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SPIRIT



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

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

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

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

Spare not thy search, for it is profitable.

Heed no voice that would hinder thee on thy upward way.

Become soul centered here in the light of wisdom, and thou shalt send forth such illumination as proceedeth only from the mind of thy Creator, the mind that is Wisdom.

Let thy little or greater light shine to illuminate the pathway of others, for earth-darkness is impenetrable save by the Divine Light.

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

The Unknown Name

By NELLIE WHIPPLE FAWCETT

In vain we seek one perfect Word which fully voices our thought of the perfection of that Source of Light which is the First cause of all Expression preceding Manifestation on every plane of Being.

The impossibility of defining God is a most impressive thought to the searcher after the arcane of Divine Wisdom. At first it seems possible, and we rest content with certain terms which to us are sacred through association with holy things, but as consciousness expands we seek better and more discriminating words with which to clothe the "naked Truth" of Being. Verily "we see through a glass darkly." The unknown Word is hidden. The I Am that I Am, is veiled. The Universal Essence can be grasped by Thought, only in fragments. Let us be content with this. **God is. I am.**

We call Divine Essence "Life," but it is the All of Life and something more. We call it "Love," but Love alone, without its complement of "Wisdom" is but a part of the All-Good, as Wisdom without Love would be incomplete in meaning. We name It "Truth" but prefix "absolute," because Truth is relative as it is "absolute."

U. altering as Cause, Truth constantly changes as Effect.

So we, because of ever changing manifestation of Being are related to God, and call our transient manifestation "relative truth" while God is to us "Absolute Truth." We name It "Mind" yet guard the noble word with "infinite" lest finite mind should boast itself as being the Whole, thereby losing that perfect harmony of thought which is the Universal Intelligence of Divine Mind. To call It "Spirit" fills the soul with satisfaction if our concept of Spirit holds that grandest of all trinities, Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, as the All of Science, Presence, Power, throughout the Universe.

Echoing the fond word of him who was called "The Christ" we call God "Father," but this dear name alone no longer satisfies humanity.

The "Motherhood" of God must be sustained with "Fatherhood" as a co-equal idea, that we may discern our real kinship to One Divine Parent.

Intent with imaging Divinity through working out of Law or Principle.—Creative Mind or Energy wrought an universal likeness of Godhood.

That likeness is Mankind. That "image" Humanity.

How like a negative-plate is the human Soul, reflecting, imagine God, as positive Spirit-Reality.

How strange that Divine Mind should be such a mystery to Its own image and likeness.

Though we are self-conscious offspring of God yet the true Name of our Divine Parent is unknown to us. We are told by those profoundly wise in sacred lore, that one inexpressible mystic Word symbolizes Deity, but this one true Name for God is lost to man. We search in vain for It for the Symbol,—but not in vain for God.

While yet this world was young as viewed from human history, the superconscious Voice revealed to Moses at Aoreb the wonderful Identity — **I am that I am**,—as the Grand Ego of the Universe, known to Moses as Jehovah.

And now, after long-centuries of patient waiting, our own "I Am" identity is found to be the nucleus of each individual soul: our divine Center, maintaining perfect peace and poise and power within each conscious being and uniting the real Self to Universal Spirit. We lose nothing of individuality by saying "Thy power hath made us and not we ourselves." God's Presence is the identification of each soul. Aside from this, God is wholly selfless, sexless and impersonal. These qualities of self, sex and personality inhere only in manifestation.

When speaking of God as Himself or Thyself we mean **I Am**, within consciousness, knowing that the One Whole Universal **I Am That I Am**, must forever remain selfless, unmanifest, impersonal, infinite, beyond all intellectual comprehension, as a sublime, soul-thrilling Ideal of **Unknown Name**.

THE OLD, OLD STORY.

'Tis a wonderful, beautiful story,
Tho' old, yet will always be new;
Of our Father, whose love never faileth,
For those who will ever prove true.

'Tis a wonderful, beautiful promise
He gave us to live by each day,
The Lord will provide (if we trust Him),
And, "LO" I am with you alway.

'Tis a wonderful, beautiful silence
When we enter the Temple's great doors,
And listen to the voice of the Master,
Obey, and all things are yours.

'Tis a wonderful, beautiful journey,
To walk with the Angels of Light;
The pathway illumined with gladness,
No shadow, no darkness, no night.

'Tis the wonderful, wonderful Spirit
Who dwells with the children of men,
To comfort and rescue from trouble—
Says this story again and again.

M. E. J.

Wherever there is selfish desire there is misery; all desires are more or less selfish and keep a man out of perfect and profound peace.

SPIRITUAL ALTRUISM

"In union there is strength." These words mean much more than we have generally realized, especially as pertaining to spiritual union.

Have you ever entered a room where there were a few assembled who, with one accord, were seeking spiritual truth? And did you feel a new animation on entering that circle—a quickening of the mental faculties, extending even to the physical organism? Well, this is but a wee hint of the mighty power and life there would be in perfect spiritual union.

The Infinite is one—omnipotent. This one is our life, but we have taken and divided it into billions of fragments, "every fellow for himself" has been our rule and consciousness of life.

This is the reason of the sufferings and weakness of humanity.

See here, my friend, you and I are not two lives, but one—"I in thee and thou in me." Why do we strive against each other? Why do we try to get the best of the bargain every time?

There was an old rule given us—oh, so long ago that it appears to have been quite forgotten: "Whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord"—the One Life. Truly this is what we do anyway but if we were conscious of it how differently we might do. You did not take this into account last week, did you, when you deceived and cheated your neighbor in that business transaction? And when you saw that poor woman and could have alleviated her sufferings and did not, you never thought, did you, that "Inasmuch as you did it not" you failed the One Life and denied your unity with it? You separated your life from the suffering woman's life, and left her to look out for herself, while you did likewise. These things ought not to be, since in union there is not only strength, but heaven.

How much better you would have felt if you had not cheated in the first instance, and had assisted and befriended in the second.

Each human soul is a book of life, and in that book we write our record. How many deeds have we done that we wish had never been written; and how many deeds we might have done, that we now wish we had written.

Dear readers, Altruism is the sacrifice of self for the good of others; and Spiritual Altruism is to sacrifice our life for the spiritual good and union of all.

Shall we not practise it? Let us not permit our golden opportunities to pass us by—in the little things that make up life and that we overlook. There can never be any true spiritual union on the earth until we do these little acts that seem insignificant and so easy to do, that we pass them by as unnecessary, or too small for our notice; because we would do some great things befitting our dignity, and that would command the praise of all. Suppose in our present undeveloped life and love that all of us who are seeking the altruistic principles and life, should form a colony—how do you think we would agree and prosper? Every one thinking his way the best way to carry out the plan, and jealous of each other's popularity and power.

Even among those who have espoused this cause, and desire to see it established in daily life—how few have really begun to practise its

principles. How little of self-sacrifice there is in our lives!

You see if we are ever going to better our conditions how necessary it is that we begin the work of self-discipline at once; how necessary to be able to practice these things in our individual lives before we attempt it in a body or society. Let those who are isolated, practice these principles toward the unbelieving, in as far as they can. And let those, where there are few who are agreed, not only practice toward the unbelieving, but begin to share their blessings among themselves, and to give their life and thought for each other's happiness.

The Master, who taught this life, said: "If any man would save his life, he would lose it." And we see it verified every day but: "If he would lose his life for my sake (the One Life) he shall find it."

Self-sacrifice is the only way to find the one desirable life. To give your life for many is the only road to heaven. To live for all the only unity. And now is our present opportunity to do these things.

Unless we improve the present how shall we be able to improve the future? If we would put it off for one day, how do we know but we might keep putting it away to the end of our life—and die a miserable, poor, selfish mortal and have all our salvation to work out where it may be much harder to do than here.

"The reason why people know not their duty on great occasions is that they will not take the trouble of doing their duty on little occasions." Did you ever read anything more true than this? It is the little things that lead up to the great. No one is capable of making great sacrifices who can not make small ones, and perform his duty cheerfully on every little occasion. Nor is he worthy of greater trusts until he is faithful in the little that lieth at his hand.

Do you know, dear ones, that as we have in some measure conquered self and practice these things, even toward those who know not the least thing of our Spiritual Philosophy, that they will also practice them toward us? They will feel something (indefinable to them) in us, and they will be drawn to us and love us and desire to minister to us without knowing why. But we know. The Law is unerring, and Justice rules; and they can not do otherwise, for the God of Love is in their hearts also; and we can almost teach them to live the true life without announcing a single principle of it, but by living it ourselves.

Deal with others as you would be dealt with, for one year without expecting any returns, and see by that time if your life has not created a little heaven for you and those about you, and if they also are not making practical—in some degree—the golden rule.

The first and the great work towards the altruistic life is with self, for the whole is made up of its parts. Yes, self must be gotten right or there is nothing right for us. He must be transformed; get him into harmony with life, and happiness will be found everywhere.

It will require some force or character, some determination to conquer the lower propensities, but it can be done. We little know ourselves and it takes a good while to find all the depths of selfishness there is in us. But if we set out with the determination to know ourselves as we really are, and to put it all under our feet, giving

our life for humanity, we shall conquer. Much greater are the powers that are for us, than all that can be against us. Besides this our spiritual nature is much greater than the carnal—much more real and enduring, and once we see its beauty, its desirableness we will give all our will and devotion to it. When the conscious mind agrees with the spirit the lower nature cannot sway us much longer and bind us in hell.

Altruistic principles are first espoused by the mind; afterward they must be wrought out in our lives and take full possession of us, then shall we be able to live as one united body in peace and helpfulness and love. If each one interested in the altruistic life would appoint himself his own guardian—to train himself in that life how soon we would find the solution of the problem; because when each one found himself right (that is, in harmony with law) how easy it would be to unite with others in the same life. We have no one's salvation to work out but our own; but no one can work out his own without its direct and indirect action for good upon all others; for in order to conquer self he must give his life for others—thus working out his own salvation by forsaking self and self ends. There is one thing I would mention because it would prove very helpful to those who would live by these higher principles and who think it a long hard way: *i.e.*, to remember you have only to live one day at a time, and do not try to live any faster or further than that. Live these principles today as if it were the last day and only day. Then when a new day dawns resolve to live it, with divine love's aid, as if it were the all of time.

It is not so hard to live rightly for one day is it? It is true you will be tried and tempted and may fail at times to fulfill your ideal, but character is not transformed in an instant of time, and every day's true endeavor is another step on the road that leads to final victory. By and by, if you will not forget to do this, there will be no need to take any thought as to your conduct, for you will have learned to live rightly just as naturally as you breathe—in fact it will be your own spirit, that knows all these things, living in your stead, and it is one with all.

IMMORTALITY.

I know not of what good fate my thoughts have been always fixed upon things to come, more than upon things present. These I know by certain experience to be but trifles; and if there be nothing more considerable to come, the whole being of man is nothing better than a trifle. But there is room enough before us, in what we call eternity, for great and noble scenes; and the mind of man feels itself lessened and straitened in this low and narrow state, and wishes and waits to see something greater. And if it could discern another world coming, on this side of eternal life, a beginning glory, the best which earth can bear, it would be a kind of immortality to enjoy that prospect beforehand, to see, when this theatre is dissolved, where we shall act next, and what parts, what saints and heroes, if I may so say, will appear on that stage, and with what lustre and excellency. How easy it would be, under a view of these futures, to despise the little mops and honors, and the momentary pleasures of mortal life.—*Lord Bacon.*

HYMN

Thou art the fountain from which we can draw
All things we need when we trust to thy law:
Thou art the soul-sun which shines from above
To fill the world with bright beams of thy love.

Thy name hath power to speak healing peace
To souls who turn unto thee for release
From chains of sorrow, of sickness and sin,
All are made whole as thy truth enters in.

In thee, O Jesus Jehovah, my King,
Such joy I find for sheer gladness I sing,
The seeds of beauty in this soul of mine
Wake, bud and bloom at thy touching divine.

Jesus Jehovah, most holy thou art,
Draw me, I pray thee, so close to thy heart,
This one of mine shall be tuned to its beat,
Filling my being with melody sweet.

And above all things, O Jesus, my King,
I would to others the glad tidings bring,
Of how thou earnest unto earth to give
Life more abundant, life blessed to live.

Lura Brower.

THE SPIRITUAL.

There is no room in the garden of the soul for the flowers of truth and falsehood to grow side by side. The latter will interfere with the growth of the former unless it is removed, while truth can only flourish when the soil in which it is planted is not depleted by the drafts made upon it by noxious weeds of falsehood. We hold that the world needs a religion that spiritualizes, purifies, uplifts and ennobles its followers. The choice between right and wrong must be made by ourselves, and we hold that all lovers of truth should welcome any and all revelations that will warn them of danger or make them conscious of the absolute reliability of the positions they have taken.

KEEP YOUR IDEAL IN SIGHT.

He who lives with God and Christ and the Angels has a cheerful disposition and a power to do and achieve that is invincible.

Cheerfulness and serenity gives anyone power. The cheerful and serene state can come only in its highest degree through love and faith and hope. It comes when we take all of our troubles and worries and anxieties to the great GOD and ask Him for grace and light and strength.

Peace shall come in a day, known to the Lord;
there shall not be day nor night, as in the time
that now is; but everlasting light, infinite bright-
ness, steadfast peace, and secure rest.

Help me, eternal Truth, that no vanity be in my motive.

Come to me, heavenly sweetness, and let all impurity flee before my face.

Thomas a Kempis.

The best preacher is the heart.
The best teacher is time.
The best book is the world.
The best friend is God.

The Talmud.

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INVOCATION.

Thou Sovereign Ruler of the Universe! All is good, All is beautiful that helps us to render homage to Divinity. Let all men in every land under all skies turn to thee in adoration, seeking Truth and Freedom.

Nothing is higher than Truth.

Enter thou into the joy of Life and Love.

We should trust in God as if God did all, and yet labor earnestly and patiently.

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

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

Mind is like a mirror; it gathers dust while it reflects. It needs the gentle breezes of Soul-wisdom to brush away the dust of our illusions. Seek to blend thy Mind and Soul.

Hedge thy mind with traditional and conventional thought if thou wouldst know misery. Open thy mind to Universal Mind if thou wouldst know joy, peace, and bliss.

Come! let us all search for inherent laws and principles and come into oneness and harmony with the one eternal Law and Principle of universal Life and Being. It is thus we will come to know, and in no other way.

"The Spirit's Might must love the consciousness that is fruitful with the glow and ardor of young and strong Aspiration. Aspiration for God, for the Highest Life, for further excellence, is the very beginning of every state of enlarging life."

Think not of rewards or punishments of hell or heaven, but live right now with this burning love in your heart for God, and you will live in the Most High with God, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Angels, and will realize the indescribable Bliss of Living Love now and for all time.

The success of a plant depends not upon its size, as compared with the other plants of the garden, but upon its steady and healthy growth. So the success of a human life does not depend so much upon the rank it takes among others as upon its own continual progress.

All through the ages, seers and sages come and go, that men may be inspired by their presence to hope, to do, to achieve and progress. These holy and prophetic men are the channels or mediums that the great God uses to convey messages of Light and Truth and Inspiration to His children. At the present moment many such great souls walk the earth.

Personal Magnetism depends upon how much and how deeply we can love; upon how much and how deeply we can think; upon exact justice, honesty, broad tolerance, calmness, serenity, dignity, fearlessness and a patience, cheerfulness and willingness in our work, whatever it may be.

"Have love; not love alone for one,
But man as man thy brother call,
And scatter like the circling sun
Thy charities on all."

In striving to live the life, meditation is absolutely necessary. Go into a quiet, holy place, away from all disturbing vibrations, and meditate upon GOD, and CHRIST and LOVE. Thoughtful reflection and consideration of the Mighty Love of GOD, the Loving Father of all, and that YOU are his child, and He is your blessed loving Father, will lift your soul into the vibrations of Love, Light and Life, and then you will want to pray (talk) to God and Christ and the Holy Angels.

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

Life is universal. Life and thought are not limited to any one planet or ethereal sphere in the universe. Countless planets and countless ethereal spheres are full of intelligences in physical and ethereal bodies. Some of these planets have life forms in a lower degree of evolution than we have here on this planet, and many of them have types and beings in a much higher degree

of evolution depending upon the degree of evolution of the planet. In the eternal process and progress of life all souls must manifest on all planets and on all the heavenly or ethereal spheres. What a blessed truth! You, an eternal soul, always living here, in a higher and more blessed state of consciousness. Life is universal, progressive and eternal—The Blissful Prophet.

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

Our minds are much disturbed by vain imaginations, and dis-ease in both mind and body is often created. Much of our misery is due to our thinking we need this thing and that thing to make us happy, or this and that place to reside in. Our ambitions are usually far beyond our powers to realize them. The soul whispers patience and a rational contentment, and when the mind obeys its voice we are more at ease. To manifest the divine within, we must not look for power without. External conditions are always adjusted to a right balance by Internal action of the soul. The Yogi Adepts say "Each soul is potentially divine. The goal of all souls is to manifest this divinity within by controlling Nature—external and internal. Do this either by Work, or Worship, or Psychic Control, or Philosophy, by one or more, or all of these—and be Free. This is the whole of Religion Doctrines, or Dogmas, or Rituals, or Books, or Temples, or Forms are but incidental and secondary details."

BORN OF THE LIGHT

Henceforward walk as one born of the light,
Garner the sunbeams all along the way,
And when the outer world grows dark and gray,
Scatter them freely till it grows more bright,
With such clear shining of the soul bedight,
Thy presence ever will emit some ray,
That has the power to lift into the day
Those thoughts of man, that shroud him as
in night.

Should earthly cares and griefs thy sight so dim,
Thine eyes as through a glass but darkly see
The joys, which at their heart they hold for thee,
Thou must more carefully thy soul's light trim,
With purest oil of Love fill to the brim,
Till it reveals the blessedness to be.

Lura Brower...

TRANSFORMATION

In order to enter into the true life, there must be a transformation of character. The natural; *i. e.*, the animal and intellectual man, must be subservient to that which is higher than they are, if they would bear the Divine Image. This is why every truth-seeker must come in an humble, childlike spirit, thereby showing its desire to learn, and acknowledge its Superior and Helper. Thus humility is the first soul element requisite on the upward journey. Without humility there is no teachable spirit, and progress is impossible. Jesus said that only those who received the kingdom of God as a little child could enter therein.

I quote Jesus, because in my judgment he is perfect authority; and in the world's opinion, he is at least the best of authority. But aside from this I have learned that when I feel the most humble, and aspiring, I receive the greatest help and inspiration; the closest touch of Divine Goodness.

It is in this spirit that we are nearest to God, and the soul opened so His love and wisdom can penetrate and bless.

Humility is like a window in the soul, that should ever be kept open toward heaven, for light to flow in.

Second—There must be obedience, or not even Omnipotence could transform you. It would have to wait until you were ready to be changed. There is no coercion in Love: you must obey willingly.

The laws of nature promise you nothing except through obedience to them. Nor does spiritual law promise anything, but to those who fulfill it. You must keep the commandments of Spirit; you must do its will; you must live by its laws, if you would be an heir of its life. The commandments, the will, the laws of Spirit are all one; they are not intricate, but simple to understand, so that any one may obey them.

The true way of Life has been made very easy for us to understand and live, through the life of Jesus, whose life was love.

His command was "Love." The law of Spirit-life is love. The will of God is love.

You will see, then, why a transformation is needed: The natural man is selfish—this must be changed into love. How? St. Paul said: "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds." Renew your minds with truth. Truth is the transforming power. Let your minds dwell on the things of truth—on the principles of life. We are largely governed by our thoughts—hence the necessity for right and transforming thought.

Thought is a great force for good or ill according to its trend. Then by right thinking we may co-operate with Spirit in our own transformation. Spiritual alchemy is accomplished through the susceptible mind, the baser nature transmuted into pure Spirit-life. It is a mental evolution. By renewing the mind with thoughts of Truth we become spiritually minded; *i. e.*, ALIVE. So we have humility, obedience and right thinking as our part in the transformation to take place.

To think rightly is to think purely, and to think purely is to think in harmony with law,

Message of the Patriarch

Beloved Brothers and Sisters: Christ came into the world to redeem mankind from ignorance; to teach the law of righteousness; to prove by his own life that Love was the Divine principle, the only way to Heavenly Joys, by living pure and holy lives, seeking happiness through kindly deeds with smiling faces, receiving God's blessings as the flowers accept the golden sunlight. Angelic messengers guard by day and by night. Send forth thanksgiving of praise to those dear ones above. They may have trod the same rugged path which is thine today, having ascended to yon glorious heights to be with Jesus. Glorified helpers for humanity. The High Hosts of Heaven bend low over thee in Benediction. Love is Eternal Life.

with nature and with love. It is to eliminate thoughts of hatred in all its forms, as anger, malice, envy, jealousy, intolerance, bigotry. It is to give place in our minds to the Spirit of Truth and Justice and Mercy.

When the soul is in the right attitude, the Spirit will come in and fill it. The right attitude can not be assumed or forced; it must be heart-felt. There must be soul-hunger; one must feel their need—then humility is natural, obedience a joy and right thinking (*i. e.*, love) is easy and spontaneous.

What more is required of us than we may be transformed into the Divine Nature? These three things, together with prayer, cover all the ground; but it will be helpful to be a little more explicit. An humble attitude is a prayerful attitude; it cares not to be seen, but expresses its needs simply and secretly to the overruling Love, the Infinite Father-Mother.

The Obedient attitude looks carefully to know all the will of the Spirit; it seeks to understand and DO. It finds that it can not serve two masters, and give itself wholly to either one; so it ceases serving gold to seek Truth—the real riches. It learns it can not hold enmity against a brother and find atonement with God; for all life is one, and it is not in harmony with the whole with any expressed life left out; so it forgives and is forgiven.

The spirit of right thinking is progressive. The mind once started in right channels progresses onward and upward, because every thought is a seed that yields its increase, and every pure motive and impulse of the Spirit, bringing life.

That thoughts are things, and that we reap them some time after sending them forth, I have evidence plenty in my own life experiences, and can say with certainty that we reap our own sowing, both as to good and evil. If you will note these things as you move along you will find yourself reaping experiences of which you thought, or wished for, months, and years before. The lesson may not be just as you would have had it, but it is at hand, for your profit. You must learn to sow wisely.

To be transformed from the human into the Christ nature or life, requires time and patience, for it must be brought about largely through

experiences that give the soul opportunity to learn what really is the true life; and how to discern good and evil with a wisdom divine.

Through prayer the soul receives guidance and strength, and uplifting when it is troubled and desolate.

An humble spirit is constant prayer; but there are times of special needs and deep desires, when the soul instinctively prays most earnestly. All such prayers are answered. They are never contrary to law, for in moments of great need the soul intuitively prays aright—giving itself for Truth and Light.

A forced prayer of words as a form or custom is a mockery, and too shallow to require an answer. When any one tells you that prayer is NEVER answered, you may make up your mind that, whoever it is, has NEVER really prayed. He has never entered into his secret chamber—the Holy of Holies—where he and the Father are all, and where ministering spirits hover near to perform the thing required.

Thought is a force that goes out to accomplish that where unto it is sent. Prayer is the same thing on the highest plane and with the greatest impetus; it could not help but return with its answer from its very nature. The law of its life is in it and sent it forth for a return.

True prayer, of course, implies faith—without it there is no real prayer, Jesus said, "Believe that you receive what you ask for and you shall receive." I have evidences plenty in my soul that this is true; but I do not make petitions as if the All-Wise did not know how to rule His own Universe, or save His own people; or that existing laws be set aside, but rather that I might understand them and willingly obey.

Prayer is a most essential thing in the soul's growth and transformation. It is the opening of the soul to all the forces that work for good, visible and invisible, for all these forces are under control of One—even the law of Love—and work always according to it. The All-Wise uses these forces in the behalf of every soul; and much more those who are earnestly seeking.

To sum up what is necessary for our transformation into heavenly beings: Come in an humble, obedient spirit, giving the mind to true and spiritual themes, and our hearts to love and prayer. The rest will be performed for us

by our God, who is Love. Together with our last lesson take these as a guide to life.

"Nonresistance, humility, obedience, right thinking and prayer."

THE HEART OF LOVE.

The new and wondrous light
Within the soul!
The light that never was
On land or sea!
This to behold, perceive,
Oh, sacred mystery,
Who can depict
The grandeur when
The Sun of inspiration
Floods the Soul!
What greater glory
For the heart to know,
When every center
Is with life aglow;
'Tis but the dawn
Of wider consciousness
In spheres above,
Where throbs eternally
The Heart of Love.

—Marie A. Watson.

We will have cruelty and crime just so long as we do not impress the minds of the young with love and tender mercy for all animals. The Vegetarians go farther and say that sin, cruelty and crime will never cease until man stops killing and eating the bodies of animals.

Each succeeding generation is less cruel and vicious, because each succeeding generation is more God-like and kills and eats less animals. The day will come when killing and eating animals will be looked at with disgust and horror, the same as we now look upon cannibalism. The Great New Race of God-like people that are to come will say: "Why in those days, the masses of the people were so ignorant, cruel and brutal and bestial that they killed animals and cooked and ate their bodies!" At the end of the Twentieth Century there will be few flesh-eating people among civilized nations.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

LET THY LIGHT SHINE.

The Spirit of God dwelleth in thy bosom. Give it all the room thou hast and thou shalt be like a beacon light to guide some wandering brother to a haven of peace.

"When thou passeth through deep waters I will be with thee."

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Grant me to use such comforts with moderation and not to be entangled with an excessive longing for them.

Thomas a Kempis.

Do what thou hast to do; labor faithfully in my vineyard; I will be thy reward.

Write, read, sing, sigh, keep silence, pray, bear manfully all that is against thee; eternal life is worth all these and greater combats.

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That to me comes, safe sheltered in my home.
Love is all-powerful, can hate dissolve,
Love is creative, at its word evolve
All forms of beauty, and its voice doth wake,
Flushed music in sad hearts, which else might
break.

Love's eyes are keen to see the good, not ill;
Though hidden deep from others can behold
'Neath the soul's clay bright gleams of purest
gold,
One tender glance from them can crushed souls
thrill,
With a glad sense of new inflowing life,
Making them yearn to rise above earth's strife,
And draw into their hearts that priceless gift,
Whose presence there doth all life's burdens
lift.
Lura Brower.

Trust to the Future; it stands like an angel,
Waiting to lead thee, to bless and to cheer;
Singing of hope like some blessed evangel,
Luring thee on to a brighter career.
Who suffers conquers. He who would attain
That perfect peace, which fears not loss, nor
pain,
Through calm endurance must the victory gain.
Oh sacred patience! with my soul abide.

There is a Spirit in the silent air
Born of this new found faith and love and
prayer;
There is a spirit not of yesterday
That in its power forever sweeps away
Old superstitions, vain beliefs and rant,
Of old world theories, voicing the people's
want
And deeper need, spreading a wondrous fire,
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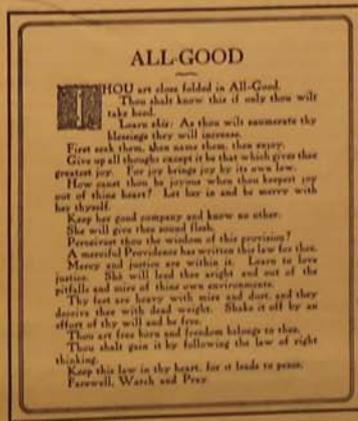
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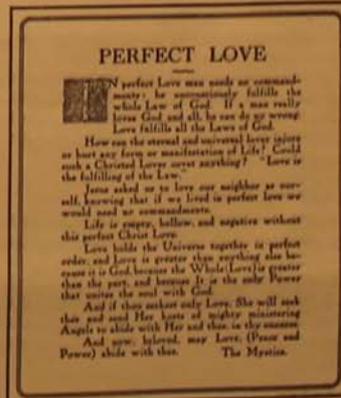
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