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Foreword

If Ye would be as the Father, then would Ye be the Greatest Servant. If Ye would serve the Master, then would ye be served. For, if ye would give in Loving [service](#), then are ye blessed, for all that the Father hath is thine.

For surely thou art a Child of God, keep ye His commandments, for in them would ye find His teaching. Follow thou the teachings of thine own conscience, for it is the God within thee.

If thou wouldst desire to stray away, thou wouldst need come back, for once the path is found thou canst not lose it.

Do thy work then, as thou hast never done it before, for the Glory of God is within it. His Divine wisdom doth shine through each and every deed. Rear in thy mind the one thought, "God is All, nothing is manifest or unmanifest that is not God."

Do thou then work with the ever-awakening consciousness of all that thou doth being the work of God and not of man, therefore it is for God and not for man. Thou then will help to bring out the God not only in thy self, but in all men thou wouldst meet. Keep ye ever mindful of thy Great Errand which thou hast been sent here to do.

Being!

There is but "One Energy," "One Power," "One Source." There is but "One Life."

All is life. There is nothing in the Universe that it not life.

To him who understands it is not necessary to explain.

To him who does not understand it is impossible to explain.

To attain understanding, one need not struggle and strive, but needs only to open his consciousness to the freely flowing life energy even as the flower opens its petals to the sun's rays, and as he begins to recognize this energy as all life, all things, - that there is nothing else but life, no matter what its form may be, - then. and then only does he understand.

After understanding comes "Being" in its fuller manifestations. Or the neophite becomes more fully aware of his being, until he is one with his awareness. After he becomes "One" with his awareness he sees only the "One Presence" everywhere and in all things. First we "think."

Then we "believe."

Next we "know."

And when we "know," we "are."

It must be so!

Divine Selfishness

While The Western world is devouring itself with selfishness, and the Eastern world is abasing itself with selflessness let us try to contemplate an impartial, perfect attitude of mind, which is not a respecter of persons but which is rationally able to see that the good of all depends upon the good of the individual, that the good of the individual depends upon the good of the all, that we cannot lift ourselves up without lifting others, that others may not be lifted up without lifting us.

Let us lift up - let us rally ourselves to this normal place in consciousness, where we see that that expression which was essential in primitive consciousness, which was an element of good, that selfishness for conquest, that seeking for gratification for self, that reaching forth to preserve self and one's own, was divine, and is today a divine right: and that that selfishness which is necessary for self preservation, when united with that selflessness that gives to self not before than to another equally in need, that would give impersonal," to another not before it would give to itself if equally in need, is the ideal balance in consciousness.

Let us maintain the consciousness that refuses to be prejudiced, that refuses to lose sight of perfect proportion; let us grow away from the old teaching that demanded humility and sacrifice from ourselves greater than we should ask of our neighbor, or that permitted of greater sacrifice or humility on the part of a neighbor than we would ask of ourselves.

Let us maintain and practice that true golden rule of behavior toward one another, which preserves In perfect harmony universal brotherhood, unity of heart and interest of motive, of ideals, co-operation in spirit, and in labor. Let us maintain this rational attitude; let us serve others by equipping ourselves to serve well - the blind no longer leading the blind; let us seek for light that we may shed light afar; let us seek for strength that we may lend strength to the faltering: let us seek for wisdom that we may throw light in the dark places of the consciousness of those about us; let us see to it - by careful study of our motives - that they are not dammed into narrow ways, that our desire for attainment is not closed in with ourselves, but that it may render **service** to others, that our every motive is flung out upon fields consciously, a precious cargo going forth to cheer, to Divine Selfishness serve and to bless others. See to it that life reveals a larger aspect than ever before.

Through the teaching of past prejudices, through the teachings of past negativeness, we have found ourselves involved in race beliefs, in many thoughts that. are not over pregnant thoughts, many thoughts, many vibrations that are not from the voice within - from the light that lighteth all men that come into the world. If we do not realize that we have this power to turn and challenge all that has been and demand to know a reason why it should continue to be; if we shall longer

respect or obey commands, if we will chain a habit to serve us - that of discriminately inquiring a reason for the need of, usefulness of, a practice, a custom, before we will submit to it, and if we practice the habit of seeking to live life daily, reasonably, purposefully, intentionally, carrying ourselves forward in that courageous spirit of responsibility of ourselves, willing to bear the fruits of our frailties or ignorance, willing to aid in a manifestation of the wisdom indwelling, willing to call forth and out into expression the love mighty, the wisdom divine, willing to aid in that which we will enjoy and earn and bless others with the manifestation of these attributes, - if we will resolve to live each day up to our highest standard, using as much of our indwelling potentialities, expressing as much of our possibilities as comes within our power, throughout that day - urgent, alert, vital, aware, seeking continual expression of larger and larger volume from this boundless storehouse of the All Good, seeking to radiate forth light that will encourage all, love that comfort all, strength that will sustain all, wisdom that will illumine all, **living** throughout the day with that earnest desire to lift self up that we may lift all up, to seek the relief, the comfort, the blessing of all, that we may also partake of these blessings; knowing that we are not vassals to others, nor to ourselves, but that we are indeed a part of God - all life - all good - that we have our mighty mission to perform and that we will to perform it with that perpetual steadfastness and constancy of determination, with that single eye to the goal of larger expression, that we to stand forth living exemplars, an inspiration to others lives, that they may find the higher road of peace.

For the consciousness that can see the sunset in the West and can declare, "I have lived up to my standard; I have aimed perpetually and have attained well toward the goal," this soul knows satisfaction that surpasses all others, this soul is success, is victory in one, this is the consciousness of the victor, this is the consciousness of perfection. The soul who sets forth upon his journey in the love of humanity, for the love of light, for the love of all these potentialities of his nature within, waiting to be unfolded and expressed, - the life that sets forth to make of opportunities the most possible - such a life we have indeed need of. Such being that are within themselves their own reward, that within themselves the indwelling potentiality of joy, of satisfaction, of fulfillment, the emblem of the harvest time, - these souls we have need of.

Let us buckle on our armor. Let: us come forth in the mom with determination and resolution that our life shall out picture its ideal, its conception of the highest ideal it is capable of, manifested into fulfillment and complete realization.

We emphasize again and again that it is possible for the individual to induce whatever state of consciousness he wills to induce, - let that be in the ascendancy, let that be always pointing upward, let it be conquest, positiveness, constructiveness, creativeness, and lovingness. Let our attitude of mind be continually and perpetually pushing upward, pressing outward, springing forward, including more and more in that inclusiveness that widens the orbit continually. It is

possible for us to be, to induce, what we will. It is no longer excusable for us to declare, " this is not natural to me, this is not my disposition, and that is not possible because of my disposition."

When the soul has learned that he can transcend all of these prenatal conditions, all of these conditions of environment, all of the circumstances that have, in fact, ruled humanity in the belief of abject subjection, are passing from the minds of the awakened selfhood of today, and we are learning that we only slaves to that which we are not masters of, and that our only reason for our subjection to limitation of any kind is because we have not learned the mastery and the consciousness of that victor who holds dominion over his domain.

There is no field with which we need to be more familiar than that of the soul's power to induce its own state of consciousness, to order its own thoughts, to be willing to think, to dictate its activities, its words. When the soul can understand that he stands monarch over these subjects, these vehicles, these instruments, these creations which he has created, when the soul realizes that it is possible for him to induce an attitude of mind which transcends any condition that can possibly present itself for his contemplation, that that which will bring the death blow to one soul lifts another soul far beyond its reach in its consciousness, of its imperishable and eternal uplifting; that one soul will cower beneath a burden while another soul will call forth that transcending consciousness that teaches it that it is eternal, that the Divine Selfishness thing in hand, the problem, is a passing event to be worked out soon, that from its consciousness a soul can swing itself ahead, beyond, can stand aloof over the conditions that subject others to fear of perishing, that these conditions are in the passing.

The soul that fears a situation places himself subject to it. The soul that boldly fears it not, that induces a consciousness of fearlessness toward it, that declares that he will make no place in his consciousness for this fear, such a soul completely expels the elements that can relate up to that condition which could produce such fear in another.

The soul that is coming into this victorious consciousness of constructive and ascendent thinking, a soul that realizes that daily he must weed out old habits and establish new and better and more constructive ones, the soul that realizes that all of these implements, all of these customs, all of these habits and expressions of the vehicle of the brain, of this body and environment, are for him to manipulate and to draw out of them the essence of experience that expand him into a consciousness larger than he was before, - the soul that recognizes his relationship to them only as one who is using them but not used by them, only as one who has an attack upon things discordant, upon dark places, and upon inharmonies that will reform them, but who will see to it that if the room is dark he will bring in his light, that if an association is hateful he will bring in his love, that if a soul is ignorant and foolish, he will baptize him with his wisdom, and in that wisdom he will know how to call

forth the corresponding wisdom that is in his command, he will learn to call out love where hatred seemed to be manifesting, he will learn how to call forth from that being the correspondence to his own vibrating keynote.

So if you find conditions unsatisfactory, do not fling out your forces to contend with them, but see to it that back within yourself are the keynotes to which you would have these external things tuned up, see to it that you, within yourself, are in perfect law and order, in perfect harmony, and love and wisdom, see to it that your attitude of mind toward these conditions is as the conqueror who knows his power - in the conquest of that Victorious Consciousness is the laurel won.

It is not for us to externally combat, but it is for us to internally harmonize and blend in perfect order our nature divine - with the infinite nature divine - which is inseparable, but which we must gain the consciousness of, for that which is is to us only in the degree that we become aware of it, only in the degree that we have learned to be conscious of it.

We must be willing to love, because we know that God is Divine Selfishness good, that all is God, and all is lovable; - knowing that wisdom slumbers within us, wisdom that can reveal to us the good in everything, and that it is more of this wisdom that we would consciously and steadfastly strive to unfold - to call forth into expression - to call out into larger volume and manifestation, that it is more of these potential things which abide in us, which we have use for, which the world has need of. This is our work, this is our sacred mission on earth - to call out into larger expression the indwelling potentialities of the individual.

Think for a moment of the Eden on earth which would maintain if each soul were busy with itself, - each soul busy with its environment of highest and noblest manifestation from within; each soul knowing that his duty is with himself, to lift himself up; each soul trusting because he knows that if other souls are seeking to lift themselves, they can wrong no other, - knowing that if the practice is long, is faithful, that power surely will follow. Think upon this, and see to it that your part of the work is well done, see to it that that which you are responsible for shall not fail through your indolence or negligence. See to it that you maintain an even quota of consciousness that perpetually knows itself to be faithful, constant, and loving, - think of yourself as a being too loving and noble to stoop to less than Godly acts.

Service

MANY A SOUL is lonely and neglected because he has never thought of comforting the lonely one, the neglected one.

Many a soul is in poverty, in friendlessness, in disgrace, in unhappiness, because he has failed in his day of joy, of fulfillment, to think of the unhappy one, of the lonely one who might have been blessed by his thought, by his prayer, by his compassion.

Many souls are not blessed with joys because they have not earned them. Others are not blessed with joys because they misused them.

All that we obtain, all that we have is given us that we may pass it on, multiply it many fold, radiate it forth in its blessings to other souls.

We are not beings who are to retain, repress, withhold, but beings who should be as an eternal, flowing river, that a cargo of God's sunshine and blessings may be forever borne forth to the great sea of life beyond us, to the souls who are in darkness, to the souls who are drifting rudderless, to the ships that pass in the shadows.

These blessings which we possess are but potentialities, are but embryonic states of possibilities, are but acorns that give promise of the great, broad, shading power of the oak.

If we forget and clutch to our heart our blessings, if we hide our light beneath the bushel, surely it will be unfed. Surely the ones in darkness will watch and wait and be no more for us.

It is according to our use of our blessings that our blessings increase and renew. It is according to our use of love, to the use we make of the love that is given us, of the blessings that surround us, of the help that is yielded us that we are judged. And if we do not use our powers for good, if we do not open them wide, through a broad channel, to serve or to unfetter. they decrease. and stagnant becomes the water of the pool that docs not flow.

That which would refresh and quench and purify us becomes impure, congested, clogged back by our selfishness. our thoughtlessness, our indolence, be whatever the cause, if we do not see to it that that which is ours belongs to all humanity, that that which comforts us, comforts others, that that which strengthens us and illumines us is for al as well as for us. And until we have learned that if we would know joy we must give joy, until we truly believe that it is in giving and not in

receiving, that it is in serving, not in being served, we find our blessings. Until we learn that the dignity of a servant is equal to the dignity of a monarch, until we realize that their offices are one and the same. The greatest ruler has ever been the greatest servant, and the greater dignity we can conceive for ourselves is that of serving.

Let us accept gratitude only for that which we deserve. and call forth the love, the respect, the confidence, and the trust of others by that integrity and absolute truth of quality which is the positive and irresistible magnet, drawing to us the divine potentialities of every soul that contacts a true exemplar of this life. For if we can call forth **faith**, love, strength and nobility from others by the example of our life, by our worthiness of their faith and trust in us, we have lifted others in sustaining ourselves. Let everyone avoid the habit of craving praise undeserved.

Service renders you eligible to the storehouse of God. where "all that the Father hath is thine." You can enter the Father's mansion only by the consciousness of your services being truly well done. Service cleaves a mighty channel through which the ocean of life may flow, and upon it ever is bound the cargo of God's loving blessings.

Service is the most wonderful healer and revealer that we know, in its practical usefulness, in its irresistible force which overcomes all obstacles and renders subject to it the strength, wisdom and love of God. For these aspects of Divine Mind are essentially servants of God. Love serves, strength serves, wisdom serves. Service is the acme of attainment for the human soul, for the divine soul. For the child of the **Living** God, who has indeed fulfilled his duty well, is upon the right hand of the Father, which is in heaven.

If the complaining soul who sits alone in his corner bemoaning his loneliness, his state in poverty, in friendlessness, in the deprivations of the joys which he covets, which he sees others enjoying: if he, I say could forget his lack in his compassion for the lack of others, if he would turn to the hungry one and strive to feed it with that food which it needs, be it food or raiment or spiritual comfort, if he would busy himself reading to the blind, encouraging the discouraged, carrying flowers to the maimed, if he would turn his energy to noble, spontaneous service to one who needs it, he would break down the walls which shut him out from the paradise of heaven, he would render nil the loneliness, the helplessness, the discouragements of his life, and in swinging himself far out into the deep current of life, with its opportunities to exchange blessings, he would find himself, in that consciousness of unity and cooperation to which he has been so long a stranger.

If the individual who feels lack most deeply and sees no way to bring himself the fulfilment of his life, if he, instead of in complaint, in the spirit of believing that the world owes him relief, comfort or service, if he would but remember that as he gives so he receive: that he must make a channel before there can be a flow through him

toward the fulfillment of his desire: that the being who seeks to serve, establishes within himself a positive and irresistible magnet for the service of others : that the soul who wills to comfort makes of himself a magnet by which he receives comfort from others: that the soul who seeks wisdom, who seeks to know that he may lift others up: that he who seeks to lift himself that he may lift others, shall indeed unite with the powers of the Infinite, which serve him on his holy course toward fulfillment and realization.

Never permit yourself to be thwarted - never believe that when you come to the end of the path fulfilling your own, gratifying your own present desire that it is an end. It is only a beginning of an opportunity to seek expression for another.

Perhaps you have been too long gathering to yourself, or desiring to do so, until you have made a dam instead of a channel through which might flow the blessings that you covet.

The Nobility of Self Reliance

A CHRONIC disease of the race is its submissive belief in the influence and bondage of inheritance, of position and of environment. This disease belongs to the past. to the unthinking, following herd or race belief, but to the present consciously awakening mind it should be given its proper position or relation. Let the being realize that neither position nor condition, pre-natal or inherited, has the power to dictate to him, but that they are material presented for him to reform, to remold, to utilize. They are his stock with which he is equipped to launch forth and manipulate life, and to bring forth that which he wills out of them. Let the soul understand that these factors are privileges and elements in his qualifications or equipment: that in his use of these qualities that have been as the old man of the sea upon the unthinking race may become to him his mounting block, his stepping stone, his flood-gate through which he may pass out into a greater depth and toward a greater, broader field of expression and manifestation.

Let the thought of this lesson be the Nobility of Self-Reliance, the consciousness that, after all, all of these situations we find ourselves in are not to be resigned to, but are to be made use of. We can induce any state of consciousness we will to. It is within our power to induce a state of consciousness which is Master-full Causation, which is creative and constructive, which will bear fruit of its kind. It is possible for us to conceive our ideal of our disposition, our ideal of an individual strong and powerful and victorious and to hold that ideal up before us in the positive and constructive mood, to persist toward it, idealizing it no matter what the situations and experiences around us may be, no matter how the billows may surge at the foot of this great rock, the rock of **faith** in ourselves and of determination to master and to mould our destiny. Let us have the to induce a state of consciousness that is greater than effects, greater than appearances, greater than the seeming obstacles which may stand forth as a blank wall before us, yet which are so moulded and penetrated through by our convictions and faith that we can do and will do this: we will discover the way, the truth, and the light, we will arouse and call into full expression the masterful wisdom that will discover the way, that will win and will triumph.

"What is this before me and how shall I handle it? How shall I transmute it into a stepping stone, a mounting block by which I may ascend to greater heights?" This thought should be uppermost in the mind of the individual rather than, "What have I to meet and what it do to me?" It is not well to ask of the nature of the situation so much as it is for us to remind ourselves of our nature toward any and all situations. We can go forth in this state of consciousness, meeting each situation with that joyous, exhilarated consciousness of faith in our innermost power, faith in our love and patience, faith in our wisdom and knowledge, faith in our strength, faith in our Divine Nature, faith in our consciousness that all things are possible to him who believeth, and knowing, that it is possible for us to induce whatever degree of belief we feel to be essential for the occasion. This practice, this **living** life scientifically, masterfully, with **discrimination** and with expectant enthusiasm, yields back to the

living the fruits of its kind, which are joyous and satisfactory, which are entirely shorn of the disappointment and inconveniences that come continually to the mind that is out in the realm of effects, that is living among conditions and appearances, that is mixed up with life instead of standing over it, consciously realizing that we are amid it to use it, to manipulate it, to direct it, to follow, to express through it. It is how we live that is accomplishing. It is not that which is about us that is of consequence. If, however, we first seek the Kingdom of Heaven all else will be added unto us. The Law of Correspondence is, indeed, an immutable law. And if we will, at the heart, at the center of Causation, at the seat of induction of power, induce the quality of mind which is creative and constructive and discriminating, if we will, at the center of our being, maintain the poised equilibrium of a wise one, a child of the Living God, a child who knows its lowly state of power is mighty, if we maintain the privileged consciousness of these qualifications which are indeed ours, we then are causes, we then are producing causes which, far out, will relate up to effects, will produce effects that will harmonize with, be at-one with, correspond to, the qualities which we induce within.

You are taught that it is to know thyself, to be thyself, to rely upon these latent powers that are within, waiting to be called forth into usefulness, that it is the consciousness of our potentialities that helps us to move forward to the manifestation of our potentialities . It is by recognizing this that we can move steadily onward, forward, and upward to the goal of fulfilled possibilities.

Path of Progress

I HAVE heretofore referred to a ship under way on the ocean, moving forward and dragging with it its back waters and support. If the wheel was checked for a moment, it would nevertheless be drawn on by the momentum of its own habits, it would be thrown into action and motion by its own law, its own force. But if the wheel would be reversed and turned backward, an onlooker, an observer of this strain and the action of the ship would feel that there was much more against forcing it backward rather than forward: he would observe that to change the course would be difficult, and would always call forth a special energy. A pent up, dammed up force must be called to the rescue of a being who has resolved to change his ways, to change his mind, his habits and actions. All of these temptations and conditions that follow on the trail of a certain course and habit, come on to overcome and crush and force and urge him to the old course. But he knows, when he stops to think a moment, that they are short-lived. He must hold on to his resolution. Hold fast to his ideals. Keep his mind on the upward course. Forget the resistance. He does not need to bother to resist it. He can simply say, "I live onward and forward; this way I have chosen, and I will." And while he is saying this, and while he is persisting in this, talking nothing about resistance, talking nothing about the many things that may come up to make it hard for him to do it, just now he is doing it; he is not talking about it, not trying to get up the courage for it, HE IS IT, and about the time he feels that the strain is about all he can bear he will find it has subsided. He will find it much more profitable to live the course of his own choice than to follow the course of least resistance. It is far easier to harvest from the seeds he has chosen to sow than to take something he thinks he is not responsible for, does not want but will have had forced upon him. He will find that [living](#) right or living in the light he has, soon becomes perpetual joy, delight, expectation, anticipation and ultimate bliss to him. Living the life of least resistance never gave him an hour of security or contentment.

Take right here and now the resolution toward the higher and truer, with the mental tenacity and persistence that will carry you over the first resistance. That time over with, life brings in a new joy. At once self-respect and self-confidence begin to increase, hope and expectation begin to arise, mists begin to fade before the sun of your own real and life becomes a joy never known before.

Inducing Harmony

THE PUPIL who is studying and experimenting with life's forces cannot be too often reminded of his responsibility in the use of this power he possesses, to induce whatever attitude of mind he chooses to induce. He is no longer excusable (as in the past) for finding himself in a plight of mind possessed with fear, and doubt of self, doubt of ability, and hopelessness; for, he has learned today, that it is not necessary to remain in any such mental state. That it is his responsibility to re-adjust this state of mind, and to induce in its stead, a fearless, courageous, strong, noble masterful attitude. It is an obligation that has not evolved dependence upon the circumstances environing the course or the individual. It is his duty to maintain an attitude of mind such as is worthy and becoming a child of the **living** God, an heir to the kingdom of heaven. One who realizes that within him dwells the potentialities of wisdom and of mastery, realizes it is unbecoming, indeed, to a conqueror, a mighty monarch, to stoop to subjection, to fears of shadows, to doubt of his potential powers; and that it is in the degree that he recognizes his own powers, believes in his own wisdom and strength and love and **faith**, that he lifts himself upward to that place, where, his **discrimination** becomes as oil upon troubled waters, and where he has need of that individual, personal, discriminating Will, which is as the energy that sustains and propels this intelligence thru manifestation after manifestation. The fascination of living life, consciously selecting the experiences to be had, selecting our attitude of mind toward the experiences that befall, gives to life quite an entirely different aspect than the existence of subjection, obedience and resignation which the race has been taught in the past. The habits that come from the past of resignation, acceptance, and endurance of unsatisfactory situations do not belong to this race. A mighty wave of reformation is the bridge between the experiences of the past and those of the future.

There is a struggle to reform, to re-adjust which, quite naturally, is a direct dealing with effects. This is the main issue which we are striving to help you to get away from. The reform of Effects is a very excellent practice, qualified though it is, but the dealing with Causes is the direct, the perfect course which we strive to teach you the importance of. He who finds in himself the necessity of meeting the unsatisfactory harvest, (but never-the-less the fruits of past sowing) may begin to attempt to reform this harvest, to appease it, to meet it in a spirit of Effort and Will, to bear it courageously, to overcome it by transmuting it into a more desirable condition. This is an excellent practice. Still, back of this thought and deeper than this thought, we would like to imbed in the consciousness of every individual that as he meets harvests he cares not to meet again it is well for him (at each contact and observation) to resolve for himself upon the different nature of the harvest to follow. That the Causes he is now going to set in motion, be of a nature which he consciously chooses. For it is true, that the Infinite Being has installed a part of its whole consciousness in every finite being. That every aspect of Divine Mind is perpetuated thru the Infinite MIND. That all of the Infinite Mind, wisdom, love, faith and power are also embryonic realities in the consciousness (though slumbering) of the finite individual. This being true, it is essential for the finite being to remember

that his resources are from the Infinite; limitless, boundless: all that he can use, all that he can have need of is his to draw upon. Yet they could, for eternity, exist without use to him, if he recognizes them not. As experiences you are seeing revealed in your modern inventions and conveniences, (that are coming to your earth borders today) have slumbered in the universe. Yet until one mind acknowledged, recognized and played with an effort to utilize them, the whole race endured without them. So, In the power of the individual, in meeting the problems of his life. he has struggled on. floated along, endured, resigned: experienced experiences; not necessarily potential, not actually necessary, except as results of Causes set in motion. Since he did not select with discrimination his course. the seeds he sowed for this harvest he must reap. Since he did not arouse from within the awareness or the remembrance of his Divine Nature and power, he floated forward like one helpless upon the current, accenting. enduring in a most un-godlike manner conditions which, by one recognizing thought. could be as if they were not. Existing experiences which deceived him into abject obedience could be as mist before the sun dissolved away, if the reigning consciousness would realize and assert its power. So with the circumstances that life is continually presenting to the individual evolving soul, this soul can stand upon his rock of eternal ages declaring himself unto the end. He can meet with circumstances: he can see this great current passing at his feet. He can discern, he can study it, he can manipulate it, he can direct it into eddying currents, into cataracts. He is the manipulator of this life which he is portioned in, whose portion is in his hand. He can stand as the monarch above, and rule at least HIS relation to these conditions, and this is the mission of the individual soul! This discriminating wisdom (as I have said) Is as oil to the great machinery of evolution.

We have need, much need Indeed, of the inducing of that Will, which is the energizer, the sustaining and compelling force that directs our discriminating mind when it chooses a course. when it discerns the best. To sustain it by Will and persistence on the fulfilment, on the result, on the harvest thereof. If the individual would meditate upon his life's light. the conditions that are un-ideal and the conditions that are ideal to be attained, and then, if he would remember that it lies within his power to induce as much of Will. as much of perseverance and persistence. as much of enthusiasm that is irresistible, that vitalizes where it touches: and if he would remember that it lies within his power to command so great a flood of this over-powering and irresistible and sweeping energy of Will, he will have become at-one with this power.

A very valuable exercise which we wish to point out to you is that of remembering your power to induce the quality of mind, the attitude of mind, creative and constructive, to what degree your ideal of it is. It is possible that, if you can conceive it, you can born it into form, into manifestation. If your wildest **imagination** can conceive of an ideal far beyond any possibility, it is evident to you, to us, that you have within you the potentialities to relate up to that combination which can produce the essence, the actual spirit of the thing conceived. Remember, too. that humanity is imbedded and entangled in a conglomerate confusion of symbols and realities, of letter and spirit, of cause and effect. of many combinations. which they with distorted minds frequently confound. But, it is never-the-less possible for the

earnest, honest seeker after truth and light to find his key note within his own needs: to ask for light upon the path: to feel his way: and with consistency (perhaps unknown to him before) comes a glimpse of vision revealing to him possibilities, possibilities which present to him a powerful magnet, an ideal that is upon a pedestal perhaps, yet magnetic powerful and potent. powerful enough to draw it to him, IF, with persistent Will and steadfastness of purpose he keeps remembering his confession of it: remembering that he is carrying a sacred embryonic possibility, wherewith to work, and that if be true to his charge, if HE be faithful to his ideals, if HE be faithful to his parental obligation, to this fruit which is to ripen, he can carry to fulfilment, more beautiful, more perfect, more exactly harmonious, than his first conception.

So, if the individual will work more upon conceiving and holding sacred this period of carrying to birth the conceptions, the ideals; if he will permit himself less frequently to conceive and then to abort, to conceive and then to resist results; to sow and then to hope to avoid the reaping: if he can live his life creatively, constructively, harmoniously with these sequences, accepted as ideals; if he will attune himself to the law of Evolution. to these greater harmonics of life, which are the perfect harmonizers, rejoice thru the season of conception, of tilling, of reaping: if the soul can realize the sacredness of the trust that is within his hands, and apply it in that reverential practice that helps him to that at-one-ment, indeed, with his source: if the being can recognize in life the mighty privilege, the great joy of living: WILL induce this attitude of mind toward life and circumstances. That is a transcending attitude that is perpetually declaring, "None of these things move me: out of all will my good come; I will be the herald of great good, good will and peace on earth; I am looking for love, for truth, for power, for harmony; I am seeking after righteousness; I know that all will be granted if I be faithful to my trust in maintaining the attitude of mind that is a magnet drawing harmony, drawing order, drawing link upon link, precept upon precept in perfect unity, placing the mosaic in order that the whole shall be revealed unto me." This attitude, the transcending attitude of the triumphant consciousness is one which IS possible to all life in degree wherever they find themselves upon the ladder. It is possible for them to fling themselves out beyond, above the confusion and fears of the moment, as we have seen great generals upon the field of battles lift their hearts transcendentally above the havoc and din of apparent defeat and declare "It shall not be, victory right, victory is just, and it must live and manifest." This is the attitude of mind which can carry the individual thru his battles of life to harbors of peace. This is the attitude of mind maintained thru the greatest chaos and confusion and experiences which we need more when the path looks darkest: which we need more when blockades and confusion are most apparent.

It is at that time consecrating faith is so essential to the finite mind who is unqualified to grasp the Infinite gleam of comprehension of the situation. Therefore consecrating trust and faith that transcends, is essential to the individual, in matters of health: in matters of discord of any kind; in matters of any problem that come to the attention of him. There is this possibility yielded to him, of lifting himself into that transcending state of faith and exhilaration, of faith and trust and enthusiasm which vitalizes others, which brings into vibration all of the accompaniments necessary to

carry order into effect out of chaos. It is possible for the individual to Induce, to so and generate an attitude of mind that transcends the details surrounding him: that lifts? himself into that ecstasy of faith, of strength, of courage that will see no shadow: that will feel no fear: that will know no lack of love: that will stand triumphant and victorious. now and forever. It is possible for the individual to carry himself to this state where the baptism of which, is to him a consciousness that abides wherever he wanders from the path. In times after he will think and recall that atonement with perfect faith, love and strength: and quickly will he rally back to the central place of the Most High: and quickly will he find that he is able to fling open the flood-gates and again bask in the potential forces of faith, love and strength. The individual has found the key to mastery. of triumph, when he has learned that when discord is aggressive, when shadows oppress and blind, that when these conditions that disturb him. seem to him to be predominating, to override or disturb him: he will carry himself into the "Secret place of the Most High" and begin with an energy direct, to induce this over-riding attitude of mind; this superceding and transcending attitude of mind to which nothing can approach; nothing can undermine; therefore, no condition, no objective appearance can he cowed (because it is above it all, because it is eternal and real). While these seeming things are given their just proportion, and the soul (who has clarified himself by these flights into the Absolute) who frequently practices this, carries himself to such a place that at the very approach of discord he dips into harmony, at the very approach of weakness he dips into strength and again fortifies himself to turn back over these fields and order them into harmony; and he finds his predominating Will. he finds his illuminated, discriminating consciousness able to stand as a monarch upon his throne and ruling his kingdom as never before, because he has grown equipped by practice by an alliance with the force of his being (wisdom, truth, love, faith and power).

Discrimination

The major jewel in the crown of wisdom is discrimination. All possess wisdom to a greater or lesser degree; all have access to the boundless resources of love, truth and strength. Yet it is through discrimination that we find the means to utilize constructively, these wonderful aspects of divine mind.

Who has not used his strength indiscriminately, or truth carelessly, or love indulgently, and then, in cowardice failed to use the **faith** he should have induced? Who has deeply contemplated the importance of developing discrimination to any great degree? Yet it is essential that we know how to unfold, use and direct the great possibilities - to express them symmetrically and perfectly.

We must know that the selfish, grasping individual is many times weakened by an indiscriminate love, a baseless faith or a wilful determination to express love indulgently, or truth hampered by conditional use.

The being who realizes that these sacred possessions of his nature are a charge for which he is responsible; that he can let them slumber in his depth for time indefinite, or call forth the love of his nature to express its atonement with the creator, knows when to open the flood gates of his strength and sweep away all obstacles.

Such an one, through practicing discrimination, learns when not to fail with his love; when to serve another with what he needs at that time in his evolution. One who has learned the value of that jewel - -discrimination - has also learned the lesson of consistency, learned to construct symmetrically, build on the rock eternal. The individual who knows how to broaden his mind with his faith, his base with his love, his strength with his wisdom, has learned a mighty lesson and what he acquires dwells with his soul.

We find beings enmeshed in love which they have not sustained with their wisdom. They misrepresent, stoop to unprincipled acts in an attempt to shield those they think they love. Yet this is not a wholesome love, for love is inseparable from and courage. It never stoops to subterfuge, to fear or to pretense, or anything based upon less than the highest principles.

The wise one knows that he cannot afford to express his nature through channels less than true, tried and loving.

The one who believes that he is loving when he indulges other souls in their weakness, is unworthy and faithless to the degree that he lacks the strength to refuse or to act.

One who is capable of carrying to sublime heights, a great ideal without discrimination, is also capable of destroying a great deal. He can use love to shield his unworthiness, to gratify the ignoble cravings of self or another.

When love of self or of another becomes limited by prejudice or partiality, when it becomes less than a principle, it is that quality, which when perverted, destroys as truly as it created when the attitude was constructive.

The fire which can warm the suffering one can also burn that one. the light which gives sight to the blind, can also blind its seer.

The being who knows the love which never faileth, and with discrimination constructs, inspires and exhorts other souls to heights, stands as an example of good.

Set high the ideals. Live lives of [service](#) and hold to the consciousness that the keynote of this philosophy is CAUSE. The law, immutable and absolutely just, demands perfect causation if one would have perfect results, perfect seeds sown to reap a perfect harvest.

I again declare it is impossible for a soul to be reaping results which have not been caused, and only he who has caused can reap.

If the energy spent in rebellion against the inevitable law of being were spent in the development of discrimination and the expression of one's true nature, if the search for wisdom, love and strength were ardently pursued, the soul who was rebellious, would find this his hour of thanksgiving and praise.

So to him who is on the path seeking the light, seeking the qualities and the expression of his divine nature, I would say, "Abide, be patient and develop your power of discrimination that you may see cause and effect in their true relation." Believe, O Soul, that it is true that he who has never missed an opportunity to bless, to serve, to give, will not suffer a disappointment when his needs arise, for those who have the privilege of serving him will give blessings and pleasures joyfully, for they have been earned.

If in a time of trial you see about you those you feel might lend aid, yet they refuse, look back in your own heart for the cause instead of believing the fault to be theirs. Perhaps you have not set in motion a cause which should bring help from this hand. Perhaps you sowed tares instead of wheat. You may have neglected others; and today, when you seek favors you are neglected. They were not caused, so they cannot be reaped.

A being has a small consciousness if he cannot see that if he be lifted up he will lift others; that in serving others he serves himself, and that the joy of giving equals the joy of getting.

The law is just, consistent and no respecter of persons. Unfortunate is he who does not know that life is conditioned in motion and that action is the law of his nature - inaction death.

Every moment he is to serve or be served. No opportunity is to be lost or ignored. The individual who has not discovered that perfect justice - the Golden Rule (doing unto others as he would be done by) - is poor indeed, for it is the safest, sanest principle of symmetrical growth.

One whose ongoing is impersonal, joys in the joy of others, and serves every needy being with that wise discrimination which indulges not weakness, but induces strength, courage and self reliance. Giving perhaps of his inspiration, which is more than material aid, money or bread. If alms be asked of such a soul, he turns within and calls into activity the attributes of his divine mind. Then he makes no mis take as to what kind of help should be given. His life is indeed a Glory to God in the Highest.

Each soul should seek to find the deep joy that comes from wise, true service. One should not act because it seems inevitable, or he is too weak to resist the demand, or is too untrue to himself to stand for principle, but because he was created in the image of God, having the wisdom, power and love of a God, he knows what to do what to say. what to be to those in need. He is all things to all men through his quick intuition, which is the rightful inheritance of a child of God.

Divine Love

Love of the Divine, or that sacred part of man that helps to lift him out of the mesh of life into a realization of idealism of something to work toward, of something to fulfill - an ideal of life that helps him to cherish all that he could hope to maintain in the highest moments of his consciousness; that part of man that lifts him up and out of chaos, out of discord into harmony, out of the surrounding turmoil of life into a clearer conception and realization of being.

It is because of this great Divine Love that man is able to think of others, is able to know that there is something greater than the mere idea of self- advancement. It is because of Divine Love that humanity has been able to progress, to go onward, forward and upward; because of Divine Love that man has not remained an animal, has not remained in the lowest degree of his mentality. Divine Love! That Great Something that assists him to know these other human beings that are going on with him and working toward this great goal of perfection.

To attain to this great position of at-one-ment, Divine Love is one of the greatest stepping stones. It enables us to forget the petty self, it enables us to expand idealism and ideas and become tolerant and learn all of the other attributes of Divine Mind - that great reality which exists for all of us within ourselves. In explaining these various phases of Divine Mind, we must never for a moment lose track of the fact that each and every one of us is the center of the universe unto himself. Think of it! That does not mean that he should seek far out from himself and work back toward himself, but it does mean that he is indeed the center and from this great center within himself he works out into manifestation to a realization of life in its greatest fulfillment. Life everlasting! Life in all its phases! Life to us in its fullest meaning now, here and now - not some day in the future, not as it apparently has been in the past, but now! Because we are capable of becoming Gods, because potentially we are Gods within ourselves even as the seed for the plant, because this is true, then are we able to give forth from within us this Divine Being, this Divine Self, which is indeed Divine Love, and come out into manifestation that others might recognize and know that they too can do the same, and as many are willing to bring forth their divine natures into the outer manifestation, then do they recognize that life has a greater and fuller meaning, a meaning that lifts us out of the ordinary turmoil, that assists us to understand the acts of others, that assists them to understand their wishes and needs, that we might help. that we might help them to assist themselves out of this chaos and turmoil into a position where they can rule their lives, not with arrogance, not with these different attributes that people feel are control, but rule with Divine Love and Wisdom and Understanding - all of these complete.

We have within ourselves the ability to fulfill from our own center outward. We are all parts of the One Whole, yet individual parts. and each one must fulfill the law unto himself. each one must recognize that he cannot expect to go into greater progression in the path of another. he must find his own approach.

Therefore, as we look out and see life as a great prism, we know that it is necessary that we look at it from that angle at that moment and so we learn our lesson. Then do we see other sides of the prism as phases that give us more understanding of life about us. God cannot manifest except through beings. his higher phases. He cannot manifest unless He has that which He must use as a channel for his own expression, and you and I and all of those about you are phases of this great God-head in manifestation, but it is within us, we are the ones who must fulfill, we are the ones who must carry out our own part of the plan.

If we fail we can recognize and know that the chain is only as strong as its weakest link and we must not be weak, we must bring ourselves up, we must recognize the fact that it matters not what another does, that it can in no way affect us only as we permit it to do so.

We must fulfill through our own individual being. We must see life through our own mentalities, we must fulfill, and the plan cannot be complete until even the least of these has been fulfilled. Therefore, if we were to add to our fulfilment Divine love, that love that always includes and never excludes, Divine Love, that love that surrounds us continuously and protects us, we can go far, we can go by leaps and bounds if we have the courage and the strength to do so. If we will think and look about us and know that others have done it and if others can do it, then we too can do so.

Think of all the possibilities that we individually possess, know that we are creators, that we can do these things, that we have no need to limit ourselves, that we have a wand within our hands that we can pass over that which means nothing and turn it into that which means much. We can do this; we have the ability. Then why do we not use it? Why do we sit down and drift with the tide? Where is our courage? Where is our strength? Are we mentally lazy or are we willing to step forth and use all the energy that we possess that we might bring out more and more? As our channel opens it becomes wider and wider and a greater flow will come forth if we will but open the flood gates of ignorance and permit the flow to come through.

We have for a long time caused our brains to be obstructed. The brain is the bridge over which the life flows into outer manifestation through us. We should ever keep that bridge unobstructed by not having thoughts that grow into great barriers because we have not watched them, because we have given to them power until they grow so large it takes much to dislodge them.

Our lives seem to be chaotic. seem to be lacking in system, seem to be difficult for us to control and direct. Remember the sayings that we have given to you before. Learn to direct yourselves as you would direct a package when you express it to another. learn to direct yourself when you express yourself to another. And learn that through your expression, release and proper direction. do you fulfill the law of life. that great immutable law of cause and effect. It is in expression that all need to direct themselves.

Remember expression does not mean suppression, does not mean a lack of control, does not mean an inspected thought or idea or one that has been partially thought and suppressed because of fear lest it might not fulfill the highest ideal, but it does mean a proper thought before it is put into words to be expressed properly. And each and every one of you have been told many times that you are the master over your own domains, you are the rulers and because of such you should remain upon your thrones and direct life and not permit life to direct you.

Ruling Our Kingdom

THE subject of our lesson will be "Ruling Our Kingdom." The race has been so heedless, so thoughtless of causes heretofore, and so psychologized and allabsorbed in effects, that it has not stopped to contemplate the cause of conditions as it finds them. The individual does not realize why he is where he is: why affairs and effects are what they are around his life. He docs not take into consideration that he is the cause, that he must be the cause that is related up to the effects that keep coming forth for him to encounter, for him to master. The conditions of every life are set by the register of the choice, and the relation of that mind to those conditions.

You will find some human beings going along on the path of life and losing that which they have once had, and at once they will say, "I am helpless; my hands are empty; I must make a new beginning. Where shall I begin?" One disposition, one mind will say, "I shall begin digging or gleaning or toiling with the hands": on the planes of physical application purely. Another will say, "I will begin in the mental realm, I will seek a position of mental character." Another will say, "I will mediate; I link up; I will find a way; I will find relations. I aspire, and aim at something beyond my present capacity or power to use; yet that is my aim, that my goal. I am letting appearances, seeming things, or environment or circumstances decide what I am to attain, but I will let my desires and **faith** relate me up to it. I will let my aspirations, my disposition, my preferences relate me up to their fulfilment, instead of letting objective environment and circumstances as I find them dictate to me what my environment shall be."

We find some of these beings so highly vitalized that they will quickly relate up again, sometimes not as high. sometimes to conditions much higher than those which they had been related up to before and had lost. We find other beings, immediately when early crutches of circumstances and provision are taken from them falling to a much lower level.

Where some people unconsciously set in motion causes, the results of which they must meet, others consciously do these things; and the initial step in the teaching of metaphysics is to bring people into the conscious realization that it is within their power to relate themselves up to that which they wish to be.

You will find the nature of these beings which we have been describing registers upon different planes. To some it would be natural, if they were helpless, as you would say, empty-handed, to turn to a circle of associates, to comrades, to friends upon the higher mental plane for advice. It would be the disposition of others to go to their friends and ask for manual labor, for material openings. It would be the disposition of others to go to God, to go to the Inspirational source for their guidance, for their leading. You will find it is within the individual, and that the individual acts according to his evolution. Wherever he stands on the rungs of the ladder of evolution, wherever he finds his consciousness registering, from that point

he can leap no chasms, but from the point where he stands he can relate himself up to that which is in accordance to the thing which is related to his state of consciousness.

The being who has evolved in consciousness and who belongs upon either the mental, spiritual, artistic or intellectual plane, necessarily links up to it, and let come what will, he will mentally hold himself related to that which he recognizes as his own. He who has no recognition of where he is or what he is, will take suggestions from others. He will hear one say to him, "Go and employ yourself there; seek employment of a lower or higher plane," and he is led negatively to that point, because a stronger consciousness, a more positive suggestion is made than his own suggestion to himself. But in this lesson upon the ruling of our kingdom, we emphatically impress upon the individual the necessity of knowing himself more than the race as individuals have attempted to know themselves. We feel the great importance of every being turning the eye within, looking into his consciousness and saying to himself, "What am I? Who am I? How am I expressing? What would I be had I no friends, had I no provision, had I no home, had I none of this which I am environed by? What would I be, shorn of all, standing apart? Then where would I aim? What then would be my faith in myself? What then would I think I could do? What then would I believe myself capable of? Where would I turn? What would I do?"

This facing ourselves up is most profitable. Sometimes we find our weakness and strengthen it. Sometimes we find our great strength and encourage it. Sometimes we fling ourselves against effects which are our trials and tests, our actual measurement.

The human beings who can so train themselves to look into and analyze carefully and impartially their own disposition and habits (those attributes of their divine nature) to see how many of these attributes are called into activity, and are functioning, are expressing through the daily habit of faith, the daily [living](#). The being who knows himself can trust himself; but he who has never contemplated himself, in his plane of consciousness, never rests; he falters, he is uncertain, he is insecure at all points; and he feels that insecurity.

There is nothing more strengthening than the knowing of one's self, even if you know your weaknesses. If you know yourselves - and knowing yourselves; you must necessarily know your nature is Divine - you must know that if you are not expressing great strength and great wisdom and love, these attributes are latent in you. If you know yourself you know that each is to be expressed. You know you are evolved from less to greater expression; that you are yet to have these attributes in manifestation which are not yet manifesting. And knowing yourself calls you into a conscious at-one-ment with that higher self; it relates you at once to that impelling urge from within, which moves out into expression. For life is conditioned in motion. Nature is demanding evolution for its expression and manifestation; and if you heed yourself, if you will know yourself, if you listen to your inner voice, you will find that eternal urge out to a greater mastery, to greater love, wisdom and strength, to the fulfilment of all the attributes which belong to each and every one created in the

image and likened of the Infinite One. Each and every one in recognizing, in contemplating this source of his being, in contemplating the latent possibilities indwelling, will find himself strengthened, find himself becoming more and more qualified to hold dominion over his kingdom. He will find himself consciously deliberating, with **discrimination** and intelligence, selecting for himself that which he wills to be, that which he wills to master, that environment in which he wishes to live; the associates, the beings which he wishes to co-operate with. And with that conscious kingship, with that conscious mastery over environment he will grow to include a greater and greater kingdom, extending his dominion broader and farther than before.

Ruling Our Kingdom. Continued

We emphasize that the words of the Great Master who stated you were to hold dominion over all things, "over every creeping thing, over the fowl of the air, the fish of the sea" - over all things you are to hold dominion - are ultimately true. The consciousness of manhood (the finite in its recognition of its infinite depths), the finite evolving to at-one-ment, is gaining that dominion. Surely, certainly, he is gaining it; and he is gaining that dominion by love - not by slaughter, not by force, not by coercion, but by love.

The greater is including the lesser, the positive is ruling the negative. The larger consciousness prevails, impels, guides and controls the lesser consciousness. As we have said before, everybody is made up of myriads of little entities, each functioning in its own way, doing its own work. You are a **living**, conscious entity, holding dominion over this kingdom which you have gathered out of the elements of the universe for your use. It is this instrument you are expressing with, which you use to manifest with, and which you have created in your image and likeness. In truth, these expressions in all their deficiencies are emblematic of your lack of expression of your possibilities. They are manifestations of your expression in degree as you have expressed.

As you come into the greater consciousness of your power, you will govern every entity, because you, the positive, have greater positiveness than the negative entities within you. As you come into consciousness of your power you will rule every atom, you will govern every part of your environment, of your instrument, of the temple of the Living God; you will be master, you will reign supreme. You will indeed hold dominion over all things. in co-operation, in that at-one-ment with God, as you come into consciousness of your divine nature, of your supremacy (through your at-one-ment with God), of the truth of the statement that you are heirs to the kingdom. As you come into this consciousness you can stand forth and declare, "I am the center of the whole universe to myself," while here by your side another entity, conscious in its own place, positive in its own consciousness, can stand and declare, "I am the center of the whole universe to myself." And from this center it can radiate; the emanations of spiritual wisdom, of love, of strength, of power will radiate uninterruptedly.

So in that consciousness that each individual must from his center work out, must realize the kingdom of heaven is within, each consciousness comes into the realization that he is unfurling his scroll, that he is manifesting from the depths all of these attributes which are latent and are to be expressed. That he is concerning himself with himself, that he is working from within outward and realizing that, "If I myself be lifted up, I lift all unto me."

Think of this great truth.

If every consciousness in a great city would turn its mind within, would reflect, would strive to express its best, its highest, its noblest, its ideal of nobility; if it would strive to express what it feels to be its ideal of itself - should you need teachers, should you need laws, should you need these conditions which you have of suppression, of coercion over the city?

No; it is not this that is the necessity of this town. It is education. It is the educating of the individual. It is in appealing to the individual. It is not in making him do things because you think it right for him to do them and because he thinks it right for him to do them, believing that he does wrong knowingly. It is not this, but it is the lifted-up life, it is the lifted-up example, it is winning by this pervading, resistless, irresistible force of consciousness, of seeing the absolute possibilities in everyone and having faith in those possibilities. It is in seeing in every being that he has not yet manifested what he is capable of, and calling forth this manifestation by your faith in him, by your expectation of him to express these powers, by assisting him, by encouraging him, by manifesting your trust in him, by leaving to his honor, by leaving to him the choice of acting when he is ready to act.

I declare that this educational system is the only means by which to overcome the need of these restraints, these penitentiaries, these places of suppression, where the astral or psychological atmosphere is generating and generating so strongly. Where two or more are gathered together in His name, the Divine Name, strength and power, there will He be also, manifesting good; and where numerous ones are gathered together in the thought of iniquity, in the thought of rebellion and resentment at domination, can you not see the negative ride of the great positive possibilities, through which is generated a resisting force, damaging and disintegrating and destructive, of thought which becomes perverted? If it was uplifted, it would evolve by love; if it was led and directed by suggestion or by example it would lift them into the constructive type of mind which would build them into the enlarged joy and love of true individuals. And they should be led out and led forth into the consciousness that virtue is its own reward, that the path to heaven is the broad and boundless path, not the straight and narrow path.

So many human beings have thought that the path to highest realization is the path of restraint, of limitation. It is not true. The path on which an archangel ascends and lives is the boundless path of freedom that comes from following the inspiration of his own nature, which is Divine. And from the lowest to the highest, the soul that follows his inspiration in his ideal of himself is safe. It is our wish to tempt human beings in to contemplating and emulating their ideal of themselves. It is not our ideal of them that matters, but we would urge them to be their ideal of themselves. What they would like you to believe they were, what they would pretend they were if they could convince you, though there is ever so little manifested yet. Even this is evidence that human nature is Divine, that the nature of every being is constructive, is beautiful; within it, at the depths of the source of its being, it is creative. Even this is evidence: the thief prefers that you believe him to be an honest man, the falsifier prefers you to believe an honest man; people pretend to be something better than they are yet able to manifest.

And they are flattered and work better when you believe them more brilliant, more prosperous, more successful in ruling their kingdom than they are. They like people to believe they are greater than they have yet manifested, because something in their very nature declares, "That is what I ought to be; and I want your help, I want your confidence and want you to believe I am, and it helps me in striving to come up to the standard." We can get inspiration from others. We have proved it so many, many times in personal talks to individuals. I have talked to them one year, another year, years later, and I have seen the seeds take root. I have said to beings, "I find it in you, I declare it to you, and I see your possibilities. No one else believed it, you have not thought of it yourself, but I know you are capable of this thing, I see you love to be this thing, and I know if you strive for it, aim at it, keep it underlying in your consciousness as your purpose, you will attain it." And then I have talked with the m a year later and I have seen they have made strides and attained although everybody else discouraged it. They have made headway, and greater headway was yet to be made, and mastery would be attained upon this plane or upon this condition or that condition. I have seen the germ, the seed planted, of my faith in them, which bore them out, sustained them; was their crutch until they could stand alone, walk alone, until they could alone; until they could leave far behind them the fetters so heavy, the burdens so great, mastering them. They did not call forth their possibilities until they found someone whose faith in their nature was strong enough, more positive than theirs.

And so I say to you, when you love and when you register - when you cultivate the habit of seeking the divine in every respect, every condition; of believing that every situation is as you find it as the result of causes set into motion, then you see it is as good as can be according to the opportunity. If it knew better it would do better. Do you think, any one of you, if you knew the penalty was here before you for committing an ignorant act or error, do you think you would choose that penalty for the passing gratification the error could give you? For it would be cured by the consciousness that the penalty so closely followed. But it is the blindness, it is the vagueness, the slumbering of your consciousness that makes the thing close to you, the objective, manifested thing, a stronger tempter than the ideal thing that vaguely promises beyond the thing you have been functioning in, and identifying yourself with. The things about you, the objects of your environment, appeal to you more than the ethical suggestions, the spiritual promises, the ideals, the thoughts granted you by teachers. These things are vague to you because you are not functioning on that plane, you are not identifying yourself with them; you do not live your daily life back in the causes, but live down in effects. You love, measure, and esteem but your environment.

You take two souls, such as a great financier, one of your typical masters of the financial world, and take one poverty stricken soul; and when death comes, both are helpless. And you say of the one, "He was a great man," and you say the other was a man of poverty consciousness. Yet in that moment you feel that they are equals. But are they? Has that simple circumstance of the passing on to another plane changed them at all, except that the larger range of the consciousness of one may say, "I have mastered many things, I will try to master this," and may lift his consciousness in the sphere above by the thought, "I am master; I have been

master and I will continue to be.” The other may leave his consciousness where he left it. helpless, dependent, doubting himself, wedded to circumstances, to little effects that seem to him so great, of carrying him from one duty to another duty, from one scene to another scene.

I find you thus in your walk of life.

These objective circumstances do not measure you as a man. Many a soul that has striven for a higher plane of manifestation is a far greater conqueror, though perishing, than another life lived upon props from others, obtained without effort, though one is getting glory and recognition because the external manifestation appears so to you. It is because you are living in effects: you permit yourself to live on and on in effects, when you know better. for you are a quickening race. Today you do not believe that might is right above principle. Today the race is living to a degree beneath its own beliefs. beneath its own faith. It is suffering more than ever before. joying more than it ever joyed before; it is more intense. The pendulum can swing farther either way than ever before. because consciousness is larger, is more inclusive. it is mightier than ever before.

So we emphasize. again and again. that you do register causes and that you produce the effects that correspond to them.

Fundamental Principles of Human Life and of Living

WITHOUT attempting to discuss the evolutionary processes through which the human Ego has passed in its journey from states of least consciousness, on up to the seeming miracle of self-consciousness which lifts it above and distinguishes it from the lower forms of animal life, let us proceed to consider man upon the plane of his present state of being, as a sentient, self-conscious entity possessing latent within him all the God-like attributes of the AllGood. Of a being possessing a body, mind and soul, a perfect vehicle through which can and may be expressed the Divine Will. A being made in the image and likeness of Divinity, a child of the living God, a center of conscious life, of thought and of will. Possessing all the potentialities of unfoldment of these attributes unto the highest. A being projected forth to express the Divine Will in its myriad forms; walking in the "light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world," bringing with it the splendid inheritance of all past experiences with the ever present urge of unfolding consciousness welling up from the center of being, possessing a mind out of which proceeds powers of discernment, reason and judgment. The mastery of this mighty instrument of thought is the key to life.

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he"

This being true, thought measures the progress of the Ego on its eternal journey toward Godhood.

Is it not all important that our thoughts should ever be constructive instead of destructive, kindly instead of unkindly, pure instead of impure and of love instead of hatred?

That man should understand himself and his relationship to the eternal universe that surrounds him is the purpose of life. Life being conditioned in action the soul presses onward and upward ever seeking at-one-ment with the source of its being. whilst personal man upon the plane of desire seeks expression upon the material or objective plane, and mind-man, the thinker, seeks to apprehend, to understand, to comprehend the problems of life as he finds them facing him upon every hand. To bring into perfect accord, into perfect harmony all of the functions of his being is the life-task of man, the thinker.

As "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," so eternal endeavor is the price of progress. As the Ego enters the path of self-consciousness, enters the estate of man, he begins to perceive that certain attitudes of thought invariably produce certain results possessing and reflecting all of the attributes and qualities of the thoughts that bring them into form. The exploitation of these realms has taught man to discriminate between the false and the true, between the harmonious and the inharmonious, between the constructive and destructive attitude of mind and

thought. It has taught him that fear produces fear not only in his own mind, but in the minds of others; that doubt increases doubt: that fear and doubt are negative forces that destroy peace of mind and paralyze action. He finds, upon the other hand, that the exercise of the positive attributes of **faith**, hope, love and courage, invariably dispel doubt and fear and restore harmony and peace and point the way to ultimate triumph toward the realization of his Ideals.

Thus we find that constructive thinking is the royal pathway leading ever onward and upward. We find that the practise of optimism enlarges the scope of our vision, increases the measures of our activities and places us in harmony with all of the creative forces of the universe.

Let us consider ourselves as having entered upon an eternal journey out of the eternity of the past, we have our faces set toward the eternity of the future, each individual entity of us, whatever may be our relative position upon the spiral course of evolution, each soul is the center of the universe unto itself. Let us consider that where we stand, others have stood, and still others will stand. when we shall have mounted higher. And as we gaze upon the heights and see our elders far up on the ladder with faces still set toward the eternal goal, let no thought of envy possess us. And again, as we gaze downward upon our younger brothers and sisters. who have not yet reached the same rung of the ladder upon which we stand. let us extend our hands to them with love and compassion. to the end that as we are lifted up. we will draw all others unto us. Let us strive to compete with ourselves. not with other personalities. not with other individuals: to excel others is not worth while. does not bring progress and peace to us nor to them. but to excel ourselves brings lasting triumph and abiding satisfaction. is indeed true competition.

As we mount the heights of accomplishment, as we more and more realize the purpose of life, as the vista of our ultimate destiny more fully dawns upon us, as we come into conscious possession of the imperishable heritage of God's love, wisdom and power, working in and through us, to express and make manifest the Divine Will, as we draw nearer to at-one-ment with the source of our being, as we realize upon each successive plane of action the fruition of our ideals and gain therefrom inspiration for ideals far beyond, as we gather ourselves the priceless gifts of the Father so richly bestowed, upon all those who love Him, as we move forward in the perfect light and wisdom of His way, our example and influence will inspire others to follow until the whole human race will be lifted up in its consciousness to undreamed of realms of joy and of glory.

Imagination or Image Within

Most of you mortals have been made to that imagination belongs to the mystical, or to fairy stories which have handed down for ages past, and to believe that it does not exist in any particular phase except in the so-called "make-believe," but I wish you to know that the faculty of dearly imagining within is a very definite thing. It is indeed as definite as that which we call **faith**, which so many feel is also only mystical. There are those who will say to you, "Oh, that is nothing! It is entirely your imagination!" Therefore you believe that to have an imagination is to be just a little unbalanced and not quite normal or not quite practical, and as a thought comes into your mind that you cannot correlate or place with the rest of your ideas, you immediately label it imagination or make-believe, something that you should discard and forget.

Yet there are many individuals whose whole lives are confused because they are unable to distinguish between imagination and the real. They do not know whether they are **living** their own thoughts or whether they are thinking the thoughts of another. There are also individuals giving the thoughts of others out to humanity and declaring them to be their own, and they are unable to know the difference. Therefore, I would try to assist you to know that imagination is a very real thing. It is that something that you must have within yourself if you hope to know life. You cannot conceive within your own mind anything upon the earth plane unless you are able to clearly visualize within the image which you hope to form.

Many inventors have brought forth marvelous inventions which each one feels he has studied out, that he has worked from the point of zero to a point of perfection in methods and in all phases pertaining to that particular invention and yet none have ever thought of methods or proof of inventions in OUTWARD manifestation until they perfected them by imagining WITHIN. They conceived the idea and the idea was brought forth and was born like a flower grows. When the idea was given and the individual was able to image it WITHIN then he began to cast about for ways and means to put it into manifestation so he could prove it to others who would not believe in anything they could not see or smell or taste, and so it is that anyone who has created an idea was one who was able to visualize it clearly enough to bring it through.

Now if you would create anything you must be able to picture it within yourself. Think what it means to draw this particular Life Force which is within yourself (which is the Real of you, your God-self,) out into manifestation. You must first picture that which you would have. If you can picture it clearly, you can bring forth the picture into being.

It has been declared unto you again and again that you can create for yourself if you will, and if your desire is great enough, but remember, desire must be the motivating power. You must first desire so strongly that you gather all your forces together within your own brain cells, draw within, and in your silence create so

strongly the idea that nothing outside of it can in any way distort it. Do you not notice that the seed when placed in the ground almost shrivels to nothing. draws within itself after it has started to sprout a likeness of itself? Then you, too, should draw within yourself and gather all your strength that you might bring it forth into being. It is a truth that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." and his life is the outpicturing of his mental conception of himself, of his ability to image that which he would have WITHOUT. How could life hope to explain all the idiosyncracies of mankind if it were not a truth that each is the law giver and dispenser for himself? He makes the law and he dispenses it for himself and for others as much as they will permit. But even so, if you are capable of doing for another, or if you rule the life of another, even then it is because the other permits it or you could not do it. You may say "Certain individuals rule my life. I have nothing to do about it," but I declare unto you, you Do have all to say about it if you will utilize your powers, if you will utilize that which belongs to you, but so many mortals fear to do this. They do not have the courage to stand forth and declare mastery over their own domains and to say to the world, "I will rule my own life."

If you would have perfect health, do you think that you could gain it by picturing, by seeing the lack of health! If you would choose to have finances in abundance do you think you can have them by continually thinking of lack? These not new things that I am telling you, but I would like, at times, to say them in the hope that the time will be right for you to quickly grasp something that I have given to you and it will come through and find a fertile spot in your minds and grow.

For instance, like the ovum and the life cell that must find its center of fertility. There are hundreds, let us say, of that activating part of life sent forth into manifestation, but only one ever enters a particular ovum at one time, just one out of hundreds. Then can you realize why I must give to you over and over again these ideal, for only one at a time actually goes into your brain cells and finds a fertile place to grow. But as they are given out continuously, as they are driven against the membranes of your mind, of your mentalities, finally the door opens and you can reach out and see for yourself that which I am attempting to give to you. I hear some of you say, "I would like to have this thing, or that thing but I cannot have it. You could have it, but I cannot." There is no reason why one person cannot do so if another can and that which stops you from doing all that another does is your own idea which walls you in. You are like the individual who goes straight toward a wall never looking right nor left. You cannot climb the wall for which you are aiming, but "If ye seek, ye shall find" and often all you need to do is to turn right or left and pass around the wall to see that it is a very short span and you yourself created it with your idea that you could not accomplish.

Imagination or Image Within. Continued

If each and every one of you would try for a week to hold a silence wherein you actively create a perfect picture of what you want and do not permit for one moment a thought to destroy it, you would find that picture would come forth. You would find that your **faith** would be so strong that you would know it had to be and it would be. That does not mean that today in all your great enthusiasm you would sit down and create this picture and tomorrow you would not find time for it, and you would say, "I will wait until tomorrow and I will do that again." When that tomorrow would come, perhaps there would be a moment or two you would snatch from something else and do it, and then place it out of your mind for a day or so, and perhaps then you would sit down and say, "I am not quite sure that is just what I want - perhaps I want it this way."

It is very easy to see why you do not create! You have not time to do the vital things of life, but you have time to do that which lasts for a moment and has no particular place in your lives. Nevertheless, I go back again and say, if you will and desire enough to create it, and love it, and hold fast to it and make it the paramount thing in your lives and all else subservient to it, you may have what you will! You do not forget for a moment what it is that you declare to yourselves. "I must have this thing," and you love it even as you would your flowers. So many of you will go out and tend your flowers carefully and lovingly and visualize what they will look like when they come through because you usually have a picture on the seed package. You never think if you plant a pansy that an onion may come forth, but you are continuously doing this in your lives - planting a seed and not holding to it. You plant other things with it until your garden is so filled with the conglomeration that nothing perfect can come forth. Your picture is not perfect.

Think of it! You can create what you will -but not in a haphazard manner. It must be a very definite clear-cut manner and if you will have health, do you think that you could have it by continuously declaring to yourself, "I am ill," and saying where you are ill and how you are ill - but you never say WHY you are ill. You will not admit to yourself the truth of why you are ill because you do not wish to go back that far. you would rather cast that point aside and see the fact with your outer senses. But I would suggest to you that you look back within your lives and try to find out why you are ill and if you know you are ill because of any bondage in your lives, or any form of inharmony such as fear or jealousy, or grief or hatred, or any of these attributes which are not all divine in manifestation - if these things have caused you to be in a state of dis-ease. then is it not wise to go back and change that particular phase before you can expect complete health in the outer? And if you do not see why you have created this dis-ease that seems to have come to your body, then I say to you, go back within yourself and try to see how your disposition tallies with the way you think that others should be. Do you do as you would have others do whether it be unto you or unto another? Do you see life as you would have others see it? Have you always lived your lives in a manner that you could stand forth and declare yourself free from bondage in all its phases?

For instance, let us say this, that the individual who suffers from so-called constipation is in some manner in bondage mentally and its picture come forth in this way. It is a law of life and cannot be changed that the individual who finds himself fearful will find a condition in his life that some of you term tuberculosis, which means nothing but fear and bondage within one's self. And turning this erosive acid within causes that part of the body which should be free to contract, to draw together until life cannot flow through properly.

And to the individual who is unkind or to the individual who has hatred or a great selfish desire (I say selfish because I mean a personal one) that has not been fulfilled, and the reason it has not been fulfilled is because he did not have the courage to bring it forth himself and chose to reflect the cause upon another - that cause brings forth the condition known as tumor which, in turn, easily becomes cancerous. Now all of these terms mean nothing. They are only labels for conditions brought about by mental ease, or lack of harmony.

If you will create harmony in your lives, you must gain self-control and no longer permit yourselves to create these disease conditions but bring out of your lives a state of harmony refusing to permit yourself to think along the old channels in which you have thought up to the present time. This is a very definite thing to think about. Turn about and make a change in your lives.

You are all looking for peace and harmony, vitality, strength, health, and all that goes to make life worth while to you. Then if this is true, go back within yourselves first. There is a center of your distorted ideas created in your ignorance. But that is why you are studying, is it not? That you might change all these mistakes and correct the method that brought them about?

Oh! If in some way I could impress upon you the great importance of bringing yourselves to the place where you will say, "I have an appointment with myself and I permit no one or no thing or no condition to over-rule that particular time that I set aside for my silence for that is more important than life itself as I am **living** it today. It is the very center, it is the very heart of my existence and if I hope to go onward, forward, and upward, I must stop here and now and change my method of approach instead of playing around with the fringes in a distorted manner. I must go back to the center, to the heart of life which lies within me, and control it as I would have it. I must have time to think how I do want it and I must have courage to face it and live it and hold it until such time as it brings itself forth to my liking. And if there are times that I have brought forth that which seems to me I cannot bear to continue in I will still want the strength to hold to it until I can bring about that with which I do want to go hand and hand." By that I mean this. In some of you who declare yourselves free to direct your own lives - there is a timidity, a fear of stepping forth and doing what you will because some of your friends might ridicule you, some of them might even go so far as to say you do not know what you are doing and that you are casting all life from you and are being selfish and thoughtless and you do not care for others.

Then you will meet your darkest moments. Then you will find yourself alone, and then you can ask yourself, "Have I the courage to go on with my picture until I have completed it, and show my friends that I care as much for them as ever, that my courage takes me forward and that I am attempting to live and to be as my soul would have me be, and my selfishness is for a moment, a **divine selfishness** that I might take myself forward along my path and assist others by having the courage to go forward?"

It takes strong people to do this, and yet there is no one who is not strong enough to do it, there is no one but would be benefited a hundred percent if he would try it. You would have all you have today, and more. You would not lose the love of your friends nor the love that you have for your friends. You would not lose anything because the greater always includes the lesser. I urge you to lift yourselves for a moment high enough to see life as it is and have the courage to step forth - have the courage to dare, to do, and to keep silent. Take your time of silence for your creation, but see to it that your creation is constructive. It is never wise to have created that which would be destructive to another thing or person or condition unless you know that the condition itself needs to be changed to a constructive one. You have no right to try to direct the life of another in any phase or form, but you have all the right to direct your own life. Do not direct it in a manner that you would try to separate yourself from others. That not only is wrong but is against the laws of life. It cannot be done.

Keep yourself always on the right path for one son, and that reason is that it is right to do so. You can look at both sides of any problem and make your decision, but declare unto yourself. "I do this thing because it is right, not because I should benefit from it, not because others should benefit by it, but because it falls under the law of right," and you will never depart from it.

Man's Nature is Divine

God's virtues are potential in man. all of the attributes of Divine Mind are latent in him. These virtues which he seems to think are evasive, difficult of cultivation and expression, in reality are most natural to him.

There has been a perverted idea concerning the course of evolution, of the attainment of the soul to higher altitudes; that there is some lesser force (we call it lesser although we seem to grant it is more powerful and more potent than the Divine Light). There has been the idea that it is a struggle, a battle against man's nature, that it is a perpetual strife to win from the evil one the glory to give it to the Almighty, the all Wise, the All Loving, to the all Good. This is not true.

The perverted course yields no satisfaction. It was never commended by those who have traced it. The ascending course which is the natural one for man is onward, forward, and upward. The joys of life are all induced through the pursuit of this upward path. Natural man is divine man, is Godly. Happiness and satisfaction come only by being natural, and peace comes only through virtue. These ephemeral conditions that people call happiness, gratifications that leave only a thirst, an insatiable longing for a real, permanent lasting quenching supply, have never given and never can give a reward, while virtue always is reward, and always lifts the being who expresses it to heights of mastery, into security and position where he can command more of it and create more satisfaction and fulfilment of his Life's hopes and desires.

The voice within each one tells him that the only happiness and security he can ever know, will come through expressing his Divine Self. and expressing the highest he can conceive, and that no one has ever known permanent satisfaction or profit to come out of misrepresentation, falsehood, selfishness, or breaking the golden rule; or **living** an inner life he is not willing to have exposed or interpreted by the All Seeing Eye.

No Soul enjoys life who is trying to keep himself a secret to the livers of life. No Soul is so blind or more ignorantly morbid than one who thinks he can procrastinate, that he can postpone the day of judgment, that he can evade in some way long enough to pay him interest on false living.

There is a standard which each and every one holds no matter what his walk in life, and that standard flies over constantly, and every time he strives to drag it beneath his feet, every time he attempts to lower it, every time he attempts to step back and downward, covering himself with a cloak of pretense, he is binding himself with fetters which none but himself can ever break. He has to toil over the same old course and untie every knot which he has tied. He has to come back and face every opportunity which he has turned away from; not only has he to toil back with the cross upon his shoulder, but he has to take it and carry it forth again.

Had he but lived out his opportunities as he came through, had he but lived up to his standard, the drastic painful experience which every soul who fails must meet, would not be his.

There is nothing more pitiful than the life passing over into its zenith toward the grave knowing that he is still pretending, that he is still imitating, that he is not himself in expression, that he is not even what he seems, he is hiding from himself and not living up to his inner consciousness. But there is still greater work to be done for those beings who know better and still do not do it, who have lofty ideals and longings, who love beauty, music, art and perfection, who are conscious of the ideal life but would sell themselves for the sake of a short delay - just a little longer time - postponement of the judgment day, of the judgment hour, heaping upon themselves this interest to be paid also; the habit of throwing dirt over the sprouts of aspiration, of longing for genuineness, the habit of postponing the exposure of the real self, of the hour of fulfilment of his manhood on this plane with the idea that he can evade reality, that some other time will be easier than today to bear the truth. There is a law which provides for the state of mind that has cloaked itself, and is not strong enough, courageous or daring enough to expose itself, yet who feels the quickening from within but because of not having lived up to its full standard it has undermined the attribute of courage, its **faith**, its confidence in itself, its estimation of the power of love, truth, and wisdom, and its self respect. All of these attributes of consciousness have been so undermined that they are faint and feeble, and such an one is afraid to lose its hold upon that which he has, though it be false. and risk the chance, the possibility of not gaining the newer and higher fulfilment of realization.

The old orthodoxy has not satisfied the spirit in man, that one may say to him, "Confess your sins, declare your intention to live." These are external declarations. Words cost but little to many people. Yet the consciousness knows whether that being really wills to identify himself with his ideal and means to be lifted to it, or whether it is an effect he is attempting to produce, a bridge he is trying to build to span a chasm between himself and the ultimate goal or the reward he so covets.

There is a provision which meets the requirements of these souls that are not strong enough to stand out in one hour and declare themselves as they to be, as they long to be, in contrast to what they have been in manifestation. This provision is: that after all, it does not matter what other people think. You are not your brother's keeper, neither is your brother your keeper: you have no explanation to offer, no answer to give to another: you have but yourself to answer to: you have but to live from your center outward: you have to be willing to begin from within and be true to yourself: you do not have to go out and declare your sins, you do not have to go outside of yourself and make claims of remorse and resolution to fulfill the highest that is within you: not outside of yourself.

All of these things may have had their place in a day when individuality was not recognized as divine: but today with this great philosophy of life dawning in the consciousness of the human race, he learns that it is not what he is in the eyes of others, but what he is in his own eyes.

Man's Nature is Divine. Part 2

And there are those who begin to shrink the moment they are asked to aim at the highest goal and fulfilment of their possibilities, and feel they are being asked to forego the physical, the earth joys of life, or are asked to give up earth to accept heaven.

None of the great teachers of the past taught that man must give up earth to accept heaven: they have all told him to accept heaven first and all else would be granted and that he must obey the great law of self and become a lawful being, and restrictions and penitentiaries and official places will not be necessary to restrain him upon earth when he becomes a self-conscious law-abiding Soul.

There is no need of any one fearing that he must leave his religion no matter what his religion may be if he is reverential toward his ideals and ideas and lives his ideals out. It is the one who is attempting to restrain consciousness from being natural and loving who is the menace to evolving mankind.

The being who can live from his consciousness out, no matter how low in evolution it may be, or how small in inclusiveness it may have grown, is a safe law unto himself. And we find that when one, instead of busying himself with the **living** of his own life, becomes busied with the manner in which another is living, he becomes responsible for his brother; instead of permitting his brother to be responsible for himself. When he begins to assume others' responsibilities with resistance, with restraint, with domination, he begins to depart from his own consciousness, he begins to leave his center where the still small voice is, and where the illumination from on high can pierce and guide him. He departs from this center when he begins to project out and dictate and domineer and order other conditions; for after all, if he studies himself he realizes that it is expression that he needs: that restraint and suppression bring him the opposite to growth, and that his nature impels him outward onward, and upward, and that anything that comes over him to circumscribe, to suppress, to restrain him, is his enemy. (The race has risen through countless ages with a just belief that it was surrounded by enemies, realizing that everything that restricts and restrains is an enemy - the meaning of the word, in truth.)

Everything that calls out and expresses and liberates and manifests him is his benefactor. He has been his own most cruel enemy, his own jailor, during times past, and today he is just learning his humanity, a humane way of treating himself, just learning that these qualities and impulses and characteristics are of slumbering beings, not yet awakened; that these tendencies that seem so perverted, these lower impulses and passions and greeds and apparent untruths or opposites to his true nature, are divinity; and as he comes to understand that these things not to be crushed out, that all things else are not to be denied him because the kingdom of heaven is to be granted him; he comes to understand that all the impulses of the flesh, all of the impulses of the mind, all of the impulses of the divine being have

their place, are stepping stones, are mounting blocks, instead of barriers, or enemies. Instead of crushing these out or annihilating them, the work to be done is to direct them. He learns that these longings of the heart that will prompt people to sell their honor to provide for certain beauty, for certain acquired delight or satisfaction, are not unnatural, are not strange; they are simply misunderstood.

When these beings understand their great longing for satisfaction, for beauty, for love, for abundance of life's joys, is perfectly divine, is perfectly good, is perfectly true; and when an attitude of commendation is taken toward it and man is told to rise, to lift himself up and go forward undismayed, told that this indeed is the glory of God in expression, is the fulfilment of life! When he can understand that this is true, this old resistance, this old ignorant prejudice against sacrifice or fear of having to give up so much to acquire this kingdom, will have passed away.

This old psychology of belief, this false teaching of the past, will have annulled itself when he brings on the light of his own reason, of his own intelligence and when he comes to understand that after all, if he wished to have these things, or to acquire all of this fulfilment of his ideals; to have in his environment beauty, in his heart love, by his side comradeship that is congenial, in his soul true abundance; if he desires in his heart to have all these ideals fulfilled, and to bring his life into one grand symphony, when he feels this impulse and realizes this is truly God's suggestion to him to lift up his head to see the kingdom of heaven which is awaiting his acceptance, to see that all these things are his, he take the key and unlock the portal of his doubt, of his disbelief.

But do not misunderstand what I mean. There is a price paid for everything, good or bad. There is an earning before there is a share, an earning necessary to enable one to acquire a reward. There is a law which governs all, which is immutable, which is unerring; and he must live the life of a child of God, as a child of God, to enjoy the inheritance of God.

As man comes into the consciousness of his Divine nature, as he comes into at-one-ment of it through the living of it, through the being this "I am" which he is; these grants are made, these possessions become his, the kingdom is opened to him and he is partaking of it; but not until he has earned it, not until he has evolved, and possessed it within his heart. It is not in the opinion of others; not when he has been able to make others THINK he has earned it and persuaded them to grant it; not that. He cannot deceive God; but when he knows himself; when he himself knows what he deserves, what he has earned; when he himself can go to the fount of all and trust himself to select that which is due him and when he has overcome until naught except that which is due him tempts him, not until he would reject loans, until he has outgrown a desire to borrow anything, until he stands upon his own feet, up to his own standard, is he in the midst of fulfilment.

Never till souls can come to the consciousness that they are obliged only to themselves; that all depends upon themselves to acquire and to attain peace, satisfaction and fulfilment, can they obtain this reward; and the time is coming fast forward when these imitators and pretenders, these who have apparently yet not

really deceived others, who have been able to make themselves imagine that others think of them what they wish others to think of them; (but who have little consideration for what they think of themselves), the time is fast coming when the standard of moral ethics, of man's judgment of man, will change into a different standard, a different process of judgment, when man will be called forward to testify for himself, when man will be called forward to give his version of himself, his opinion of himself, his knowledge of himself; instead of the testimony of others against him or for him. By his works he shall be known; by his works he is KNOWN today; by his past he has a present; by his present he has a future; as he sows he certainly SHALL reap, and he has reaped according to his sowing. There is no evading; and swifter and swifter comes the fulfilment of the law to the awakened consciousness. In the old and primitive, crude and stoic consciousness of long ago, causes and effects were very, very far apart oftentimes; but as civilization, cultivation, education and evolution have been brought to a higher vibration, effects are fast following upon causes; faster than ever before in the evolution of the human race.

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And so this idea of postponement, of evading, is also giving panic in the hearts of people who are attempting to do it; for of old there was a time to forget the sowing and be surprised at the reaping when it finally came. This time is past. Man lives vitally, under the shadow of his causes and his effects at all times. He cannot drink, cannot quaff the glass of forgetfulness today as he once could, for he is alive and knows he lives and moves and has his being when asleep, when awake. He knows he is busy in his sleeping hours even as he is busy in his waking hours; he knows that sowing and tilling and reaping are going on all at the same time, continually, eternally, perpetually; and the consciousness is waking that sees before, behind, above and beneath; and as this awakening is coming, the agony of false **living** in intensified, is growing more and more keen.

There are two reasons for living the life of virtue, of love, of truth - from cowardice and from intelligence. One should be prompted to live the higher, nobler life. For if the man casts about, if he recognizes quality, the characteristics and habits of the inmates of all the houses of misery, all the institutions of restraint; if he will but see, he can read as he runs, the penalties of perverted living. If he will look, if he will listen, if he will feel that the lives that are successful, the lives that are satisfied, the lives that have love in their hearts, love in their homes, success, health and beauty, the lives that are an out-picturing of symmetrical poise and development and growth; are always the lives of those who are living more true to their nature; of those who are living out from their center instead of adopting from foreign sources and donning the cloaks of others and pretending. The lives who are really ascending to the monarchy, who are really ascending to brood over and guide and uplift, to alleviate the sorrows and suffering of the earth, are those brave souls who are just living out their natures.

Their love pours forth on humanity, their compassion flows over, and humanity trusts it, turns to it, because God's will is their will, and their is at one with their Divine Nature, because they are aspiring to higher and nobler things. God and all of his angels, and all of his manifestation sustain, support, preserve, uphold, advance and aid that life that has chosen the course of onward, upward and forward evolution.

But observe the souls who are postponing their judgment day, observe the souls that are trying to hide under another's cloak; who are trying to borrow staff after staff, those souls who are letting themselves grow more and more in debt, who are gathering interest, compound interest more and more (and there is no evading, there is no avoiding, there is no escape). The is-ness of the law is! Observe these beings; the pitiful conditions that surround their lives. Never secure, they are never fully satisfied, they are never joying, they never have a moment of unalloyed joy; they trust not themselves, they believe not in themselves, and they draw not the trust to them, or the belief in them from others. They draw not love from others. Like begets like. They do not deserve it, they do not win it. The pity of their declining

years! And yet, there is never a day too late to begin. There is never a day when one cannot begin to redeem himself. There is never a day when an attempt at redemption does not bring a reward. Remember virtue and reward are inseparable.

The soul who begins to love his ideals, who resolves to become true to himself and begins to live out his nature into expression, begins to fan this glow, this light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He begins to hear the still small voice that leads him out of the labyrinth, the maze. He begins to feel that security of an answer from within, that shows him the way out of all these conditions, that brings him up to the courage of bearing his cross, to the full desire to meet and dispatch and master conditions that he may have brought around him. There were once fetters, were once locks which he could not break; now they begin to be stepping stones and mounting blocks. Now in his old weaknesses and failures, he begins to see the things he would not be. He sees in them such things as these. He in poverty, the ideal opposite abundance; sees in sickness and helplessness the reminder that health and power are his nature's to claim: sees in hunger the reminder that food is to be obtained; sees all of these old conditions and that he can make mounting blocks on which he ascends to liberty; not to escape, but to master. Escape is but to delay, to heap up interest to be paid at a later date,

There is a certain compromise for this soul that has great desire but not yet courage to live up to his ideals, and it is this that he can begin to live from within outward. He need not announce, "I was false yesterday when I said this or that." He can resolve from within, "I will speak that no more." He need not go forth and say, "Forgive me; I did wrong or I did that wrong"; but he can turn within himself and declare, "I shall commit it no more; I shall make amends the first opportunity I have; I shall speak for truth, love, and express the highest, instead of what I used to express".

All the forgiveness in God's whole universe is the self-forgiveness: it is not something that is to be given: it is for-given; it is already given to him to be released from his debts as fast as he pays them; as fast as he resolves to live to the higher and purer and more beautiful ideals. I do declare that opportunities for this living will be granted him as soon as he identifies himself steadfastly and persistently with preference for something higher, so surely will he begin to function and create a vibration corresponding to that condition he has identified his mind and ideals with, and so surely. if he holds this ideal, instead of the old ideal of crucifixion and self-condemnation and torture, he can look with the purest and most steadfast eye unto the eye of the true one.

After he has resolved to be true, shame does not come to his cheek and humility to his mind; because he has resolved to forego ill doing; and self-respect, selfreliance, self-confidence and assurance that prompt him to walk with angels will come to the man who sees that he has been unwise, that he has been foolish, that he has used the attributes of his Divinity in a perverted way, that he has misused his nature, indeed of expressing it naturally.

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So many people have justified themselves in waiting for some future date because they have said, "No one understands me, encourages me, no one helps me; others make ridicule of my noblest attempts." This is but an excuse, for after all, it would not be if they were in the joy of their self-respect, in the gladness of their own resolves, in the security of their own confidence and **faith** in themselves. If all of this were grounded within them, if they were true to themselves and knew they could continue true to themselves they would find that instead of looking in the eyes of others for ridicule, they would find they moved forward; others would turn to them in surprised expectation, because they had become the positive and the old negative beliefs in them would be challenged by the change of consciousness; by the change of motive, the change of **living**. It becomes possible for man to say, "I shall be true to myself and know that I am true, no matter who calls me false, no matter who is untrue to me." And as he begins living this life, he must remember that positiveness rules the negative, that the larger encompasses and includes the lesser, and that he is not giving up all other things in seeking the kingdom of heaven. Instead of pretended confidence, he is winning real confidence, instead of pretended response he is receiving a genuine appreciation and response. Instead of flattering and pretending and professing things for selfish gratification and for benefits others expect to gain through him, that which will come from them will be from their hearts, true reverential appreciation, a true giving of their **service** and co-operation and commendation, a real reward for him instead of a false hollow mockery which he has been trying to make the best of, which he has been trying to satisfy himself with as the reward of the merit such as he deserves and will surely have.

So we say he can work from his center out, he need confess himself to none but himself and as he works into a larger consciousness, into a fuller confidence, into a fuller reliance upon himself, he find that the day never arrives when he will have to bow his head in shame and confess this or that; but he will be working it out as Karma, he will be undoing, overcoming, he will be earning releases from the fetters that he has bound himself with, the day never comes that becomes more bitter, more humiliating, and revelation more painful to him than the day in which he discovered himself deceiving himself, untrue to himself and made his resolution! So we declare the path of the disciple is not the bitter path that many claim it to be; it is not the path that is a leaping of chasms as many who have not tried this course believe it to be. Because man is not linked up with this full consciousness of his divinity, it seems to him far off; it seems foreign to him. Because he is not conscious that it is the only lawful, satisfying, joy-giving life to live, he thinks it is a life of hardship and sacrifice; he thinks the false is the true; he thinks it possible for him to continue on and falsify. He deceives no one so much as he deceives himself. So it is not worthwhile. And the point is here - that he knows and this is why the compound interest multiplies over him. If he did not know it, the interest would accumulate very slowly; but because he knows it, and persists, does this compound interest take place.

So, I recommend the gradual process of growth, of evolving into harmony with oneself, rather than the old custom of self-abnegation, self-crucifixion and self-exposure and these fetters that made the living of the natural life seem so repulsive to the perverted soul.

We do know that the souls that have taken up the highest walk; the beings who have challenged forth all of their highest potentialities, to express; who stand within themselves, loving themselves, loving their virtues, loving their possibilities out into manifestation - these beings are the happiest ones that walk the earth.

We do know that these are going to be the helpful, prosperous and secure beings who walk the earth, as they are in heaven. And those who persist in a perverted course, in an attempt to deceive others and themselves, are coming through this evolution of the race with less excuse for blindness and perversion than before there were no illustrations and no evidence. When there were no penitentiaries and when there were no asylums, the result of these perverted acts was less evident to man; but today, with everything a suggestion of the contrasts, everything a reminder of the reward of virtue and every condition continually reminding him; such as his own disappointment in himself, his own humilities, his own follies, undermining of his selfhood and contentment; I say to you time is fast coming when man walking the earth will not even have the courage to pretend falsehood, because he is an open book, because his aura is gray and black, because his very atmosphere is sensed constantly by those coming in contact with him, his very environment will take on his expression, his body will be in disorder, his mind will be in disorder, his domain unruléd. And so this is the law of evolution, this is the law of cause and effect and explains the truth, that by a greater knowledge his responsibility increases. As ye know, according to your knowledge, be ye judged.

And as man comes on, in the course of his evolution, to realize the uselessness and worthlessness and folly of living under the old standards, there will not be those left to even think themselves intelligent who will persist in the old course. But of course, it is true that the unwise, the infant, the ignorant, will be with him always, the innocent will be with him always, the unbalanced will be with him always, on the planes of beginnings. And when the consciousness lifts itself into at-one-ment with the absolute reality and perfection of the now, he finds his infancy, his ignorance, and his sickness and poverty; and all of his scales will fall from him and he will come out in the pure glory of his conscious divinity.

It is true that in all stages of consciousness from the slumbering consciousness of the first soul, the atom, up through all the combinations that life is evolved through and vehicles of expression have evolved through, according to the knowledge has re-sponsibility been pressed down. If you know better, you must do better in self-preservation. If you can do better and do not, there is a decay going on within you, a destroying of your poise and equilibrium, just as when great physical forces come forward and develop all power and then cease to use it; just as the athlete develops his muscles and power of deep breath and endurance then lives his life in negativeness for a time, inaction for a time, not expressing his possibilities up to their power, up to the standard he had attained; if he does not progress or continue

to express more and more, but less and less, consumption and disorder occur. That which is unused retrogrades. The muscle which has been built up must be used. The knowledge you have and do not use pollutes your very being even that which is good. Every element has its two sides; that which can preserve can destroy; that which can illumine can blacken; that which can strengthen can weaken. There are both sides to all conditions; and when we learn to study and to use this divine intelligence which belongs to each and every being, we will find the symphony of life one great accord, and humanity one great family.

Preparation

It is the consciousness back of the sceptre which installs in it authority. It is the consciousness of power which lends potency to the monarch. Without this consciousness both sceptre and dominion are impotent possessions for the ruler. It is the fearless consciousness that recognizes its power and realizes its God Authority; and has **faith** in the right which controls all subjects and removes all obstacles.

It is this consciousness that the individual has need of in meeting any of the problems of his dominion.

The insecurities of life are not overcome by rushing in with challenging spirit but unequipped. Battles are not won by rushing into the fray without the consciousness that right is on the side of the soldier and that success is expected by him and the victory must be won by him. The thought must be back of the action if the laurel is to be won.

It is absolutely necessary for us to cultivate the habit of facing ourselves, of taking our stand and facing forward with a consciousness and remembrance of our Divine inheritance (which is our Godhead,) our potentialities, our latent possibilities if we are to bear them forth into harmonious expression.

One has never yet ruled in order and harmony by resentment, rebellion or ingratitude. Condemnation of things has no power to re-form for the better and he who practices it is more deeply entangling himself in the very mire which he is rebelling against.

There is a conviction in the soul of every being that nobility consists of adaptability, of seeing good in all things and of harmonizing with life instead of combating it. There is a conviction that always charges its hostage for the breaking of the law and the one who knows the Law of Co-operation (which is an immutable, unerring, irresistible law of nature) and uses his potential and divine faculties destructively, fails - and his loss is greater than the one who does not understand the law. He who acts in ignorance experiences less demand upon him for the payment of his acts.

It is not rebellion but government that wins and government controlled not by conflict or contention but by the authority of knowledge.

The burden of this message is the necessity of habitually righting and equipping ourselves before we go upon the battlefield of life, and of remembering our Divine inheritance of Wisdom and Power before going forward to manipulate the effects that may result from past forgetfulness.

If, before concentrating or taking the sceptre in hand with the determination to rule unsatisfactory conditions, we face ourselves in unvarnished honesty, demanding of ourselves a definite, clear-cut pattern of what we really want, much difficulty be eliminated.

The great river of life which flows every being is colored - purified or poisoned - according to its channel (the man thru whom it is flowing), so if man wants his life to show forth only good - for himself and others - he must not contaminate this life flow thru him. The responsibility in this respect is great, and when man achieves the consciousness of this responsibility, he has come into the consciousness of the monarch, he is **living** the broader life, the harmonious life, and fulfilling his obligation to the human race as well as increasing his own power to cope with conditions. Man should, as he faces each new day, remember that he is the monarch of this day - for himself - that he is privileged to manage his life for one more turning of the earth. He should face the new sunrise, deeply grateful for the powers he is privileged to use, reverent toward the sacred that has been placed in him, and this combination of gratitude and reverence will clear his path of the obstacles that stand in the way of his achieving his highest ideal. He find his own attitude, his own clear-minded vision of life as he wishes to live it bringing to him an at-one-ment with it.

Each morning man should feel as though he were once more going thru his coronation ceremony - taking his place as king in the kingdom of his own life - ruler instead of subject, holding himself above events, managing them instead of letting them manage him. determined to remain steadfast in his kingly consciousness, radiating peace, calmness and love - being forever an example to others of the happiness that the leading of the kingly life may bring. Superior to his environment, reaching ever upward and outward - expanding his consciousness to encompass all circumstances and events in love - the Great Builder. The man living this life is absorbed in perfectly expressing the power and glory that is each day given into his keeping, constantly excelling his past achievements. gaining ever greater authority and power over himself, his life and all things that in any way affect him. This individual one day wakes to find he is living the magic life, that he goes thru his days in joy and as he nears the end of this expression, he approaches what mortals call death without fear and in gladness as one who approaches a welcome change - an advancement - the entry into a lovelier room. He is not conscious of destruction around him, he does not become enmeshed in EFFECTS but he remembers; always that he and his thinking are the CAUSE. In his majesty, he attains to the power that soothes, power that illumines both himself and others.

It is the realization of this life that we hold out to you, that we appeal to you to choose - for your own sake as well as the sake of those with whom you come in contact. It is this example that we would have you radiate, being aware at each turn of the path, at each challenge of circumstances, that you can meet the trial or tribulation with the serene realization that - When you (trouble) are no more, I shall continue to be. Before you were, I am.

In this consciousness, we gradually overcome our sense of dependence upon material things, our smallness, and come into the realization of our likeness and image of the Infinite One. As we grow and expand into this consciousness, we no longer need to pray for the faith in the power to do and be because our power radiates from us more and more with the continued conscious recognition of it. Each sunrise, the student should clear his mind of all contention, rebellion, discord or relation to any condition that is distasteful to him, resolutely determined to identify himself only with the ideals of life which he wishes to live, the ideals which he feels will be stepping stones and mounting blocks for attainment to his rightful domain.

It is the sacred responsibility of every student to every day completely clear the atmosphere around him - his own atmosphere - of all destructive qualities or habits of present or past that contain resistance to the good or identification with discord. An appeal to the soul to make its protest felt each time temptation comes will surely result in "that small voice" of warning which will help man to overcome his tendency to falter and undo his good and make him turn within himself, knowing that he is the Cause of all ills in his own life as well as the cause of all good. You must hold the center of your own stage, be the chief actor in your own drama. You have one great responsibility, that is to seek, find and stay in the "Secret place of the Most High," the Temple of the Living God, especially if you find the eternal current of life too great. Return again and again into the eddy of the Self, the still place and there abide until you have, indeed, a larger faith, belief in your own power to bring forth results which will harmonize with the Cause within.

Each life is the out-picturing of the degree of faith the individual has in his own power to rule his dominion which was given to him in the beginning. Those who have not fulfilled their destiny, who have not won the victory, have not done so because they have not set the Cause in motion which will bring the Effect into visibility. No effect exists without a cause and let us emphasize again that "according to your faith" in your ability to call into manifestation the effects of the cause that is within you, will be your harvest.

A Student should meditate more and more upon Effects, tracing them back to the Causes, in order that he may next time, be aware of the force he is working with, and the power.

It is not by self-condemnation that we gain greater knowledge of ourselves, but by self-analysis.

Let us will to study life - to see what we can do with ourselves rather than what we can do with things outside of ourselves. Too much time is wasted trying to see what we can do with others - with their will toward us rather than our will toward them. Hold ever to the Ideal within ourselves, challenging the outer to come up to that which you hold within, thus drawing irresistibly to yourself the counterpart of your Inner Vision. Too much thought - too much power - is given to whether appearances are encouraging, whether your desires are being demonstrated.

Let us emphasize to you that you are the power that creates your goal. Vision your goal and if the realization of it demands certain people for fulfilment, these people will be drawn into your environment, for the Spirit knows what materials are needed for the fulfilment of your desire and uses them - for the good of all. You will find in your fulfilment many persons, many combinations, much co-operation, but the original and impelling impetus is you, the creating thought which draws to you all the elements and completes the crystallization into a tangible form is within yourself.

But the TRUE IDEAL to be sought is at-one-ment with the Great Thinker, the First Great Cause. The individual finally comes to the place where he wills that his own will be one with the Divine Will. This is known as spiritualizing the will and when man's will is identical with God's will, he has reached the place where he has sought and found the Kingdom and where all "These other things shall be added," for the lesser is always contained in the greater.

One cannot afford to blockade himself from the great cosmic fountain by his small fears, perplexities and resentments about his own problems because, inevitably the smaller will be absorbed by the greater, if man will but swing out, beyond, over it all.

Working With The Law

We are at last beginning to work with the law of conservation when we cease to deny the undeniable, to resist the irresistible, to dispute the actual; but rather to accept the inevitable, to learn how to utilize its forward moving course and to accompany it to the heights of attainment.

We hear glibly stated that the universal law is eternal, immutable, unerring. Yet from these same lips we frequently hear that the darkness on the face of the waters, ignorance and sickness are all due to broken law. Law would be rendered imperfect by breaking and would therefore err.

Let us consider more rationally this mighty question of the law. Are we trying to fight against an irresistible power that will inevitably carry us forward upon it, include us within it or grind us beneath it exactly in accordance with our unity and co-operation with it?

Let us realize that the fulfilling of the law is our eternal path. Let us swing right out into the absolute. Let us BE. It is only when we consider ourselves a part of this stupendous power that we can feel the possibility of our persistence. Annihilation would surely follow the individual who would, were it possible, break the law. Law of our being is the law of the universe and the law of the universe is likewise the law of our being. When we declare that we were burned because we broke a law, we are misstating a fact, because the law was being fulfilled when we were burned. When we rise it is by the law and when we descend it is by the law. When we realize that the course of our evolution, whether forward, upward or backward and downward, is absolutely under law, we find that it behooves us to study this tremendous law. Is it not of great advantage in this day of automobiles, to understand those features of the law called gravitation, conservation, etc.? He who understands the law will, when speeding down grade, conserve his power by releasing his engine and taking advantage of the law of gravitation, thereby storing up in his batteries energy to be utilized when the course is up grade. Such a one will leave behind the unqualified traveler who descends the grade depending upon his own little dynamo to press him down grade and crowd him up again, instead of relying upon his power to swing himself into at-one-ment with the law of gravitation from which to gain momentum to swiftly carry him up grade again. He should hitch to the wheel of the universe, for its power is omnipotent and he must recognize his at-one-ment with it. He who seeks to understand the varient aspects of law; gravitation, momentum, co-operation, etc., equips himself, becomes broader than his own little separated dynamo of power, wisdom, energy and love.

Those who have grasped the idea that they are at one with all that exists of power, wisdom and love have a mighty storehouse from which they may draw. They are heirs to the kingdom. All that the Father hath in the kingdom is theirs. They have reached the portal but must have a key which will yield up the inheritance.

Knowing is a power and if we believe in our power we can gain in our hearts the wonderful key, accompanied by the wisdom to turn it and swing open the gates and receive the fullest benediction of the Giver of All Good.

We should not try to dam up, to create a little separate reservoir in which to preserve our own. It is far better to have the larger ideal of the universality of God's creation.

This is a mighty joy-giving thought - he who can rejoice in the joys of others, who can enjoy the possessions of others as if they were his own, who knows that all he hath belongs to all that is, and all that is is his; who is not continually curbing, rejecting nor grasping, but holds himself secure and at home in the perfect, abides in peace and bliss forever. He knows that naught can be lost. He knows no fear; just as safe here as there, now as then. He has the consciousness of the victor and stands eternal on the Rock of Ages which is **Faith**. He resists no law but uses all law. His will is done on earth as it is in heaven, for he wills but the fulfilment of law.

The greater dispels the lesser; light dispels darkness; wisdom dispels ignorance. We have naught to do with the negative, but all to do with the positive aspects of reality. Let us return to our path. Let us contemplate wisdom and abide in, radiate and express love. Let us be strong for we have this law of our being to fulfill. Within lie all of the potentialities. Let us unfold them into expression.

Within abides the consciousness of our divine nature. Let us unlock the doors of ignorance, fear and resistance, and stand forth in one reality, in the fullness of consciousness which is the perfect at-one-ment with the Infinite Consciousness. We can induce from our storehouse the expression of that which IS. We can induce faith, love, hope, purpose and will. Then our domain awaits our command. Let us stand forth and challenge. Let us claim our inheritance. Obedience to the law gives us always a sense of satisfaction and conscience which can say, "Well have I done my duty today." Discontent follows a belief in separation. Co-operation is the Law. Unity is the Law and law is indivisible.

Love cements all of God's universe, wisdom illumines it and strength upholds it. In the consciousness that we are radiations of all these aspects of Divine Mind, emanations of the Perfect Mind, we become vibrant with divine consciousness, wisdom and power.

Possibilities are latent within us, but lie dormant until we induct, utilize and prove their existence. This brings the soul out of darkness into light; out of weakness into strength; out of sorrow into joy.

It is for us - individuals granted free agency of will. to choose the course, extend ideals continually, direct the latent possibilities forward to the heights of perfect consciousness and the realization of the child of the **Living** God.

Let us no longer tarry by the way, attempting to evade the law. Let us buckle on our armor and forge ahead, working with and rejoicing in the law, fulfilling it in love and strength.

There is no conviction which gives us greater satisfaction than that we are on the right course; that our intentions are pure, good and wise. We shall not diverge from our course, but holding high our standard, we will live true to our ideals, inducing from the depths of our strength to maintain them, our love to endure, our wisdom to illumine.

We will live the vital life which is a glory to God in the highest. Let the soul cease this resistance to the law. Let us join in one glad anthem of praise and thanksgiving. Let us come nearer to that plane where we can truly say, "Thy will, not mine, be done. Mine is the privilege. Thine the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Faith

WE cross over the threshold into consciousness just to the degree of our belief in the spoken word. There is a narrow state of consciousness which refuses to venture until it sees results. It says: "I cannot step forward because I have never tried to do so. I have not faith because I have not proof. I have never healed by my spoken word, therefore I can not believe it possible for me."

However, there is another state of consciousness which dares to do. It induces a link by rushing forth into the unknown in conquest, supported by a faith that this urge is directing it somewhere to greater realization.

It is this state of consciousness that we are endeavoring to teach you the necessity of inducing.

You need not continue to express in the narrow orbit in which you have lived. You can swing out. You can learn to induct faith, not by waiting for it to appear within you, but by knowing you have a need and that the supply which called forth a search must exist. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." "According to thy faith be it unto thee."

If there were a Fate sitting for one, his faith differing in degree from that of another, this teaching would be useless. But we know that the germs of possibility latent in every being are equal; that **man's nature is divine**; that out of God-stuff was created all that is.

In a drop is contained all of the nature of the ocean. So in man lie all of the potentialities of which God is the manifestation. God speaks and His word is Law. God thinks and His creation is formed. God knoweth and it is.

So it is with this urge in man accompanied by the consciousness which knows that his word is law, and that according to his faith will it be unto him.

One who knows harmony to be the law, speaks words of harmony, love, strength and heals by the spoken word, is **living** the law.

It is for every one to express the powers, to hold communion over all things. If faith measures for us our all, is it not essential that we strive to comprehend the nature of faith and the power to induce and use it? Does it not behoove us to turn our attention to this fountain within us from whence springs unconquerable faith, apparently without reason?

A vibrant faith will lead us over stumbling blocks to heights we never could attain without it. If the present faith which we do not comprehend is so potent, should we not feel constrained to induce it in larger volume that it may transmute fear, doubt, ignorance, all limitation into sublime knowing?

We can induct wisdom, love and power. Nothing is more essential than a knowledge of the power of faith. Is it a reasoning process? No. It transcends reason, which could be conveyed through the cells of the brain. It transcends appearances. Faith encourages faith, induces faith, sustains faith and abides in consciousness of eternal reality.

Voyager of Life

IT is just as essential that the voyager upon the ocean of life and experience should understand the fundamental basic laws of navigation as that the pilot of your stately ship upon the ocean that divides continents should understand the laws of navigation. It is essential that the individual should understand some of the experiences that are likely to beset him when he swings his rudder to correct his course. If he understands that in changing the course from a lesser to a greater ideal, there is necessarily a volume of habit and backwater, that continues to prefer and urge toward the course that has been pursued before, if the pilot understands this law and realizes that if he persists in his intention, with determined effort to proceed onward, he can in time outstrip this urge in the course that has been before pursued, and set up for himself a new current that sustains him in the course he Wills to go. He can set up a new current which with its backwaters and supporting current will carry him on toward whatever goal at which he determines to aim. It is this first effort to change the course, which human beings have not looked upon as they might with an earnest attempt to understand its potentialities, for it is in these beginnings that must be repeated again and again with that **faith** until they are able to carry themselves along to all they have attained in any former understanding or aim. If the soul would understand that it is necessary for it to study the probable cross currents, the probable vibrations that have to be taken into consideration, if the human being would study this law of **living**, of navigating the great ocean of experience, as carefully as intelligently as he does the lesser confusing experiences upon the ocean of your earth, he would find himself carried more rapidly forward to peace.

Some of these most simple fundamentals, that of persisting in a new course of shutting his eyes, of minimizing the effect of the resisting current, would be one great step indeed toward attainment, for we have few mortals who have developed the faculty of setting a single eye to the goal and let come what may, persist with unswerving expectation of fulfilment toward that goal. Rather they take into account all the resisting currents, all the cross currents all the unexpected (because unknown by them) intervention and interruption. These take upon them huge importance in the eyes of the registerer, while the great eternal, standing back, is lost sight of quite entirely, also that it is possible for any soul to attain mastery, that it is the aim and motive of existence to reach this place in consciousness, where realities are never lost sight of, where time is left bowed down to where the theme of existence continually plays through into higher harmonics of conscious realization for the individual. If the individual with seed to sow would not become mixed up with conditions and effects as it is very easy to do, (because it is very easy to look back into the old current), but it is also possible for the child of the living God to lay hand upon intention, and with a faith which is innate to sustain himself across all resistance, all apparent hindrance, to cease to estimate how much time or how little time it takes, of simple knowing that it shall be, to Will that it shall be, and that it shall be a persistent, perpetual, continuous and eternal process,

moving onward, forward and upward to that dominion over all; moving forward in the conquest of the misunderstood to that of the understanding of all. If the soul could take its interest in existence, in living life; could learn to revel in all notes, all experience, all reflection, and all aspects of life as one who is studying it, as one who is earnestly and lovingly seeking after understanding; many of the conditions that now take upon themselves great proportions, that seem to be ominous enemies to the progress of the soul, would turn into friendly children, friendly acts to be studied by the individual who is to take hold upon them and arrange them where and how he wills. But when the soul takes the reverse or perverted attitude and feels that these conditions have assembled to over-power, and that probably he will submit to their tyranny, that probably they have assembled to conquer him, and that they will, no doubt, succeed. This attitude so entirely changes the aspect of an envolving soul, in its course from the joyous living, to that of helpless resignation which is quite the opposite pole, and that which we urge each soul to set its eye upon and never again in the course of its ongoing to lose sight of. We urge that the individual himself can so imbed this thought within his consciousness that no matter how the surges beat about the foot of the mighty Rock of Ages, (which is faith and security,) and no matter how the current may roll, still, the calm awareness of the eternal security may abide, no matter what the past or the crucifixion of members, of parts, of phases of the instrument to be handled may be, if only now that rearranging and mastery of that organization of these forces may be conducted by their creator, the authority which has a right to use them, instead of being used by them.

There is an attitude of mind which can surely be induced by any soul that Wills to do this thing, that attitude that sees the goal, the harbor aimed at, seeing it no matter what the resisting current may attempt to impress upon his Will, upon his mind, yet, he can continually bring the distance between him and the realization less and less as he daily grows in steadfastness in consciousness of his existence, his security becomes absolute. This attitude is possible for one upon a death bed or back upon any rung of the ladder of a life's experiences upon the earth, anywhere, anytime. It is possible from the battle field in the midst of the greatest fight, for a soul to place his hand upon the rudder and declare the intent of his goal. It is possible for the individual at such a point to rally such forces, as will come to carry him to the peace that "passeth understanding." What is needed by every individual is to have more confidence in his assets to more thoroughly understand his latent possibilities and the potential equipment which he has. The confidence that comes to a soul that is in the habit of meditating upon his powers, of previewing them, of inquiring of them their possibilities and testing them out. The strength and power of the Master is evolved through this process. If the individual could more thoroughly appreciate this power to equip himself for life more satisfying to him.

Voyager of Life. Continued

If he could understand that it is not so much the endowment of objects and possessions, from without, as it is a consciousness from within of self power. If the individual could induce, would induce this positive aggressiveness, this positive spirit of conquest, this positive spirit of awareness, of its possibilities, of its irresistible powers, it could move forward on the course of its evolution without these delays in reaping that it so often suffers from. It is so essential that the pupil should take up these particular fundamental exercises and practice them, apply them in all the little experiences of life. See to it. that it is when it needs power and poise and wisdom that it calls it forth for itself. There are those who declare that much is possible but when the test and trial time comes they desert their post and leave their throne and come down among the mutinous elements and there among them conflict with them. 'While the emperor, the true conqueror stands qualified above, instead of becoming mixed up with - manipulates and dictates, yet does not mingle. If the individual could play his part well, practice being a queen, a king. practice ruling his kingdom, practice that dignity and confidence that comes to one who holds within his hands the scepter, being continually aware of the obligation which power incurs; continually aware of the fact that his very kingdom depends upon his reign to preserve.

The dignity of his throne depends upon the steadfastness of his purpose and the trueness of his **living** to the ideal of his kingdom. If this individual who has taken life up in its disturbed place and found conditions resisting him, trying and confusing to him, would not swing out into the conditions and battle with them, but draw himself back into the "secret place of the most high," closet himself within himself, right his attitude of mind, make of his own consciousness a challenging power of the ruler, see to it, that he begins at the very center of his being and declares authority, out to its circumference. The spirit of the ruler would be aroused, would be induced, would be ungirdled within, he would express to himself, his ideals, familiarize and identify his mind with his ideal, that he, then, would ascend to the throne and command audiences that would hold precedent, that he would rule, that he would conquer, that he would succeed in whatever he commands. in whatever he would order. This is the consciousness that no other but himself could be responsible for, no other could do for him this thing. It is possible for him to set the standard of the mental attitude of a ruler and then to ascend to it, to grow into it, to include it in himself until he and his ideal of the ruler become as one. and in the ascent, comes the greater range of freedom afar out, beyond and above any experiences he has ever conceived of.

As revelation and appeal comes back to him with inspiration to seek still higher and greater heights until he finds the evolution of the soul is eternal. That the course is perpetual and continuous and that the experience in expressing of experience, should be joy, no matter what the difference may be. As he transcends many of the little inconveniences and distresses and situations on earth, with a consciousness that is worth while, he learns that what he earns is often at the cost of yielding up

something, yet, this transcending is also joy to him. So it is true of the great souls, the conqueror who stands above physical distractions, material distractions, social or spiritual distractions, looking upon them as means to an end, forever and forever friendly, accepting every so-called stumbling block as a mounting block, seeing to it, that it is what he believes it to be, making of it, what he Wills for it to be, and, seeing to it, that he suggests to it its nature, rather than it suggests to him its nature, seeing to it. that every condition is the embodiment of his ideal for it, rather than it should present itself. and he would have to accept its interpretation of its value. So in meeting his friends, in meeting all of the experiences of life he sets his standard for it, he holds them aloof expecting from them the best, expecting from them that which he needs for his ongoing and growth, expecting that the noblest and best will be radiating from them continually and that he will bask in the benefit of these experiences. This attitude of mind challenges and calls forth from the greatest depths and the greatest heights, that which attunes itself to his present needs to the well-being of all concerned.

It is possible for the soul to command that which is for its good, for its growth, there is no way for a soul to escape that which is its next step. It may have banked up many so-called stumbling blocks to mount over before it knew, before its vision was clear, never-the-less the most friendly are these very so-called stumbling blocks, for they can be transmuted into mounting blocks, for until they are recognized in friendly appreciation of what they may mean to the soul's ongoing, until that soul lays hands upon them with the intention of using them as friends, until this is done they are to the soul that which he believes. If he believes evil of sickness, evil of poverty, evil of discord, if he believes that these things have in them no redeeming virtue, to him, they are as if they had not; but, if he will look about and see other souls in their course of evolution, see them as they were but a few short years before, and as they may now be and realize that through the very overcoming of conditions that seemed so unsatisfactory, to the very meeting and bearing with them, they have grown into the consciousness of the monarch, have grown into greater and greater awareness, until their orbit is larger than it was before, until their consciousness of the value and privilege of life is larger than before. This is possible if the soul will not be blinded by the mote that is before his eye, if he will see with larger range, if he will look back over his own path, over the path of his friends, he will easily learn to induce the quality of recognizing, of discriminating blessings in all things, blessings in the very rod that is laid upon him, that it arouses; blessings in the primitive soul that it hungers that it might go forth to find. So with the soul today, the limitations are his greatest aid, for they will teach him dissatisfaction and a Will to win more satisfactory conditions, which is promised.

The Use of Symbolism

WE find mortals who have taken up the advanced form of thought, (wondering and inquiring of every one whom they feel might give any enlightenment on the subject,) the meaning of symbols and asking: "Why did I have a dream that seemed to be so symbolical? Why is it that so many things come to me in waking hours that seem to be symbols of something, and I cannot find it, cannot grasp it?" We hear this question all about, and many try to find out the meaning of symbols, or that which they take to be symbols.

In our opinion, a symbol is a picture: You attempt to teach your small child a great lesson from its blocks, from pictures, from birds, trying to impress upon his mind the lesson that he can always seek, that he can always bring back to himself when he sees this particular picture; and so it is that some individuals do not seem to grasp the meaning of your own language, that which should be the medium of expression between you. Many individuals are unable, are incapable of reasoning, of concentrating, of knowing the meaning behind the words. Therefore, it is often necessary to give to them a picture that will impress upon their minds the lesson that lies behind it.

We find among you mortals a tendency to speak your English language, or whatever language comes easiest to you. You speak it fluently, you discuss your world topics, the topics of the day, you think you understand one another because you understand the words to a degree that another speaks. You say you can speak such and such a language or perhaps many, and yet we find so few of you who actually know the meaning of the words that you utter, the true meaning that lies behind the simple words, such as the word remembering. When we speak the word remembering to you, it has its full meaning. To many of you, it is going back over some particular incident in your lives, or trying to find out what you thought or did - that to you would be remembering. But to us it is becoming a member again, remembering. The word atonement, as you call it, or at-onement, becoming one again. You have always been one and yet in your minds you have separated yourselves until now you must come back and at-one yourselves with the great Universal Spirit, not in reality, but in your consciousness.

Many words that you speak you do not use in their true sense. You do not give them their full power. You use them lightly and that is why in the form of speaking slang as you term it, you use many utterances as the savage would a grunt. It means something that everyone soon forms the idea of its general meaning, and perhaps the word itself does not mean that at all. You do not use your language to become understood among yourselves. Yet you do not speak a language that you understand between yourselves. We find therefore that it is necessary to give to some of you who have lived so lightly and tried to assimilate in a somewhat meager way with language, an understanding in pictures, in symbols, because we find that you will concentrate upon a picture and that you will do little about it if it is written in your own language.

We cannot hope to express the great understanding that would come to you if you could understand one another's thoughts. Your English Language is not adequate, it is not sufficient, it has not a range of words, and yet it is being used over your country as the preferred language. For that very reason it is almost like your shorthand, and yet very few of you understand, only those of you who have studied it can use it to advantage. So, your symbols.

Do not give so much importance to dream symbols because you receive them; try to receive a lesson from them but remember that they are as blocks to you, they are given to you to help you to understand, to help you to understand your consciousness, because you will work harder if you can hold in your mind a picture. Then as you see a certain number of words on paper, it means a soulless something to you, that, unless you receive it with the spirit behind it is nothing and that is why many individuals will read again and again and receive a different meaning each time, because they did not concentrate in the first place, did not look behind it, search for its complete meaning. Therefore it took many readings, many months, perhaps years, to find the understanding, or even a partial understanding of that which has been written in plain English.

Many of you mortals, when you receive a picture in symbols, give to it so much power, feel you have attained, in that when you can read and see symbols, it must be that you are reaching the place where you can find the secret of life, you have become one of those who are receiving symbols, but we say to you, go within yourself. If you must have symbols to teach you your lesson, you will receive them. If you can learn your lesson without it being given to you in such a manner, if you can learn because the great Universal Spirit so impregnates your being that it is a part of you, when you live it, then you are receiving the true symbol, you are a part of it, it is feeding your being and a great part of the Universal Spirit is yours.

Therefore, to the one who must have symbols, the same as the one who must have side lines of palmistry, or numerology, these phases are ladders, are stepping stones, and yet (tend to lead some away from the great cosmic understanding rather than toward it,) tend to build a wall around the one who should become greater and broader for the Universal Spirit to unfold it. These things are not so important; are side issues. They are well to understand, to know, because you need to know, because you need to know all that you are capable of knowing, and yet to use them to live by, to act by, to build by, sometimes imprisons an individual and keeps him from understanding.

You should seek from within out, rather than from without in. Many feel that wisdom is like seeking a gold mine; it is something to be sought in secret places, unusual places. It is difficult to find it is true, but it is not beyond. it is within the grasp of every individual who will open his own consciousness. It is around him, within him, about him. He need not go out to receive it, it is within. He need not seek in far away hidden places, it is close at hand. For that reason he does not seek, it is so close, and yet mortals will spend months, years, lifetimes, seeking that which is so unimportant, and not realizing that they hold in the hollow of their hands the all-important truth. To learn to know yourself. If you know yourself, you will know all

men, for while they are different outwardly, materially, individually, yet when you find in another something that rings true to you, you find it within yourself; it is within you or you could not recognize it in another. Remember, you cannot transcend your ideals or your understanding, and it is only that which is familiar to you that you could hope to understand in another, that which is unfamiliar, you do not understand. It baffles you, you are lost, you cannot see why in another there is something that you have never experienced yourself, something that does not dwell within you, as outward attributes, but the great fundamental truth is One and you will find even your smaller attributes of expression are very like many individuals the world over, when you can know them well enough to know they exist. When you can know another individual a little you will see the traits like your own, you will find a boy in China or any place in your universe is one and the same generally, individually it is different. It is true the nationality brings them up under different rule, but fundamentally you can see the great similarity. Therefore think of it! How much alike all mortals are and how you cannot separate yourself from another in truth, for all are part of the great universal God-head, but like a drop of ocean water helps to make up the ocean, so do you help to form the great Universal Spirit.

You could not be separated from it, you could not be released from it, you could not live without it. It is life. It exists, it has ever been and will continue on into eternity. Because of the laws of the universe, it is, and because it is, you are, and because the same law makes every individual born into the world alike, under the same laws governing the same act of correlation. It is true all over the universe you cannot be separated, you all are governed alike, you all live and breathe and have your being fundamentally the same. Without air, without food, without water, without certain elements upon your universe, upon your earth, you could not exist in the form that you now take, which has been created in thought. Therefore, remember that while you are in this body, you are functioning in one way. When you leave it, you function in another, and yet your consciousness always remains yours until you reach the place that you merge and become one with the great All-cosmic consciousness. It is when you begin to understand the symbols of life, which are only pictures that you see that there is no difference in individuals, underneath it all, fundamentally, in truth there is no difference, there is no separation.

The Use of Symbolism. Part 2

To teach mortals that they stand out as individuals and yet when they learn themselves, they know all men, seems to be a paradox. It is not, it is a truth. You are functioning in these bodies to give to you certain expression for your soul's on-going. When you have completed it, or when your body ceases to be of use, you leave it, you lay it down and it goes back into its own individual form, fundamental qualities which indeed are a part of the same great cosmic force that you are. It has a consciousness, it is made of millions of entities over which your great consciousness ruled during the time that you possessed it. Remember that your consciousness has been made of myriads of consciousnesses down through the ages and you have attained the position that you now hold and that the only difference between the least consciousness that you are capable of conceiving of, and the great Arch-angel is the degree of consciousness. That is the only difference: it is in the degree that you possess, that you bring forth, that you manifest. Therefore, when you are conscious of all about you, you are conscious of yourself and you are unconscious so long as everything about you is a mystery, so long as others are a mystery, so long as you do not know yourself you do not know another. Therefore, you know by that very symbol just how much you know yourself for just so can you gauge it. If you do not know another, if you criticize another, if he does not meet that which you think to be right, then you do not know yourself, and why do you not know yourself? Because you never know when you meet it yourself in your life, the same thing that another has done for which you have criticized him. That is why you do not know yourself. If you knew yourself you could not criticize another for you would be honest with yourself and say, "I too am that one, or have been or will be perhaps. No doubt of it." We say perhaps because many of you are not conscious of that which you have done in earlier years, in this life. How could you know then of that which has transpired in another body many long ages ago, and yet the consciousness, that part of you which goes into eternity, carries with it its remembering, carries with it all its experience, its wisdom - there is none lost. So when you see another one doing that which you disapprove of, which you would change, which you would teach him to be different in, you are seeing in that other one, yourself in a lesser degree or a greater degree, yet yourself. Remember, rather than criticize the other one, go back within yourself, say to yourself, "That is part of me, if I would change it in another one, I must begin now and change it within myself, for here is where the trouble lies. If I can see it in another one to criticize in another, here is where the seat of it is. If it is something that I dislike in another, here is my work - not to change the other one, that world is his, inherited by him, and inherited by me is my own work to do. If we all would do our work to the best of our abilities, the world would grow better fast."

As it is, every one is reaching out of himself to criticize, to change, and very little is done at home, because of it, time apparently is wasted, and yet we see you mortals feeling that you are justified, feeling that you are capable, feeling that you attained to the position in life where you are judges of humanity. It is not a position that anyone should assume because when you judge humanity, you admit literally that

you have done little in yourself, that all of this you would change in another, lies unchanged in yourself, lies there awaiting the time when you will return and change it, and when you reach the place that you are working on it, you are then too busy, too well occupied, to reach out into the world and train another. You are willing then to leave his duty to him, when the time comes that he will see it: for others have left you to do yours, until the time came when you changed it, for after all, you are the one who breathes for this body, you are the one who lives in this body, and by the same token you are the one to change all, for it lies within your own soul and is yours for you to remodel.

If mortals could but know that much time is wasted and the greatest sin that one can perform is to bring judgment down on another when he has not worked it out within himself. Think of your own lives. Some of you say, "Where shall I begin?" We have just told you, begin on that which you see and dislike so much in another. It lies right at hand. When you reach the place where you feel there is no power, that it has no power over you, that it ceases to exist in your consciousness, that you cease to see it, you have no doubt overcome it, but when you yet can criticize it, you have not overcome because you can still see it and recognize it in another. It is still distasteful to you in another, therefore it is still within you and you are not conscious of the fact that it lies there within yourselves. Why? Because most of you have not lived lives to perfect it. If you know that you do not approve of it, then strengthen yourselves before the battle, not attempt to do it when the battle is on. Most of you mortals wait until the great test comes upon you before you seek to strengthen yourselves. But the time to do that is to prepare for it and to so train yourselves that it has no power over you. Then when it comes you are strong. It is not a test to you, you stand above it, you have overcome in the fact that you have faced it and you have permitted it to lose its power before the test comes, but it will come to prove to you whether you have overcome it or whether you just think you have overcome.

Remember that as long as you can say you have overcome, you feel sure, you think about it, talk about it - you have not overcome. When you reach the place that when you meet it, you could give it a glance of recognition but pass it on, place it out of your mind, know that it has no power by the very fact that it does not remain within, that it ceases to exist for you, then you have finished, but not until then because the denial of a thing is in fact the recognition of the existence of the thing. So when you deny it, you admit it, you hold it within yourself.

If all your lives could be utilized as a symbol you would waste no time by seeking to reach and to know the understanding that is yours, that you are seeking, that you came here to find. Hunt for it right within yourself and whenever others disqualify, do not reach your standard, so to speak, see to it that your own standard is a standard and not an assumed one, not a pretense, not an out-pouring of that which is for the world to see only, see that you live it, for when others seek to investigate they find as a rule a structure behind very much like your moving pictures - a beautiful front yet no backing. It is deplorable indeed that mortals can waste so many moments in building structures in their lives that are only so much waste material, that have cost so much pain, in sorrow, in trouble, even as your beautiful

pictures are so expensive to produce and after all, none of them can be utilized for anything but for the purpose it is built, and that is to be seen from the front only, and when that is torn down by storm, then do you stand naked in your lack of wisdom, in your lack of understanding, in all that is worth while in life. Many of you have frittered away your time and begin to change only when the time comes that you feel that you are leaving your bodies, and see a panorama of your lives and recognize your lost moments and see that which you might have done but did not do, and all that you did do and how little it has availed.

It now is the time when you are in your zenith when you have all opportunity ahead of you, now is your opportunity to begin, now always will be the time when you do begin, so why not this moment as well as another moment? Why can you not see the interest on your investment now and this moment instead of a moment when it is too late to do that which you craved to do?

Symbols of life! Most of them only symbols, only sign-posts and many of you wrap yourselves around them and can go no further. Tear yourselves loose and go out into the universe, **living** your lives and being that which is your ideal, that which is yours to attain, that which you see within yourselves, not that which you see in another or that which another may see for you, but that which you see for yourself. - The Great Cosmic Pictures can never be complete until each mortal goes back and lives his life, not as others picture it, but as he sees it, as he pictures it, as it is a truth to him from within himself, not from the brain, for it is, "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he," not as he thinketh in his brain, that is of little power and a knowledge passes into nothingness because the brain is continually filled with something different out of which the soul can make all that it can sift through of the wheat from the chaff.

Thinking True

If thou art weary of thy eternal struggle, lay down thy instruments of resistance and rejoice in the now! Thy Soul has ever been in perfect harmony with thy Spirit but thy mind was ever at war with its SELF - trying to reason about the unreasonable, struggling to climb over the unsurmountable, wishing for the unattainable and yet, without the presence of them all, thy mind could not exist!

Thy great flame of life needs only to be fanned into the glow of WISDOM - thy skillful instrument of love.

Mind is the wand of power directed by **discrimination**: crystallized, becomes that one who neither sees nor hears the great silence because of the clanging brass of his own egotism. Sound creates form after the pattern of thy thoughts - If thy thoughts be pure, and thy mind clean, then the harmony of thy will brings forth its symphonies, but if thy ever changing thoughts be tintured with wasted energy, then thy reservoir will empty and thy Temple crumble with thy declining years. For energy precipitates when crystallized and running streams are dammed when congested with its silt. Thus fixed becomes thy pattern but without distinctive pictures from which thy creations can be formed.

When thy life seems marred by noise, and motions become emotions; when thy nerves twang as do the strings of thy lute, when played off key; cease thy struggle and calm thy mind, life comes from nowhere and never doth it go, since it always has and always will be. Thou need only to remember and At-One Thyself by passing through thy mind into thy soul and spirit, where life moves so fast it would appear as still - Still as the stars and silent as the night.

Once again thy mind will tell thee that thou hast become a little child and entered the gate of peace for which thy soul hath waited long, and thy anxiety now must cease! Peace be to thee, thou ENERGY of light, brought forth to manifest thy God, the brotherhood of Man -

"OH, THOU MOST HOLY ONE"

O Mighty "I AM" Presence O Thou Most Holy One,
Help me to be Thy Perfect Self In Thee my work be done.
O help me always on my way To keep Thy Wisdom pure,
To climb the mighty hills today The crags and cliffs endure.
See to it, Blessed Self of me That I no longer stray;
That I climb forward, One with Thee,
Bound with Thy love to stay.
I cannot live without Thee, God,
I cannot work alone;
I cannot come into Thy Light Until we two are one.
Therefore, submerge me with Thy Mighty Light This intellect reclaim,
And never let me from Thy sight Because we are the same.
- Ruth B. Drown.

