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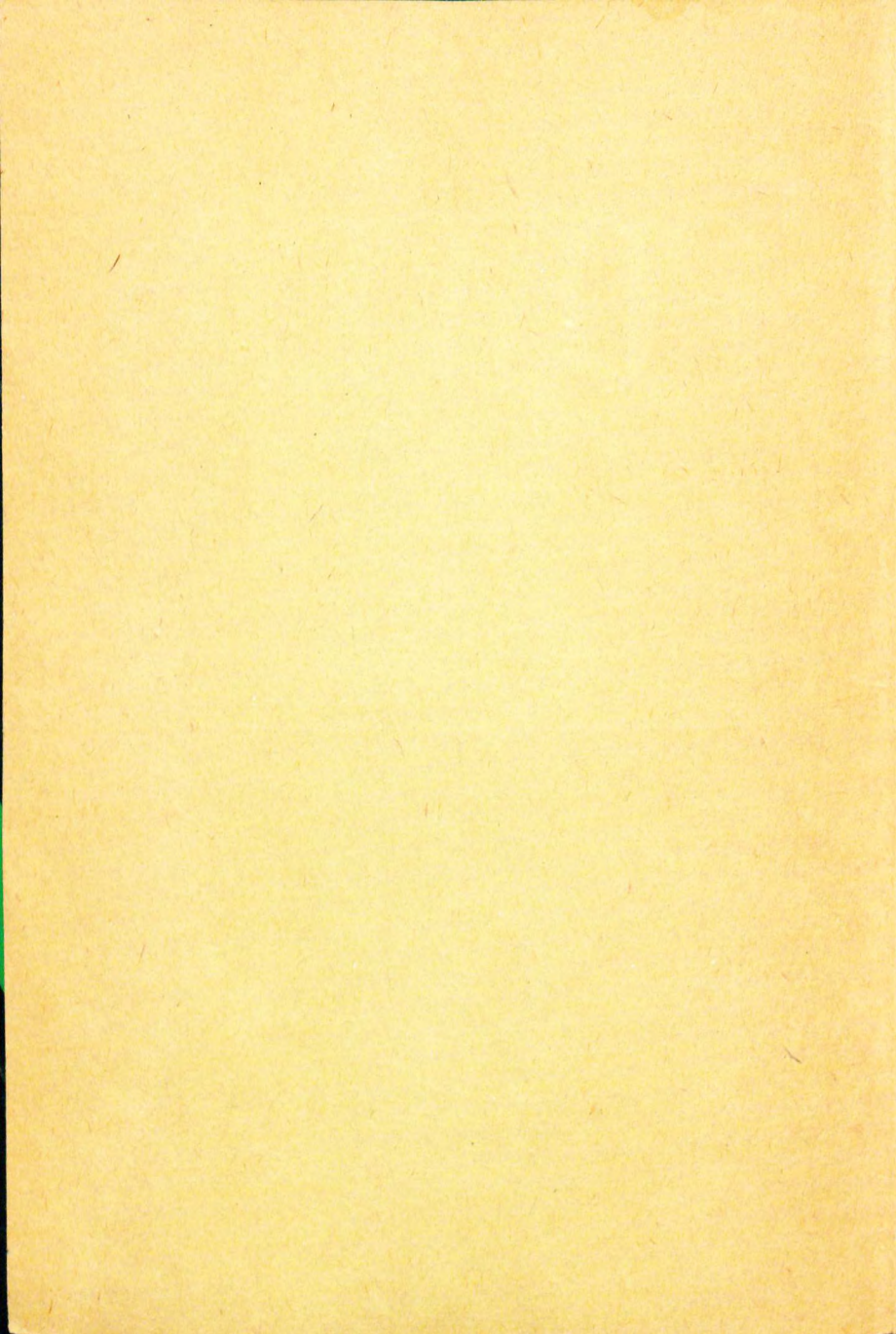
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# Divine Science Teachings

(These Expositions began March, 1917.)

## WHAT DIVINE SCIENCE TEACHES ABOUT PROSPERITY

By CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER



SINCE DISEASE IS DISTORTED MENTAL VISION, imaging and giving power to that which is not real in itself, mankind has surrounded itself with every imaginable ill; none of which is more potent or distressing in all of its aspects than the disease of poverty. It is the one disease common to the great mass of humanity.

Since we have recognized and accepted the truth that God is all there is, and that this Presence is our Source, the question as to why we lack any good thing is legitimate, and deserves our candid consideration.

All our failures come through either the lack of knowledge or non-conformity to the Law. Ever since man began to experiment, through the right of choice—as was placed before him in the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil,” as related in the story of the Garden of Eden—he has brought upon himself the dire consequences of partaking of the fruit of duality.

Instead of enjoying the fruits of only the Good, pleasant to the senses and satisfying to the soul,

he chose to try the effects of eating of the forbidden fruit — “double-mindedness” — of giving place in his thought to that which was not good; and has ever since been paying compound interest upon his investment as a penalty.

When you deliberately choose the path in which you will walk, you must accept what thorns and obstacles you find therein, if it is that particular path you have chosen, instead of the road to Peace and Satisfaction.

The very fact that man is a free moral agent and not simply a machine with no choice except that for which it was made, places man upon his own responsibility. Thus he has depended largely upon his own devices, opinions, and deductions, instead of being susceptible to the inner promptings and intuitions of the One Perfect mind. He has, therefore, planned and figured, and figured and planned, as to how he could, through his own wisdom and efforts, achieve his heart's desires. And so long as man follows this practice, which long since has become a race habit, just so long will humanity be crying in want.

Almost everybody imagines that prosperity means the getting of money, and that that money can supply all our needs and therefore give us the comfort and satisfaction we crave. How far from the truth! Wealth alone never made anyone happy. It is more often the occasion of just the reverse; and he whose chief aim is its accumulation proves his madness in sacri-

ficing his peace of mind, health of body, his soul principles, his friends—in fact, all that makes life worth the living.

Indeed, money is good to have for the Good it represents, if rightly and properly understood and used. It is but a symbol of the real Substance which alone can satisfy. As a medium of exchange, its true significance should teach us the common exchange of the qualities of this real Substance which we all have in abundance—giving and receiving in equal proportion. Then never a smile, an encouraging word, or kindly and helpful act, will go unrewarded.

As the circulation of the blood insures the life of the body, so does the circulation of our divine qualities insure the health of our spiritual being; providing, of course, that the blood is pure and good, which represents the life and consciousness of Truth.

Prosperity, then, means vastly more than the getting of money or material possessions. It means being conscious, aware of, and thus partaking of and being one with this "Fullness which filleth all in all"—God.

He who has ceased to see double—good and evil, health and sickness, supply and lack; he who has learned how to be led of the Spirit, instead of depending upon his own conceptions and judgments; he who truly and fully trusts in the Lord and fulfills the laws thereof—that man knows no lack unsupplied, for to him has come

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the soul-satisfying realization that "Of His fullness have all we received."

Where is there such a man? I know not. Yet I do know that as one fulfills to the best of his present knowledge, his way grows brighter, his path freer from the obstacles of mental beliefs, his difficulties easier to overcome, and his circumstances the less limiting and irksome; for with this fulfillment comes a larger and better vision of that which is at once the Source and Substance, the Omnipresence, in the very midst of which we are right now living and having our being.

I know that if Jesus grew in wisdom as well as in stature; that if he learned obedience to the Law, through which he became conscious of his divinity, so that while "the foxes have holes and the birds have nests" when he had no place to lay his head, by turning his thought to the God of us all he was richly supplied with all needful things, even to wearing of the finest of linen, so may you and I receive of this same Storehouse of Abundance if we will likewise conform to the Law.

What does Divine Science teach us? Listen! As a child of God, born of the Spirit (the new birth), you are an inheritor of your Father's abundance. By divine right you are entitled to all that you can wisely use and enjoy. Then why do you lack? Because you have not awakened to what and who you are. You have been the prodigal son, going on your own resources into

a far country—the realm of personal thought and belief,—and the experience of privation and want and suffering is slowly but surely awakening you, you are “coming to yourself,” and are now on your return to your Father’s house, where “there is plenty and to spare.”

Divine Science teaches us that prosperity is spiritual attainment, not simply material; but that when you first seek and know God aright, then will you be rewarded in the outer as well—“and these things shall be added unto you.”

A rich mentality is that which is open to the illumination and inspiration of Mind, when lo, it sees that it has been given all things richly to enjoy.

As in other diseases, the only place for the healing of poverty is in the realm of personal thought. By a systematic practice of right thinking we can all be healed of our financial ills. But, remember, thought does not make supply. Right thinking opens your eyes, which have been befogged by false images of lack, to see the fullness of God which has ever been surrounding you all the time, although you perceived it not.

Therefore, we urge you to mentally picture only that which you conceive God to be, and then image that fullness in yourself, in your environment, in others, in everything.

Refuse to think poverty—at least refuse to talk about it; and when you do this you will think less about it. To keep from thinking about lack, think and talk opulence, prosperity, success.



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Then try to act that way. Like attracts like. Be a magnet for all the Good, of whatever kind, you desire.

Use good judgment—"temperate in all things," but do not be afraid to spend what you have for what you need. Keep encouraging the thought that you yourself are Prosperity, and as you wisely use, more will be made manifest. You must use the law of expression—you must give if you expect to receive.

#### PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Affirm constantly these truths:

I am the child of God.

God supplies all my needs, and I have no fear or apprehension of the future.

I have a right to the unlimited supply of my Father.

With Jesus I declare boldly, "All that the Father hath is mine."

God supports me in all good work.

I give freely and gladly, and am supplied abundantly.

I observe the Law of Righteousness, and my bank account of good increases the more I draw upon it.

I am the Prosperous child of God.

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## Daily Studies in Divine Science

### STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTALS

God is all there is, both invisible and visible.  
 One Presence, Knowledge and Power, is ALL.  
 This ONE that is ALL is Perfect Life, Perfect Intelligence, and  
 Perfect Substance.  
 Man is the Expression of God, and is ever One with this Perfect  
 Life, Intelligence, and Substance.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In the original form and present tense, since Jesus spoke the Pales-  
 tinian Aramaic tongue, which had neither past nor future tenses.)  
 Our Father, which art in heaven,  
 Hallowed is thy name.  
 Thy kingdom is come; thy will is done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Thou givest us each day our daily bread.  
 Thou forgivest our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
 Thou leadeest us not into temptation; but dost deliver us from  
 all evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and  
 ever. Amen.

### THE DAILY MEDITATION

By CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER

(Begin the day with a silent prayer, and take the verse  
 for the day with the thought for affirmation, and let the  
 mind return to it many times during the day. At night  
 offer a prayer of thanks for the help received.)

### PROSPERITY

#### JANUARY.

The One Source of Supply.

1. Why is God known as The Omnipresence?

He is before all things, and by him all things con-  
 sist.—Col. 1:17.

Of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all  
 things.—Rom. 11:36.

The fullness of him that filleth all in all.—Eph. 1:23.

Our Divine Inheritance.

2. How do you know that you are a child of God?

God is Spirit.—John 4:23. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.—John 3:6. Born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.—John 1:13.

3. Are all men the children of God?

Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?—Mal. 2:10.

4. In what manner is your relationship to God revealed?

All things that are discovered are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever doth make manifest is Light. . . . Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.—Eph. 5:13,14.

5. Should you claim for yourself this Christ-revelation?

I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee.—Ps. 2:7.

6. Why are personal efforts unsatisfying?

Labor not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.—Prov. 23:4.

Trust us in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.—1 Tim. 6:17.

7. To how much are you entitled?

All things that the Father hath are mine.—John 16:15. Of his fullness have all we received.—John 1:16.

8. By what mental attitude do you realize this fullness?

By humility (receptiveness) and the fear (reverence) of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life.—Prov. 22:4.

#### The Law of Prosperity.

9. Of what does true prosperity consist?

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matt. 6:33.

A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth.—Luke 12:15.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffer-

ing, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.—Gal. 5:22.

Rich in good works.—1 Tim. 6:18.

10. What is the Law of the Lord your God?

The fruit of the Spirit is in all Goodness and Righteousness and Truth.—Eph. 5:9.

The work of Righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of Righteousness quietness and assurance forever.—Isa. 32:17.

How to Mentally Practice.

11. Of what value are meditation and affirmation?

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.—2 Chron. 20:20.

Let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.—Ps. 35:27.

12. By what kind of affirmation can you develop faith in God as your sustenance?

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me.—Ps. 25:20.

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.—Ps. 23:1.

I have all, and abound.—Phil. 4:18. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness.—Phil. 1:11.

13. What assurance have you of the result of such practice?

As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.—Josh. 1:5.

My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory.—Phil. 4:19.

14. In what plane of thought must you be receptive?

Thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God.—Deut. 28:13.

Doing Must Accompany Thinking.

15. Why is conformity to the Law of Righteousness necessary?

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.—James 1:17.  
"Like begets like."

16. Of what importance is self-control in the face of adversity?

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law . . . turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.—Josh. 11:7.

17. In practicing the Truth thus revealed, what are the results?

The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand.—Deut. 28:12.

#### Assistance Within and Without.

18. What assistance of good thoughts or spiritual forces do you have in wholly following the Truth?

The Lord will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way.—Gen. 24:40.

19. How do you know the voice of the Lord within you?

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit.—Rom. 8:16.

20. What general results follow the fulfilling of the law?

Then thou shalt prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfill the statutes and judgments.—1 Chron 22:13.

Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies . . . that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest.—1 Kings 2:3.

#### Our Attitude Toward Others.

21. How should you think of others?

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.—Ps. 122:7, 8.

22. How should you declare the good for others?

Now, my son, the Lord be with thee; and prosper thou.—1 Chron. 22:11.

#### The Foundation Stone.

23. Upon what is success dependent?

The book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;

but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to DO according to all that is written therein: for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.—Josh. 1:8.

24. Why is such prosperity satisfying?

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.—Prov. 10:22.

A faithful man shall abound with blessings.—Prov. 28:20.

25. What more is needed than mere observance of the law?

Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord; . . . whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.—Ps. 1:2, 3.

#### Having Confidence in Your Word.

26. What power does your word, the affirmation of your true being and your true inheritance, have in demonstrating prosperity?

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it.—Isa. 55:11.

27. What should be the rule of the home?

If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.—Job 8:6.

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.—Job 35:11.

28. Why fear or have any anxiety if you really trust in God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God.—Ps. 42:5.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of Truth and Meekness and Righteousness.—Ps. 45:4.

29. Again, what is the foundation for securing enduring prosperity?

Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God.—1 Chron. 22:19.

Acquaint now thyself with God and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.—Job 23:21.

30. And again, what is the method of its demonstration?

Trust in the Lord, and DO GOOD; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Ps. 37:3.

31. Having thus established the right inner attitude through right thinking and right living, what specific blessings may be expected with certainty?

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God:

Blessed shalt be thou in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.—Deut. 28:2-6.

### TREATMENT FOR PROSPERITY

I displace all thought of fear and lack by the thought of trust in the All-sufficiency of God. Since God is omnipresent, then what God is is everywhere. I know that Spirit is the only substance. I therefore open myself to Spirit that it may supply all my needs. I do not sit down and imagine that the bounty of God will be poured into my lap. I first open the windows of my soul to see this One and Only Substance, and declare that it is now made manifest to me. I think and speak only of Abundance. While affirming Success, I do not neglect to exercise that faith that is necessary to its realization by putting forth effort to attain its realization; for "God helps him who helps himself." This co-operation with God opens my eyes to see that "Of His Fullness have all we received." I confidently accept this as Truth; therefore, I refuse to acknowledge any lack, resting confidently in the faith that the Father supplies all my needs. This I will continue to do, fulfilling to the best of my understanding and ability, until the visible supply for all my needs and comforts is made manifest.

## THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The understanding that thinking precedes both word and action in the order of creation, as well as mental and physical conditions, is the key to success in all our undertakings.

A person wants to be courteous towards others. Thinking precedes word and action, hence he must think appreciatively and reverentially of that person, whereupon his words and actions will be as desired, full of respect and courtesy. It would be illogical to think contemptuously or even criticizingly of a person and then expect to have courteous words and actions flow spontaneously from that source.

A person desires to succeed in his work, he wants to do it well. Thinking precedes word and action. Hence he must think confidently of his own powers to do this work well. He must think of what he is and let his thought dwell in the consciousness of limitless power and wisdom which is his now and eternally. Knowing what he is, he knows that he can do all things whatsoever, and because he thinks in this manner he will succeed. His outward success depends upon the degree of success he has in making his thought do his will. Knowing the Law, who would expect success to flow from a thought attitude of diffidence and fear?

Thinking precedes word and action. If we would be loving, we must first think loving, commending, and appreciative thoughts. If we would be rich we must first think opulence.

And so it is through all the possibilities of life. If we do this we are working with the Law, and success must be ours to the extent we fulfill the Law.

RABUL, in "Expression."

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## DOERS—NOT HEARERS ONLY

By ALICE V. DAVIS



FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD. He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully; every man as he purposeth in his own heart. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth much fruit. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit. Freely have ye received all of the gifts of the Spirit; for this reason we should freely give. He that scattereth increaseth. Unto this end were we born, and for this cause came we into the world, that we should bear witness unto the Truth.

Only when the heart willingly accepts the truth of At-one-ment (the atonement) with all Good, because of the love for all Good (God), do we realize the divine sense of being established in unwavering faith.

His Truth endureth unto all generations. His Truth shall be thy shield and buckler. So let us love in deed and in truth; and hereby know we are the Truth, and assure our hearts before Him, thus being a doer, and not only a hearer of His Word.

Health attends the man who acts: Wisdom guides him, Power moves him, Progress marks him, Fame follows him, Wealth rewards him, the Elements obey him, Love chooses him, God blesses him, Immortality crowns him.

We should all learn to speak from the standpoint of Spirit, only words of Truth, Life, Peace and Love. We should lift a burden that has grown too heavy; whisper a word of love and sympathy to the lonely, the forlorn, the misunderstood; for the broken-hearted, poor and helpless can most appreciate, and will most bless the prompt and generous nature of the man who acts. Actions speak louder than words.

We unfold in Truth. It is not something to be acquired, for you cannot acquire from without that which you already have within and are. Unfoldment is Spiritual Growth. It is apprehension of the Truth, and YOU are the Truth. It is the broadening of the vision as you ascend in Consciousness the Holy Mountain of the Lord; out of the valley of the shadow of death, the valley of sin, darkness and despair, you rise in Consciousness to a Realization of the Realty of Goodness, Wholeness, Light and Joy. There is no limit in your Source unto your unfolding capacity and ability.

The Church of God is the Omnipresence which dwelleth in the City of God, and Christ the Light is the head thereof; so we are always in the Church, the Temple of the Living God, and in the City of God. We can be wise, kind, loving, honest, peaceful—in our homes, anywhere and everywhere when we are aware of that One “whose Presence bright all space doth occupy,” for as we have many members in one body, so we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (Rom. 1:4, 5.)

When we say, I AM, we mean “God in me!” This I AM is known only through the Light of God, the Christ-consciousness, and is the door to the Church of God and the Eternal City. I AM, for God in me is the door. By Me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. (John 10:9.) We are now residing in the New Jerusalem, seeking Spiritual realization. We rejoice that the Divine knowledge and blessings are for all alike. Infinite Love has given all of itself to each soul, and stands at the door of each heart ready to burst into full bloom, and to bring forth all that He has given us; for God giveth not His Spirit by measure.

We are all children of the One Good Father, and all shall come to know this truth. Being in God, we see that the growth that is is the unfoldment of God's Omniscience, Omnipotence and Omnipresence. Not growth toward God, or into God's nature, but the Revelation of

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it. We work from God, who is within, and not toward God. "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." He is not a being that we may approach at some future time, but in Him we are at this very time; for in Him we live and move and have our being.

Greater love hath no man than that of seeing the truth that others are the Truth and Life that He is. No one but Truth expresses Truth. No one but Life lives life. No one but Being exists in creation. No one but the Creator creates. No one but Infinite Mind thinks. God—Infinite Spirit, Jehovah, Principle of Light, Being—call it what you may.

The way to the Truth is to let your love flow out to all; when all hatred and fear will disappear, for Love hath no torments. There is no fear or hatred in love. Think, speak, and ACT—Unity, Equality, One-ness. Loose people and let them go into the freedom of Truth. Give them the glorious Liberty as a Son of God.

Truth applied is the only means by which any problem—past, present or future—can be solved. It can be applied at any time, in any place, state or condition, and perfect results are as sure to follow as they are in mathematics. If it has ever freed and healed, it will now. If it will save us hereafter, it will save us here. If it will give us peace and happiness, prosperity, and unity with God in another world, it will in this world. If God was ever the Creator and Father of one man, He is of all men. If one man could know God, or Truth, all may. If one came to bear witness of the Truth, all came for that purpose! and the Truth is not understood nor the purpose of life in creation comprehended, until this witness is consciously borne in our consciousness. If Jesus the Christ, by knowing and loving the Truth, was free from all limitations, and could heal the sick and raise the dead, every one who knows the Truth as he did, and lives it as he lived it, may enjoy the Truth of which we came to bear witness, and be free and happy.

We should put our knowledge and understanding into practice. Truth requires strict adherence to itself in order to demonstrate the result it is capable of producing. We cannot ignore principle in our mode of living. If we wish to demonstrate Freedom, Health and Happiness, to which we are entitled—we must be DOERS of the Word, and not hearers only. Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (Gal. 6:9.) For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Therefore, turn to thy God, keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually. (Hos. 12:6.)

Perseverance is constant persistency. It is the persistency of the life force which ever lives through change, decay and death appearing in form. Persevering faith in Omnipresence is the one and only attitude that relates us with the Infinite Possibilities, bringing us face to face with our angel-self; and this Self broods over us until we resolve, "I will arise and go to my Father." May we all persevere until we weave the seamless robe of the Christ.

Meekness means certainty. In meekness, I know that the One Intelligence is expressing itself within me. Meekness looks neither to the right nor to the left, for condemnation or approval, but is filled with energy and a purpose. Will and Meekness work together with all-powerful results.

Be enthusiastic; for true enthusiasm flows direct from the Heart of God (and means in God), or God-inspired. It is living water, pure as crystal, flowing direct from the throne of God. Its springs are inexhaustable, and all may drink and live, and enjoy the fullness of Youth and Health and Happiness, here and now and throughout all time. The companions of Youth are Joy, Faith and Trust. In this state of enthusiastic faith and trust we inspire others and lift up. No task seems hard, no problem baffling, no day cold and dreary—we know the Truth; none are burdened. Knowledge of Truth awakens the God-enthusiasm, and we begin to think Truth, to speak truthfully, to live the Truth. Be an enthusiast.

Forgiveness, obedience, purity, prayer, consecration, and service are all expressions of the Divine Mind. The moment I cleanse myself from thought of evil toward my brother I have cleansed my mentality of all evil thoughts born in my condemnation of myself. Then my prayer becomes a direct affirmation: "As I forgive myself am I forgiven;" and so do I forgive others. "Judge not, lest ye be judged;" and so the judgment of myself is perfect, and I am not judged. As I do so am I done by. There is but ONE, and I am that ONE in expression, and what I AM in Truth that the ONE is. To the pure all things are pure. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they see God. To be pure in heart means to be pure in thought, word and deed; then and then only do we see God. Pray without ceasing, giving thanks for all our blessings, knowing that we have received ALL: Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray believe that ye receive them. (Mark 11:24.)

The first and highest quality in service is consecration; complete devotion and energy; the cause and the sacrifice of everything else that hinders your growth. When a man consecrates himself to God's service, he is bound to do good even though his path may lie in the shadows instead of the limelight. Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord and not unto men, knowing that of God ye shall receive the reward. Give service heartily and cheerfully, or you will fall short of the blessing. Be earnest, and you will produce results. So let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.

The next step is Steadfastness—stand-fastness. Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; for if any man be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a glass; he beholdeth himself and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he is. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. Then we will hear the Still Small Voice saying, Well

done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Be loyal to the Truth, devoted, changeless and true. Have a high standard. Let us be loyal, for loyalty is love, and love is the fulfilling of the whole law.

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In vain the name of Christ we bear  
 Unless the life of Christ we share;  
 Not words alone, but deeds shall prove  
 The living faith that works by love.

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### THE WINNING WAY

If you put a little lovin' into all the work you do,  
 And a little bit of gladness, and a little bit of you,  
 And a little bit of sweetness, and a little bit of song,  
 Not a day will seem too toilsome; not a day will seem  
 too long;  
 And your work will be attractive, and the world will stop  
 to look,  
 And the world will see a sweetness, like the tinklin' of  
 a brook,  
 In the finished job; and then the world will turn to  
 look at you  
 With a world's appreciation of the thing you've found  
 to do.

Just a little bit of lovin', and a little bit of song,  
 And some pride to sort of make it straight and true and  
 clean and strong;  
 And the work that you're a-doin', pretty near before you  
 know,  
 Will hat set the world a-talkin', and the little winds  
 that blow  
 Will bring echoes of it to you, and you'll see that you  
 have done  
 More than you had dreamed or hoped for when the task  
 was first begun,  
 And you'll find the bit of lovin' you have put into the  
 same  
 Has come back to you in lovin', and come back to you  
 in fame.

—"Houston Post."

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By WILLIAM YEATS MORE



LIBRARIES have been compiled on the Advent of Jesus, but the major part treats it as a supernatural occurrence, an experience not common to mankind. The artificial or special has no place in Nature's process, and in the mineral, vegetable and lower animal kingdoms we readily trace the wonderful evolutionary chain up to man, the crowning glory, and even when the horizontal spine assumes the upright position we find the same persistent law leading surely to its ultimate—cosmic-consciousness.

The universal Christ-goal awaits us all. The sooner we realize this stupendous fact the nearer are we to the gateway where the Brotherhood of Man is accepted as fully as the Fatherhood of God. Then forever disappears all feelings of separation between race, color, cast or creed; in fact, the Millennial Dawn long predicted. This elevates and glorifies the Christ-birth in matter of the great soul Jesus a thousand times more than if we still cherished the "supernatural" dogma, for now the gentle man Jesus comes close to us; his influence and example encourages us to emulate his God-like character.

The statement of orthodoxy has been dinned in our ears for centuries, viz., that weak, fallible man may never hope to reach even approximately that holy (whole) being; but neither did Jesus until he attained the full consciousness of being "Son of God" as well as "Son of Man." Until, like the prodigal, "We come to the Self." we remain ignorant of the glory and dignity of the Christ-life, which the Spirit alone reveals to the prepared soul; then are we changed truly "from death unto life." This complete regeneration is the Christ-birth spoken of by the "Wise Men" of every clime. The great Chinese Sage realized it when he said, "The wise follow the teaching which is wordless; which remains unexpressed. \* \* \*

He who knows it does not speak; he who is always ready to speak knows it not. \* \* \* Thyself must discover it, if thou free thyself from all craving and live in spontaneity. \* \* \* Beauty, the earthly form of Tao the formless, is calling up in thee the rhythm of that moment by which thou wilt permanently enter into Tao" (Christ).

The Millennial time is no supernatural or special God-intervention, but simply a gradual racial unfoldment. The dawn of a "New Day" is already ushered in, and there are more inspired men today than in any past age, who read the true signs of the advent in mortal guise of freed souls who will give authoritative utterance to the voice of the Spirit. The signs are too general to be ignored, and clarion calls are sounding today as clear and true as that of Isaiah of old.

With what matchless imagery does the illustrious Old Testament Prophet speak of the coming "New Day": "There shall come out a rod from the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots; and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord, and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes (the seeming), neither reprove after the hearing of his ears; but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall lie down with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. \* \* \* They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. \* \* \* I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir; the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. \* \* \* And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for



those: the wayfaring man though fools shall not err therein. \* \* \* And the ransomed of the Lord shall return to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

This fervid utterance is not alone predicative of Jesus the Messiah, but really a divine revelation of the Eden-time awaiting man's uplifted consciousness; therefore, just as apropos today to speak of the Risen Christ, and the glorious results of its acceptance. We have many John the Baptists today who cry to humanity wandering in the wilderness of animal desire: the olden warning sounds in our ears, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand;" expressed mayhap in more modern phraseology such as the following:

The culmination of the spiritual era that has already dawned will be realized more fully each coming year; physical and metaphysical science moving hand in hand to master Nature's secrets. Soon the currents of earth and air will be so understood and governed that extremes of heat and cold will be equalized and controled. Aerial navigation accomplished through co-operation with the law of planetary motion; labor and capital united by a clearer understanding and realization of Brotherhood; in short, every man attuned with Nature to enhance the sum of human happiness. The world's food supply solved by scientific culture, producing ten times the yleid of old methods, with less effort.

The poets and seers of this Millennial time ever pointed to higher and yet higher ideals, till in the expressive language of an ancient Prophet, "None shall say, Know the Lord (Law), for all shall know."

The individual consciousness will be so uplifted that national prejudice and difference will vanish, and a united earth will legislate for the common good of man; wars will cease and the dreadnaughts and other engines of destruction, transformed into beneficent factors of human progress; all receiving stimuli from the Divine

inspiration, induced by the general aspiration; in the highest sense seeking and finding.

Then shall the Christ be born, not alone in one personality, but simultaneously there will be hundreds of emancipated souls, not only teaching but living the veritable Christ-life. The most effective prayer to accomplish all this, and more, is to individually consecrate ourselves to a life of purity, joy and peace; then truly the Will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

Once more we emphasize the necessity of living the Life; ever with child-like attitude listening to the holy evangel within the soul's sanctuary, and lo, the Christ will stand revealed. How gloriously simple and natural after all is the birth of the Christ-child: the straight and narrow path of consecrated duty.

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Praise God in whom all being is!  
Praise Him for Word and Form are His!  
Praise Him! All ye His Truth proclaim,  
Sing joyful praise unto His name.

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The world is in a period of transition. Nearly every nation is in conflict. War and destruction are shaking the very foundations of the world, and nothing seems permanent. But there is one stable and unalterable thing, and that is the Truth. It is quite evident that the time has come for a new race and a new earth. That time is at hand, and war will soon die of its own destructive force. Then Love shall fill the hearts of all men who tread the face of this earth. But men must be shown the way to lay hold of the constructive power of Love, and it is the duty of every Truth student to help his neighbor into the Light. So long as man has not the Love of God and his fellow men in his heart, war will continue. When man realizes Love as the creative force of all that truly is, then will come the Millennium.—“Weekly Unity.”

## WHY THINK THE GOOD?

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BEFORE ANYTHING IS FORMED, some kind of action is necessary. That action is Thought. Mind is the source of all true thought, and nothing can be created without it. Mind is the dynamo which puts its own idea into action. Hence, Mind is the source of all; and it behooves us to adjust and control our thoughts in order to bring us the fulfillment of our desires. Only by conforming our thoughts with the true Mind thoughts can we truly be the fulfillment of our ideals.

Through right thinking, then, we open the way for Perfect Mind to express its fullness through us; and then we can do anything and be that which we desire.

To be able to do this we must overcome (come up over) our sense tendencies by letting the God within cross out our so-called human nature with our higher or true Divine Nature. It is not seemingly an easy task if we "kick against the pricks," but it can all be easy and glorious if we simply "trust and obey."

When we start on a journey, we put ourselves into the care of the conductor and engineer of the train, and do not think of the bridges or the dark tunnels we must pass through. We just enjoy the scenery, adjust ourselves to our conditions, and take things as they come and make the best of them; that is, if we are sensible.

It is just so with our spiritual life. If we give ourselves into the care of the Divine Intelligence within to guide and protect, it will open up to our spiritual understanding such scenes of Truth loveliness that "eye hath not seen nor ear heard," and life will be one long, happy day full of strength, health, joy, love and peace.

A truly happy life, and a truly successful life, will be the natural and divine expression if we think only the Good, for then nothing but Good can come to us. "No harm can come nigh our dwelling," because underneath are the everlasting arms of Good perceived, accepted and enjoyed consciously by us.



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