make him alone thus. We realize that every person is equally human and divine. In this thought there is for me no trouble in interpreting the words of Jesus into my thought. But if one holds Jesus as a special creation unlike other persons my interpretation will seem false and blasphemous.

The Human is a development of the Divine into Self-consciousness. The Human is the Divine Individualized. The human is the Divine knowing Itself. The Human is the Divine controlling consciously that portion of itself that is manifest as the visible universe and thus directing it, to pre-determined ends. Insofar as I realize that I am One with the Sub-conscious and only an objective and conscious expression of the One I am where Jesus was, differing from him only in the degree of my realization of this Unity. The Fact of Life is Unity. I have been very definite in this, my friend, because through you I speak to the world. Amid a babel of voices declair-

ing for Authority, I raise my voice for Freedom. The Soul is One, and no single expression of Soul has any right to speak for another. Individuality is the ultimate of evolution. Man is on the road, and when he comes he will be so individualized that he will be Self-controlled. Every man will sometime be conscious that his business is the Father's business.. In "doing the Father's business" he will so love himself as Divine will so manifest himself as love that he will include in himself his neighbor, and will do as he is led by the Spirit of the One. .by the Christ-spirit. .and then there will be no mine and thine but my brother and I are one even as the Father and I are one, and all is mine. The dream millenium is a scientific reality. Evolution is its warrant of fulfillment. It comes to the individual as soon as he realizes and and lives in this consciousness of Unity.

### A VAGRANT'S CREED

To but accept the bitter with the sweet,  
And learn to drain life's proffered cup complete:  
To swing in place the chafing-buckled load,  
And, hopeful-hearted, face the open road:  
To greet with friendly hail each passing face,  
To find the green-girt world a gladsome place:  
To know the rose-fringed road must wander too  
Through some dim paths, close-set with tear-wet rue:  
To prize the worth of one true-hearted friend  
Who shares the foot-path to the journey's end:  
To learn the price of joy more oft is told  
In light-heart pennies than in careworn gold:  
To know the heart of love, that bravely smiles  
On bleeding feet and long untrodden miles:  
To see within the dust of each new night  
The camp-fire of contentment blazing bright;  
Heart-glad to say before your eyelids fall,  
"Good den, fair days! I'd welcome for you all"

—Martha Haskell Clark, in *Outlook*.



## Obstruction is but virtue's foil, The stream impeded has a song.

—Ingersoll.

I reprint the following from NOW for September, 1903:

### EAST AND WEST.

#### *A Message of Love and Reunion.*

Truth is one. Seen in Orient, it bears necessarily the stamp of the eastern mind. The position humanity has gained during these centuries in the Occident, gives a new point of view; but when there shall have been sufficient time and acquaintance for an understanding, each of each, it will be seen that it is the same truth expressed in the symbols of unlike nations. Emerson and Spencer are not discordant with the Vedas, Ramayanna and the Dammapaddah. The doctrines of Reincarnation and Transmigration are only the eastern view of that which we call Evolution, while Karma is the same spiritual view of the universal law of Cause and Effect. But when Occidentals try to interpret Indian Philosophy, they make the same mistake a child does when he tries to interpret Emerson. We cannot put ourselves in the place of the Hindoo who lives a spiritual life and thinks and talks in symbols, because we are materialistic and talk in sober prose. The difference between the East and the West is the difference between poetry and prose. Our attempts to interpret him is like the matter-of-fact theologian interpreting the symbolic language of psalm and parable as reality. Recognizing this difficulty, it is a rare pleasure to give "NOW" readers this contribution:—

#### (FOR THE EMERSON CHAIN).

This greeting comes from two kindred souls, now united and become one, meeting together in the physical plane at "Thillai," the center of the world or created universe, (celebrated throughout the Vedic land and enshrined in the Holy of Holies, as divine mys-

tery or "Chithambara Rahasyam," the Great Symbolic representation of God as Love, Light and Bliss, writes with One heart, One head, One hand, (though to the differentiated world it appears in the form of "One and one makes two") to express the love they bear to Emerson, as the Great Soul that, towering high above the stars, caught the rays of Light that lighteth every light, from the great Orient where IT from eternity shines million orb'd, and infused it into the far West, making it possible for East and West to meet together in heart and soul made one by devotion to Love and Truth—Love that conquers all that intervenes between soul and soul. Long life and happiness to those that form the Emerson Chain, and God's liberty rest on those pure souls that, loving Emerson, learn through him to love the Truth, and live the Life of Truth he lived. Om Tat Sat.

In perfect Love and Truth,  
(Signed) LOTUS ET ROSA.

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Madras, East India.

### NEW THOUGHT HYMNS

Rev. Henry Victor Morgan, pastor of the Park Universalist Church, Tacoma, and withall one of the foremost New Thought Teachers and Healers, has put out a neat little volume of "Hymns of Health and Gladness," consisting of words adapted to familiar tunes. Those that love the old tunes they have long heard sung or in which they have joined, and missed in our New Thought tunes the lilth and enthusiasm of the good old Methodist and Salvation Army songs will here find acceptable words to those tunes. The book sells for 10c or 3 for 25c. Here is the first stanza for "Rock of Ages":

God of Ages, Love Divine,  
May I be forever thine;  
Safe as child upon mother's breast,  
May I on thy bosom rest.  
Every storm thy power doth still,  
Since I seek to know thy will.  
For "Onward Christian Soldier, we have—  
Onward! Comrades, Onward!  
Victory is sure.  
With Love's healing message  
Ever to the fore;  
Truth our only standard  
We can have no foe.  
Forward, ever forward,  
See Love's banner go.  
Book sent by author on receipt of price.



**Call this God: then call this Soul:  
And both the only facts for me.**

—*Browning.*

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**✱ ✱ AFFIRMATIONS ✱ ✱**

Good words from an article in San Francisco Bulletin of August 13, 1913.

I spent two weeks last summer at "Now Home" or "Summer Home Farm." I enjoyed it so much that I returned when the grapes were being harvested for two weeks more. When evening came and the big fire was under way and I had a good book I was inclined to stay for the winter, but was called elsewhere.

"Now Home" is three miles from the station of Glenwood and eight miles from Santa Cruz beach, the little hotel, five or six cottages, and tents are in an opening of about thirty acres, having on every side beautiful trees.

Nearby is a beautiful grove with walks and paths in many directions, the tall redwoods growing just far enough apart to hang hammocks makes it a most inviting place on a hot day in summer. With a book or magazine it is easy to forget the city's heat and dust and dream away many restful hours.

There are steps leading down from this grove to a stream which is crossed by a picturesque natural bridge made by a fallen redwood; the roots still alive nourish the growth of several good-sized trees growing upright from its body. Across the bridge is another grove canopied by wide-reaching redwood branches where is held a Sunday service and through July and August a class in philosophy and psychology. The teacher is an able exponent of Emerson and Carlyle, with a philosophy of his own which teaches how to adjust oneself to events and arise above many of the ills of life. It is briefly expressed by one of the members of "NOW" Folk:

"When all the world's cold an' drear,

Jes Smile!

When yer losin' all thet's dear,

Jes smile!

Fer everything that goes ter day

Will return agin some other way,

Bringin' with it fourfold pay—

Jes smile!

There are other places equally attractive, having high mountains, deep ravines, streams with big boulders, with fishing, bathing and varied amusements.

Nature lovers who are wanting a vacation with little preparation and without the care of a camping outfit may spend the time happily and rest in the great woods.

**AFFIRMATION.**

NOW stands for affirmation. "Nerve us with incessant affirmations!" is its motto from Emerson. It stood alone when in 1900 it started on its career. Among all my New Thought exchanges there was not one that did not place almost as much reliance upon denials as upon affirmations. Now denials have almost disappeared. And wherever used there is an excuse for them. No excuse is needed for affirmations.

In Hibbard's Journal, probably the foremost of all journals in Higher Thought and Criticism, I find in an article by one of the world's foremost scientific thinkers—Sir Oliver Lodge—the following which sustains Emerson and NOW in their reliance upon Affirmation. He says:—

I always mistrust negations. They commonly signify blindness and prejudice—always except when thoroughly established and carefully formulated in light of experience and mathematical proof. And even then be ready to admit the possibility of higher generalizations which may uproot them. They are safe only when thrown into a form of a positive assertion. . . . A positive form should be demanded of every comprehensive desire and whatever cannot be thrown into positive form, it is wise to mistrust. Its promulgator is probably stepping out of bounds into cheap and easy region of negative speculation. He is like a rationilastic microb denying the existence of a human being.

**HARMONY AT MEALS**

Discord, argument and bickering should never be allowed at the dining table. Anger and disputation cause the liver to exude a poisonous juice and this is particularly bad for the system when it flows into partly digested food. Accidents, murders, personal disease and symptoms are also topics which are most undesirable at mealtimes. Strive to have the conversation, as well as the food, pleasant and agreeable. There are many reasons why you should.—*Exchange.*

I accept all the responsibilities that belong to that high place.

**I am not fighting my fight:  
I am singing my song.**

—Archie L. Black.

**AFFIRMATIONS.**

*Satisfaction*

I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness!—*Psalms*.

I am one with Thee, O Omnipresent One!

I am one with Thee, O Omnipotent Life!

I am one with Thee, O Omniscient Power!

I am one with all that manifests Thy love, O Infinite Spirit!

In this unity with Thee O Father, I find my joy!

In this thought of Being one with Thee, I find my peace!

In this thought of completeness merged in Thy completeness, I find my rest.

I am spirit of Thy Spirit, life of Thy Life, love of Thy Love and I am satisfied!

I manifest Thy Wisdom!

In this Truth I am satisfied!

I am all Thou art! In the consciousness of this, I am satisfied with thyself which I am!

I am Truth, and One with Thee!

In realization of this I am satisfied.

In Love I am one with Thee!

In Love, I am conscious of being in Thy likeness!

In Love I am satisfied with all that is!

I am one with all Power manifest in the external universe. With my senses all alive with this consciousness of Being. I know my likeness to the All. I am satisfied in His kinship!

I am one with the manifestations of Infinite Love and Truth everywhere!

In this Realization of Being, I am satisfied!

I am one with the All Good, I am one with the Being in and through all.

I am made in the image and in the likeness of the All Good, of the Infinite Life,

of Omnipotence, and of All Wisdom! In Being and Realization I am satisfied!

In this image I realize the reflection of the Father in me and I am satisfied.

All is mine. All that comes to me is mine. All of mine comes to me daily. With all that comes, I am satisfied!

**A REMARKABLE CASE OF HEALING**

I find in *Master Mind* the following account of a case reported by an old California friend, Mrs. Eva B. Williams, formerly of San Jose, where she healed, held classes and had a reading room. The world is asking for reliable reports. Here is one:

Two days after arriving in Washington, D. C., I accepted an invitation, with others, to call upon a lady who had been advised by her physician to *remain in bed* for a few weeks that she might gain strength to go to the hospital and be operated upon for some internal trouble, involving many serious complications. For about one hour I sat listening to the conversation. Over and over again the words were repeated, "the doctor says so and so"—then a look of hopelessness and despair would come over her countenance. The friends present were quite agreed to the reality and seriousness of the situation. As we were about to leave, all having said good bye, I was strongly impelled to return to the room and say a word, which was to this effect: "You seem so bound by what your physician has said to you Now listen to what *Jesus Christ* declares for you—*You are free!*" She said, "That sounds good, I wish it were true."

I asked, "Can you doubt it?"

She replied, "No."

Then *do not*, but acknowledge it. Let these *true words* be upon your lips and within your soul constantly. Pray them over and over again, without ceasing."

She said, "I will!"

This was about five o'clock in the afternoon. Next morning early, notwithstanding the fact that she was under the doctor's orders to remain in bed indefinitely, that she might gain strength, she appeared at my apartment in 'The Brighton' and said:

"I want to know more about this you spoke of yesterday, I long to *know* the way out of these difficulties and I *believe* there is a way."

As she drew her chair close to mine, I began to tell her *who she was, what it meant to be a child of The Most High*, etc. That

**Whene'er I meet my sailing peers,  
"ALL'S WELL" I to their hail reply.**

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—Edith M. Thomas.

this *God* life permeated her inmost being. That this message of *truth* was true *now*. That this appearance was *not* true of her, since it was *not* true of God her Father.

She began treatment that day and very soon was much improved, until she felt quite comfortable in *body*, when she disclosed another limitation adding to the already *long list*. This trouble she had become so accustomed to that it was not causing her much thought or anxiety at that time. It was that of one eye having been blind for nineteen years.

She had consulted with specialists in New York City, and a thorough examination had taken place, the X-Ray being turned upon the eye. At the conclusion of this procedure, the doctors decided that it was the most perfectly developed disease they had ever turned the X-Ray upon, and told her no *human* being could restore the sight and it was useless to operate.

**FAITH**

"I will fear no evil for thou art with me!"  
For what should I, O Lord, this morn be glad?

Nay how from depths can I arise and praise?

Failure and sore defeat have made me sad,

How can I reconcile to Good thy ways?

I love my fellowmen, for them I toil,

For them I seek within the veil to stand,

And still my efforts end in wild turmoil

And cold and hunger linger near at hand.

But lo before they win, relief is mine!

There stretches forth a hand in love to save!

A voice is heard! And Lord I know 'tis thine!

And thine, the hand that's clad in Friend-  
ship's glove.

For O, thy incarnation still is ours!

O Christ, thou art born anew in human  
powers!

HENRY HARRISON BROWN.

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Archibald Church, M. D., in *Cronis and Medical Diseases*.

As an individual expression of the One Mind I am a Thinker.

the balance.

The highest function of the One Mind is to think as Man.

**I,grateful,take the good I find;  
The best of now and here.**

—Whittier.

A sentence I clipped from *Everybody's Magazine* is in place here. "Man can and does eat almost everything, but in drink his courage is greater!" In this disposition he has conquered every clime, and in so doing conquered himself as animal, and developed his realization of Power as Mind.

In studying the markets and watching the display of food stuff and the choice of buyers I discovered that the guide in purchase was the eye. Beauty, good looks, appropriateness as decoration decided and not quality or nutritive power. Food is bought and sold by the eye. Two apples side by side, one beautiful in outside, and the other less attractive, but of richer flavor and better quality, the most beautiful will sell first and best. This fact is understood, and market men profit by it. So is it in table food and arrangement. We choose that which pleases the eye. The first appearances tell upon our acquaintance. It is good metaphysics to "Put the best foot forward!"

The vegetarian presents us with dishes imitating the old in appearance and we cheat the eye and eat false meat made from fruits and nuts. It was a saying when I was a soldier in the civil war, that when a mule would not draw, if he was breved a horse, he immediately went to work. So "brevet" meats, seem to satisfy our non-meat eaters. So powerful is suggestion...the psychology of a name. But is the stomach deceived?

Classes for the present are closed. We have had glorious times in the study of Vibration and Radiation. All is Motion. When we learn to sense Vibrations beyond the range of the five senses, we enter the octaves where we live as Mind...as Spirit...and where the immortals live.

That we can so live now, we demon-

strated this summer. ALL IS HERE AND NOW, in reality and is conscious to him who has learned in silence to realize this fact.

While reading Emerson in my hammock one day I happened to strike upon this passage in the address he gave before the societies at Washington and Jefferson College, Virginia, in 1878, which so aptly expresses my feelings today when I meet similar people, that I cannot forbear quoting it....

"Young men, I warn you against these clamors of these self-praising frivolous activities,—these busy-bodies; against irrational labor; against chattering, meddlesome rich and officious people. If their doing came to any good end. Action is legitimate and good; forever be it honored right, original, private, necessary action proceeding new from the heart of man, going forth to beneficent and as yet incalculable ends. Yes, but of a petty, fingering and running and acceptance of the methods and frauds of other men; an over-doing and busy-ness which pertends to the honors of action, but resembles the twitches of St. Vitus. The action of these men I cannot respect, for they do not respect it themselves. They were better and more respectable abed and asleep."

And here I must stop, lest I say something concerning the worst swarm of busybodies that I have ever met i. e., the Eugenic reformers, that would reduce humanity to the level of cattle and would breed men and women as we now breed colts and calves. Certainly there is need of instruction upon matters of sex...but why in name of Love should we be emasculated of all that is human in order to keep the world pure? But we will study Emerson and grow in Liberty.

While our sister states have suffered an unusually hot season, we have had similar weather but what is more unusual we have had slight showers every month this summer. The last was upon August 28. Just enough to lay the dust. The first one this month we are told for

**Henceforth I seek not good fortune:  
I am good fortune.**

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—Walt Whitman.

65 years. One eve we had heat lightening and some thunder. The first I have seen and heard in California and I have been here for 14 years. O, ye who live where these showers are common and fires and death the result, don't think we suffer one-tenth your fears, in our little shakes. We prefer these shakes to your many unpleasant climatic conditions. Come and learn how wonderful it is to have weather away up above the nineties and even one hundred and not a prostration nor a sunstroke. I was comfortable in my redwood grove, with the thermometer two days among the nineties. Peaches and prunes are in their prime in our orchard and sweet apples from our neighbor's stand ready for a palate all the time. What more can one ask in way of desert? Why should it cost so much for us to get them to market? Sometime the Parcel Post will bring us so near the homes of NOW readers, that we can share our good things with you. Will, when YOU shall say this experiment of ours to build A WORLD'S NEW THOUGHT HOME, IS A SUCCESS. It takes two to make a bargain . . . YOU and I. I am doing my work. Are YOU Your's? See my proposition in May and July NOW.

#### POWER OF SUGGESTION.

In an article on *Forgotten See Fights of the Revolution* in "The Navy," I find this incident. The American ship *General Arnold* was fitted out at Newbury, Mass. In testing its battery of eighteen six-pounders, the first one burst.

Among the men injured by the bursting was an Irishman, who, believing that his wound was fatal, sent for Captain Brown, saying that he would like to speak to him before dying. The commander responded to the request, and going below asked what was wanted. The Irishman begged that his body "might not be thrown overboard like a dog," but that prayers might be read over it. After failing to inspire the man with any hope of recovery,

Captain Brown assented to the request, saying:

"Very well, Pat. I will tell Mr. Blank to read prayers for you."

Mr. Blank, however, was not popular with some of the crew and seems to have especially aroused the animosity of Pat. When Pat heard that this Mr. Blank was to perform the last rites over his body, he half rose from his bunk and said:

"No, Faith, no! Then I shall not die. Mr. Blank shall never read prayers over me."

Seeing that the man was in earnest, Brown promised that he himself would read the prayers. With a gleam of joy stealing over his honest features, Pat sank back on his rude couch, saying:

"God bless ye, Captain! Then I'll die directly."

#### THE GREATEST THING

And of all things worth while the greatest is Love.

God is love. He made the world for lovers.

The one thing you don't waste, you cannot waste, is love. Give it, spend it, squander it. Economize elsewhere, but not in love.

Every love light in your eye you show your child, every hug and kiss and tender word is more to your soul's wealth than diamonds and rubies.

It's a strange world, mysterious and crooked. We can't see far. We are all little children groping in the dark, but there's one thing, one real, substantial undeniable thing, that we know is good, and God knows is good, that always pays, and is more worth while than all the human things are worth while. It is Love. Happy is the soul that can say, if nothing else, at least this, when it comes to leave this earthly lot:

"I have lived and loved."

*Dr. Frank Crane in Women's World*

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Clifford Beers, secretary for the National Committee for Mental Hygiene declared at the N. Y. National Conference of Mental Hygiene that there are more insane persons in the United States than students in colleges and universities, and they are responsible for a direct and economic loss to the nation of \$135,000,000 a year.  
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Thinking is expressing Truth original to me.



## Trust thyself! Every heart Vibrates to that iron string.

—Emerson.

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NOW has received a report of the Graduating exercises of Prof. M. F. Knox Mental Science College at Bryn Maur, Wash., 26 students graduated. From the report we judge that Prof. Knox is successful in his attempt to start this school. We congratulate him on this success.

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I am in my office in San Francisco a greater part of the month. Lectures every Sunday evenings in my parlors. Lessons and advice during hours from 10 to 2 every day. Arrangements for time can be made by person, mail or 'phone.

A new edition of "Man's Greatest Discovery" is on the press, and will be ready in a few weeks. So busy have we been with these new editions of my books, that I have not been able to put out as I hoped, a new book this summer.

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How many will subscribe, in advance for a copy of a work on "Telepathy," written from my over forty years' experience with psychic phenomenon in my own person and from a personal acquaintance with the best psychic in the U. S. during that time? It will probably cost over \$1 when placed on sale, but I will agree to send it for that price to all who will order before Dec. 1. I will put it on press as soon as 200 are subscribed for at one dollar each.

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A short trip to Pacific Grove on an invitation of a friend gave me a pleasant outing. This location is probably one of the most, if not the very best all the year climate in the U. S. The land scenery is not equal to many other places, but the shore line and shore beauties vie with the New England Coast. The atmospheric conditions are unsurpassed. But the trail of the serpent of the \$ is over it all. Monopoly has taken the land and prices for lots are probably no higher than equally desirable property elsewhere, but why should any one get rich off of land values.

My Friend, Dr. A. T. Noe, has a fine practice there, along Osteopathic and electric lines, with quantities of Suggestion thrown in. For he understands the Law. He took us over a 45-mile drive one morning. The trip remains a delightful memory of ocean and foot-hill scenery. Certainly no invalid can wish for better conditions than California affords. Examples! Monterey Coast, and our drives and under our redwoods.



**All outward wisdom yields to that within,  
Whereto no creed nor cannon holds the key.**

*—Bayard Taylor.*

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Have you read the Words of Gold concerning my new book "SUCCESS"? It is meeting with magnificent sales. Can you not call attention of your bookseller to it? It will pay each subscriber a commission on any order he or she may influence. It is a "Good Seller," so bookmen report.

And little "Dollars Want Me" is now in its twenty-fifth thousand. 20,000 have already been sold and that mostly through those who have read it and recommended it to others. Lawyers, doctors, and bankers buy it by the dozens to give away. One writes, "I lay one on my reception room table and when that is carried away I place there another. Thus they go out and do missionary work." Why not every reader purchase 12 for one dollar, for like missionary work?

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Dear Mr. Brown:—This affectionate heading is due to the June issue of NOW. The article entitled, "The Expansion of Consciousness," has done for me along certain lines more than any other one article you have ever written. Perhaps my sub-conscious has just got ready to expand, but your idea of God in it, is just mine, but I did not know how to express it and it has smouldered for years and now you have gotten it out of my system and I feel better all over. My joy and delight have taken the expansion with which I began this epistle, and I am studying now to beat "three of a kind."—Mrs. M. M. B.....Calif.

A California lady, a long ago student and patient, and ever a Friend, wrote for treatment for members of her family and writes after a month:—"Mother feels pretty well, and is passing the summer without an attack of her old complaint. Z—— is much improved, in fact has changed every way. . . . The time seems to have come when I have 'Come to my own.' All else has been leading to this, crowding in with an urge that is sometimes hard to stand under steadily. And now comes the relief."

Mrs. R. L——, of St. Louis, who passed several weeks in "NOW" Home, writes:—"Never in my life have I lived such happy five weeks as those I lived with you."

## WOMAN AND THE RACE.

By GORDON HART.

The Ariel Press, Westwood, Mass.—Price \$1. I have never read a book dealing with sex to which I could give so unstinted praise. There is here a realization of mental and physical laws that, to my knowledge, is not found in any other work upon this subject. My one criticism lies in the tendency that I find here to repeat the fears, born in the old and effect medical opinions, of the physical injury arising from sexual ignorance and excess. Reliable authorities know today that the effects, good or bad, arise in the mental and psychical states preceeding, accompanying, and following sex expression. It is of the first importance not to awaken fears in the mind. We should treat sex hunger as we treat physical hunger.

Otherwise, the book is one to recommend to parents, teachers and youth. I would advise every couple contemplating marriage to read and discuss it together before marriage. I advise the married to use it as a text book until its thought becomes the motive power in their lives.

It is not the last work upon this topic by any means; but it is the foreword today, and prepares the way for a clean healthful discussion of topics that have been debared discussion, until the race is on the down-hill grade, if this knowledge is not inculcated it will still continue downward.

Amid so much half-truth and so much discussion of man as animal, so much thought of woman merely as the breeder in race propagation, this book comes like a cool breeze. Most of the works upon this subject quote as authority ancient and outgrown authors. Any work dealing with sex questions that is ten years old, and any reference to medical authority beyond that time is apt to lead one into error. With this book read also Edward Carpenter's "Love's Coming of Age," Havelock's "Social Hygiene," and Dr. Albert Moll's "The Sexual Life of the Child," and you will have a library of reliable information. They point the way to the future's attitude upon all sex questions.

These questions are fundamental to individual, social, civic and race health. They should not be handled as they are by eugenicists with any of the old prejudices or any of the old thoughts of impurity, or obscenity. The present day reader should purify his mind, and also purify in his mind sex words and acts. Should study man here as he studies

nature everywhere else, with this most important exception; man is not to be studied from the animal plan, but from the psychical. No arguments should be drawn from the animal. He is a psychical Being. Is in possibility and should be actually the master of the animal. Sex manifestations should not be studied from the mere point of production, or race breeding as is the tendency, notably in Ellen Key's, but from the point of spiritual unfoldment; the development of character, the evolution of manhood; the complementary relation of the sexes, and the necessity of companionship.

But send for the book. Study it. Demonstrate its principals in your life. Then you will be happier, and consequently more healthful.

## THE SECRET PLACE

When I shake off the outer things  
That, thronging, drag me fifty ways—  
The busy needs, the little stings  
That hum about my usual days—  
I come into a secret place  
And meet my true self, face to face.

Quiet removal from the press,  
A breathing-room wherein the soul  
Knows love and loves' own tenderness,  
And in a dream describes the goal;  
There wholesome thoughts and sweet confer,  
Like garments laid in lavender.

Anew I feel that I belong—  
Alien and outcast though I be—  
To the great Spirit whose far song  
Makes an ineffable harmony;  
And, with a rhythm in my feet,  
I fare me forth my fate to greet.

*Richard Burton—The Outlook.*

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**I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable Soul.**

—W.C. Henley.

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**THE EFFECT OF SUGGESTION UPON  
PATIENTS UNDER DRUGS**

D. Appleton & Co. Published in 1912 a large book entitled "Psychotherapy," by James J. Walsh, M. D. Ph. D., a Professor and a member of various societies. Therefore it is a standard and authoritative work. From it I could quote much. I take the following extracts as evidence of the Truth of Suggestion NOW emphasises. "Psychotherapy" is only the latest name for what has been known as "Mesmerism," "animal magnetism," "hypnotism," and now familiarly known as SUGGESTION:—

Psychotherapy is as old as the history of medicine and may be traced to earliest ages. The great physicians of all ages have recognized its value and have used it themselves and commended it to their disciples.

There is almost nothing the human mind cannot do; its powers ranging from ability to delay death for hours and even days, to causing sudden and unlooked for death under strong emotional strain.

The subjective element of the presence of the physician and the taking of the remedy were important therapeutic factors which enabled what was absolutely an inefficient remedy, as event proved, to relieve even serious symptoms, or have helped a weak remedy to accomplish good results by strengthening the patients resistive vitality.....Suggestion has always been an important factor in therapeutics, but has been used indeliberately and indirectly, rather than with forethought....The profession generally has been so much occupied with merely material means of curing that practioners have not realized the influence for good of the psychotherapeutic factors they were unconsciously using....The patients while taking drugs that are either inert, or at times slightly harmful, have had their mental attitude toward themselves and their ills so favorably modified by repeated suggestion, that the result has been distinctly beneficial....Mental attitude will greatly help drugs and it can utterly undo the effect of all drugs except those which have a decidedly mechanical effect....

....Hypnotism consists merely of a state of mental absorption in which all distracting thoughts are for the moment warded off and only such thoughts as are suggested by the hypnotist reach the consciousness of the patient. The essence of hypnotism is concentration of the mind only on the ideas dictated

by the hypnotist....There is only more or less complete concentration of all spontaneous thought or of all suggestions that might come in ordinary ways from objects in our mind. The hypnotizer has except as regards abnormally suggestable people, only as much influence over the person hypnotised, as the subject permits, and the subject retains all his personality as an individual, with all his weakness. After he has been helped away from his weakness by hypnotism, he is just as likely as ever to yield to them again, unless during the interval of conquest he has succeeded in bracing his will with to resist them.

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**A PUZZLED BOY**

A little boy was reading the story of a missionary having been eaten by cannibals.

"Tapa," he asked, "will the missionary go to Heaven?"

"Yes, my son," replied the father.

"And will the cannibals go there, too?" queried the youthful student.

"No," was the reply.

After thinking the matter over for some time the little fellow exclaimed:

"Well, I don't see how the missionary can go to Heaven if the cannibals don't, when he's inside the cannibals."—*Exchange*.

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A correspondent in New York City, a lady of position in the literary world, and a critic in one department of her work, writes thus of the results of her presentation of my book "SUCCESS" to a gentleman of her acquaintance, who is eminent in his profession...."You would be pleased, I know, if you could see your book 'Success' as it now appears in the hands of ———. It is underscored, interlined, passages picked out with red to set them off from other passages marked with blue, so as to be found when needed. Also, half-jestingly. I think, it has become a sort of superstition with him, as almost from the first reading his affairs began to pick up. ....He has since made enormous success."

### "I CAN'T AFFORD—"

How often you hear the expression, but with what different meanings! And yet there are only two ways in which men use it.

"I should like to buy more books, but I can't afford it." The remark tells of self-denial, and the fine dignity that puts honor and independence ahead of even legitimate pleasures. It throws light on character, helps you to know what manner of man it is that speaks.

"I should like to help the cause, but I can't afford to offend those who take the other side." Does that remark also throw light on character? This man is not thinking of self-denial, but of self-indulgence. How shall he best shape his policy to benefit his pocketbook or his social comfort? How shall he most shrewdly trim his sails to the shifting wind of popular favor?

One man preters honor to luxuries, the other is willing to compromise his honor in order to surround himself with a few more creature comforts. It is just the difference between the point of view of courage and that of cowardice.

Listen, then, when you hear a man say he "can't afford" something, and see what it is that he thinks he "can't afford."—*Youth's Companion*.

Dr. Osier is quoted as saying that "with the exception of Mercury and Castor oil our entire pharmacopeia might as well be pitched overboard.

Administering drugs is largely habit; fumigation is another habit; giving nutritive enemias is another senseless and patient-destroying habit; the use of the thermometer, hypodermic syringe, looking at the tongue, and feeling of the pulse are bad habits, practiced for the most part perfunctorily and to make believe that something is really going on. The very worst habit in the world, that is doing the greatest harm, is the habit of running after doctors—carrying every little imaginative woe to the doctor. There is no end to the nonsense.—*Dr. Tilden in A Stuffed Club*.

Our besetting sin may become our guardian angel! Let us thank God that we can say it! This blasting sin that has made my bed in hell for me so long,—this can be conquered, captured, and transfigured into a friend: so that I at last shall say, "My temptation has become my strength! for to the very fight with it I owe my force."—*William C. Gannett*.

The greatest mistake, perhaps in the religious thought of the world is in the use of the words Jesus and Christ, using them interchangeably as though they were one and the same synonymous. Most people, through this beclouded mentality, commonly say "Christ" when speaking of the personality of Jesus. But this distinction must be clearly drawn and understood to appreciate the meaning of the "second coming of Christ."

By thinking Jesus and the Christ to be one and the same, thereby making Jesus the "only begotten son of God," but who was crucified upon the cross two thousand years ago, we have as a people been virtually worshipping a dead Christ all these years, for every time we thought of Christ we have referred it to Jesus alone. We have not made the distinction between that which made Jesus the Christ and the human Jesus.

Jesus became the Christ just as you and I may become the Christ.—*Charles Edgar Prather in "Power."*

Imagination has been referred to as playing a part in the development of a science. Without it we could make little progress. It comes into play, in the first instance in devising methods of work; then in the discovery of laws it is absolutely essential. Imagination is the power of seeing things beyond what is actually known. In a third way the imagination helps science in the effort to find the causes of the fact that has been observed.—*Ira Remsen, Pres. John Hopkins University*.

To greet with friendly hail each passing face,  
Beware of making your moral staple consist  
of the negative virtues. It is good to abstain,  
and teach others to abstain, from all that is  
sinful or hurtful. But making a business of it  
leads to emaciation of character, unless one  
feeds largely also on the more nutritious diet  
of active sympathetic benevolence.

James Russell Lowell.

The food-tide sets into the stream,  
That then fills up its glassy banks;  
But never does the rivulet dream  
How to the sea it oweth thanks.

My little loves are fed, each one,  
By a great Love they cannot know;  
Upbrimmed, they ripple in the sun—  
They have my full heart's overflow.

—*Edith M. Thomas in Harper's*.

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