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CONSCIOUS POWER BE YOURS



NOW that "God in the midst of thee is mighty." Then you become the mouth-piece of God in stilling all clamorous conditions of sense, just as Jesus rebuked the tempestuous wind and sea. Only when you consciously speak with authority—let God speak through you—will there be "great calm" in your affairs.

It is the recognition of this same Power in you, and the same authority as the messenger of God, which gives you power to cleanse yourself and others from evil influences, which are the result of wrong thinking.




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BIBLICAL FIGURES OF SPEECH

THE SIMILE

By CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER

HE LANGUAGE of the Bible is largely figurative, symbolic. Truths and principles are emphasized by illustration in one form or another in order that a deeper impression may be made upon the reader or hearer through the attractive method of comparison or descriptive narrative. This is much more effective than by a simple declaration of facts.

The Scriptures require as much, if not more, inspiration in the reader to correctly interpret their hidden truths than in their various authors. The one great rule for interpretation is given us by the Apostle Peter: "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." All truth is as applicable to one as to another; and what is true of one is true of all. I must not find a meaning in any scripture to suit me which will not apply equally as well to you.

Even in Biblical times the illustrations in which truths were hidden were not often understood by most of the people, and many of the

students of truth were likewise ignorant of the sayings of the Teacher. We read that Jesus in speaking to his disciples after his resurrection found it necessary to explain to them the real meaning of certain declarations with which they were evidently familiar: "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures."

It was the Oriental method to use figurative language from which one must draw his own conclusions, finding therein the moral or lesson or truth intended to be conveyed by the illustration. For it yet remains a fact that an apt illustration is the greatest factor in impressing a truth known to the public speaker.

Facts and arguments may be forgotten when stated by themselves, but the illustration is a living and animated picture which carries with it deeper import for which it was made.

For this reason we find the Bible to be the most wonderful collection of writings ever published, fitting and illustrating every phase and department of life and being.

When a comparison is made between two different objects, even though they be imaginary, the mentality is at once impressed with the similarity or likeness, which picture is thus the more firmly retained. Such a comparison is called a Simile, and, as a rule, is self-interpreting.

When David cried, "I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I have become as an owl of des-

ert places; I watch and am become as a solitary sparrow on a roof," in these comparisons he was describing his feelings of utter loneliness and mental depression.

Contrast his attitude with the simile uttered by Solomon, whose thought was not of self but of appreciation of another: "My beloved is like a roe, or a young fawn. Behold, thou art fair, my love; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks. Thou art fair, my love; there is no spot in thee."

The one who seeks satisfaction in the realm of the senses feeds only upon husks, which is fittingly described by these similes: "It shall even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against Mount Zion."

In the book of Ezekial we find Pharaoh likened unto a young lion of the nations and as a whale of the seas, fouling the waters thereof; but it is prophesied that he would be caught in the net spread by the Lord God, and darkness settle upon his land. Egypt is yet paying the penalty, for it remains to this day the land of spiritual darkness.

Now look upon the simile of the transfiguration of Jesus the Christ. "His face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light;"

"His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow."

The oneness of true faith or religion is thus fittingly described: "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

The power of the Word of Truth is shown in this simile: "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 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."

Snow and rain are the immediate cause of vegetable growth, finally resulting in a bountiful harvest. So the Word of Truth softens, refreshes and nourishes the human heart, making it fertile and productive of good.

At the close of that wonderful Sermon of the Mount, Jesus declared, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock."

It does not require much explanation for you to see the point intended in any of these

comparisons. This simile of Jesus clearly indicates that the Truth, which is the only Reality, is the only safe and sure foundation upon which we must build; all else, our personal beliefs, opinions, fears, superstitions, etc., are like the shifting sands upon which the foolish man builded.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL'S PREVISION



SEE A WORLD where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust; the aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth. I see a world without a slave; man is at last free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved.

I see a world at peace; adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled; while lips are rich with words of love and truth—a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward; where work and worth go hand in hand.

I see a race without disease of flesh or brain; shapely and fair; the married harmony of form and function.

And as I look, Life lengthens, Joy deepens, Love canopies the earth; and over all in the great dome shines the Eternal Star of Human Hope.

THE POWER OF YOUR WORD

By CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER



WORD is a sign of an idea. Idea is a true thought or mental visualization. Personal thought (opinions, beliefs, etc.) is not true thought or idea. As words are signs, we employ those which represent our mental conception. So we have good words, and bad words; true words and false words; pure words and impure words; weak words and strong words; sound words and deficient words.

Why should one "hold fast the form of true words"? Because all thoughts are forces and have their effect. True words or thoughts leave a good and wholesome influence upon one's whole being—and all are seeking, knowingly or ignorantly, that which is good.

True words are the thoughts of Divine Mind or God. Hence, such thoughts will make you more Godlike.

You are not only the expression of God—as are also the flowers, the birds, and all other forms of life—but you are the Voice of God, crying in the wilderness of sense confusion; and the Hand of God is making his paths straight. Your mission is to bear witness unto the Truth—to think the Truth, to speak the Truth, to demonstrate the Truth.

To do this, you must hold steadfastly to Truth; for, after all, your thought determines the class and degree of your soul vision.

“Every man’s word (thought) shall be his burden;” and Paul declares that “Every man shall bear his own burden.” You must give an account of yourself unto God. You are responsible for the kind of thoughts you think.

Oh, yes, you can control your thinking. You can choose what kind of mental images you will formulate or harbor in your mentality. As you choose the good the evil will disappear from your mental vision. It may take practice; but you know that practice makes perfect. Keep on trying, and the more you try the easier it becomes.

Learn this truth: You are God’s mouth-piece, through which His Truth must be proclaimed. You are acting as God’s agent here upon earth; and therefore speak only as you know He would speak. Indeed, it is God speaking through you whenever you utter any thought or word that is good and true. Behold, your power is God-Power.

Therefore, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom * * * and whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

Jesus is the generic term of man conscious of his divinity, and which thus makes him the

Christ. The Indwelling Christ is your true nature and character, and it is in this recognition of the "name" of your true being that you are prompted to give thanks to the Source of all good. The Christ within is your light and inspiration.

It is God in you that speaketh the word through your Christ.

It is God in you that doeth the works through your Christ.

Then speak the word of Truth confidently, knowing that it has all the Power and Substance within it to make it effective and accomplish that whereunto you send it. Speak, therefore, with the expectation that it shall be fulfilled. This will give vitality and energy to your every word, for you will speak as one having authority.

TRUSTING THE LORD

By EMILIE A. HULETT, in "Good Will."



MY heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices." This is the joy of the practice of Truth—that we can "trust in Him," and when we do, we are always "helped."

To trust means to let go every doubt and fear, to be perfectly free from the slightest anxiety. The "condition" whatever it may be, is then dissolved, and with a feeling of perfect confidence in the Omnipotent Good we "wait patiently"—that is, we are absolutely at rest about

the matter in hand, knowing that "He" never fails when we trust. And lo! "in an hour ye think not" your good comes forth, "more than you have asked or thought," and you have an added assurance of the help ever at hand, and always to be relied upon. When this knowledge comes, the "heart greatly rejoices." Not so much for the help given, though this is great, but for the consciousness of Oneness with our Source, and that "all that the Father hath is mine."

We have every reason to trust, and no reason to doubt, our Good. We are all "dear to the heart of Being," and with simple faith in God as all pure Love, we can come safely out of all difficulties and temptations. It is not by creeds and doctrines that we are helped—we are only confused by these means—but only by trust in the Good and love of the Good.

To gain this trust, which is the very acme of poise, we must believe in Good, believe in our fellows, and believe in ourselves, and act out this belief by being true; keeping our word, our promises, acting generously and sincerely, being thoughtful, considerate and kind, and above all, being loyal and trustworthy. That which we desire to attain to, we must be, and give to others.

God is the sum total of all these qualities; and, therefore, if we leave any of them out, there is a link missing in our chain of trust. Love is all this, and more, so that if we truly love, we truly trust, and all is well.

“LOVE YOUR ENEMIES”

Do you know how to love an enemy? Can you love one who has wronged you? Can you send out a blessing for a curse? Can you send out a real, genuine feeling good will to one who is wishing you ill? Can you forgive one who has robbed you of money, gossiped of you, or falsified your character? Can you forgive, forgive, and keep on forgiving?

These are the tests of love. The experiences which we go through on the human pathway reveal to us just how far we are on the journey to Christ-consciousness, and how far short we come. If we are quick to forgive, or give good for evil, we are well on the way in the art of divine mastery. But if we go about with grudges lurking in our hearts we need to get busy and discipline the subconscious or habitual mind, from out of which evil thoughts arise multiplied.

It requires divine understanding to successfully discipline the subconscious. People the world over are trained in the art of evil-thinking to a high state of efficiency. They are quick to recognize evil and affirm its presence where appearances or a certain line of reasoning seem to justify it.

But no one will ever succeed in loving an enemy by recognizing and concentrating on the evil within him. We must all go back of appearances and discover and grasp the Truth of life, if we would be successful in the art of self-mastery, which after all is the essential thing in demonstrating Love.

To love your enemy, then, you must focus your attentions on the reality of the individual as it is in Divine Mind, in Christ, the Living Christ within.

You may have been taught to believe that the Christ was only in Jesus, but it is in ALL—in the so-called good and the so-called bad. Recognize that Christ is in all mankind, and it will be much more easy for you to realize love for all mankind.—H. T. Wiegel, in “The Light.”

THE CLEANSING PROCESS

By CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER



HE WHO LIVES IN THE SENSES alone will in time be overwhelmed by them, even to the extinction of the physical. God, Man and Nature all demand progress—a fuller and better expression; and when that unfoldment is obstructed by man's adverse thought the Higher Law cleans the whole process by wiping out the obstruction. This is the deluge.

Only good thoughts have power in and back of them. Since God is the only reality, good thoughts are the ideas of God, embodying enduring and changeless substance and the very nature or qualities of God.

Bad thoughts have no substance, being only the false images of the personal thought, and therefore vanish as soon as the mental picture is dropped. All sensual, selfish, limited thought of every degree is of this kind.

The story of the Flood was one of the first illustrations of the law that "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Sense thought—belief in sin, sickness and limitation; attempting to satisfy the senses by external means; fearing adversity, etc.—is darkness, soul darkness. This ignorance, or lack of spiritual or true vision, is pictured forth as disease by which the people perish.

This mental darkness, in which one believes in anything adverse to good, is the only disease. According to the belief, the disease appears in various forms and power.

“To him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.” To him that believeth in a power adverse to God, to him there is a devil. To him that believeth in contagious disease, to him there is danger of infection. The only power evil and sickness and trouble seem to possess is that given them by one’s own thought.

Another illustration of this attitude is given by Jesus: “All they that take the sword shall perish by the sword;” “If thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.” Also by Paul: They who are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh;” “If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die;” “For to be carnally minded is death.”

Such was the condition of the race thought in the time of Noah, and the story of the deluge is but an illustration of the evolution of man in awakening to its unerring law. “The earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.” Into the darkness must shine the light. All beclouded thought must be cleansed, and as the thought is purified harmonious and right living is established.

However bad a people may be there is a redeeming and saving power, an illuminating light, sufficient to transform them all. Those who are ready for this “open vision” of Truth are saved.

These higher, truer thoughts in you are your salvation; all lesser or lower thoughts must be washed away: they perish in the flood of Truth.

Not a quality nor element of the true nature is destroyed. Representatives of every form of life were taken into the ark. All gross accumulation of sense possession is obliterated: man has returned to first principles, ready to make a fresh start on his journey to Spiritual Realization.

But you should not have to go literally through such experiences of hardship and devastation to reach this goal. The true way is that taken by Noah—walk with God. That saves you, when you follow implicitly the instruction of Spirit, as did Noah in building the ark, but you should save all your people—not simply your specially few good thoughts (children). This is possible only when one has passed from mere spiritual perception of Truth (Noah) to full realization (Christ).

That which is visible has no origin in itself, but is the expression of that which was before there was any form—God. Noah, the first spiritual apprehension, perceives that the thought of materiality of something in and of itself must perish; that every material sense must be wiped out in the floods of the higher and truer conception. Hence, as he conceived the ark of safety, so must we construct our spiritual refuge by following the direction of Spirit.

SELF-SATISFYING SUCCESS

By WALTER DeVOE



YOU HAVE A LATENT CAPACITY which has not been developed. Slumbering within your soul are mental potencies which you do not even recognize. Begin now to recognize and affirm the nobility and strength of your selfhood, and you will soon feel the stir of a new ambition and the enthusiasm of a new faith which will reveal undreamed-of opportunities and expanding possibilities to your growing mind.

There is a degree of success won by ignoble characters who are strong in self-faith, which goes to prove that a positive belief in self, coupled with will and ambition, will accomplish things and move minds like pawns on a chess-board; but when you look into these lives you see that such success would not give you the self-satisfaction which ought to accompany real success in any line.

True success should carry with it the joy of perfect accomplishment. You cannot have the inner feeling of a permanent good accomplished unless, along with the transitory success of your material projects, you gain the permanent accomplishment of a noble character. You go from success to success in outward endeavors, and when, in your quiet moods, you wonder what it is all for and of what real value you have gained in the contest with men and affairs, you should

be able to turn your eye inward, as it were, and behold the beauty of a substantial structure of character which you feel is the immortal end and object of your physical existence, a satisfying and enduring reality that you will not be ashamed to reveal to men and angels.

Would you lay a sure foundation for contentment as well as success? Then dig down through the sand and clay of impermanent mortal qualities and seek the bed rock of eternal spiritual principles.

As you search and gain the understanding of these spiritual laws of life, you will see that as all the beauty and order and wisdom visible in the universe are the revelation of the character of the Eternal Being whose Nature the universe is; so your character, in order to be perfect, must be founded on those spiritual verities which are the essence of moral symmetry, mental strength, and physical health. And in order that you may have a perception of the true ideal of character as a balanced material and spiritual nature, you must resurrect and cultivate the spiritual faculties of your mind by study and meditation upon the nature and beauty of the great Over Soul of Wisdom. Uncover the sacred foundation of Its Love in your heart, and you will have an un failing source of strength, equal to every need and demand.

The following affirmations should be studied and affirmed daily, as a means of awakening that quality of I-am-ness which is the basis of the new structure of faith:

I am a growing, expanding Mind.

I am forceful Faith in action.

I am a mental Mine of Possibilities.

I am a Center of Mental Influence.

My Nature is as deep as its source in Eternal Being.

My Capacity for Growth and Self-expression is inexhaustible.

I stand on the threshold of Unlimited Opportunities.

I create Opportunities.

I am a maker of my own Destiny.

I can have the joy of building a more beautiful and a more permanent Temple than that of Solomon.

My Temple is a Spiritual Body, built out of the Substance of the Divine Over-Soul.

I am building my Character out of the matter of Eternal Mind. It is founded on the Rock of Ages, the Everlasting Truth.

I am Success, because I fulfill the Principles operated by Omnipotence.

SUCCESS

If you want a thing bad enough

To go out and fight for it,

Work day and night for it,

Give up your time and your peace and your sleep for it;

If only desire of it

Makes you quite mad enough

Never to tire of it,

Makes you hold other things tawdry and cheap for it;

If life seems all empty and useless without it,

And all that you scheme and you dream is about it,

If gladly you'll sweat for it,

Fret for it,

Plan for it;

If you'll simply go after that thing that you want

With all your capacity,

Strength and sagacity,

Faith, hope and confidence, stern pertinacity,

If neither cold poverty, famished and gaunt,

Nor sickness nor pain

Of body or brain,

Can turn you away from the thing that you want,

If dogged and grim you besiege and beset it,

YOU'LL GET IT!

—Berton Braley.

YOUR COVENANT WITH GOD

By CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER



COVENANT is an agreement or contract between two parties. Unless the terms of a proposition are accepted there is no agreement. God has given us of His fullness, but if we refuse to accept it, we shut ourselves out of its realization and joy. Only by conformity to the law do we receive its beneficent results.

By co-operating together greater good will be made manifest than by working single-handed. One's light added to another's light makes greater illumination for all.

The history of humanity from Adam to Jesus the Christ is a record of unfoldment from sense perception to spiritual consciousness. Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon, Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Jesus are each expressions of the ever-rising scale of realization in Truth, and which are of vital import to the world today.

Each succeeding degree of unfoldment draws nearer the Christ—man's comprehension of the truth of his divinity. I mean by "comprehension" neither a final nor full realization, but the attitude which accepts without any reserve the Omnipresence. Life and immortality mean continuous unfoldment throughout eternity.

Beginning with Adam, the first conception of man of himself as a material, mortal being—

"of the earth, earthy" (Adam meaning red earth), man advances step by step into purer, higher planes of consciousness.

The Idea of God—the perfect man—is revealed in the light of Truth, but the senses suggest a man of physical causation: and this dual thought is the root of all the troubles of humanity.

Noah is the first step of advancement from the Adam condition. His eyes were opened, just a little it may be, but he was awakening to the Truth; and "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

This communion with God, this willingness to be led of the Spirit was the acceptance of God's promise to the race which constituted the agreement or covenant.

Obedience to the highest will ever bring into recognition the Overshadowing Presence and Power of God. When darkening trials and sorrows encompass you, in those clouds will you see the token of your covenant, the radiant rainbow of hope and promise.

The very fact that you have made an agreement with the Good will cause you to trust and rely upon it, thus eliminating your fears and anxieties. You have made progress, and though you may have trying experiences because of your former habit of thought in believing in evil, you will yet have that assurance deep within you that the cleansing power of truth has wiped out that former sense conviction, and while you now

and then have fears and apprehensions, yet you know the things of sense have no power of themselves over you.

To strengthen and encourage you to thus hold fast the true, God ever gives you a ray of sunlight somewhere in every dark experience. Every cloud has its silver lining; the bow of promise can always be seen if you will look for it.

The covenant between God and you not only includes yourself and family, but "every living creature of all flesh." That good you see for yourself is for all. You now see but one substance—Spirit. Everybody and everything is of this One Presence. One Expressor, one expression.

The power of God in you heals when you fulfill or do your part.

In the revealed light of Truth there is nothing to fear. God cares for, sustains and protects. To be conscious of this and thus recognize this truth for yourself you must ever fulfill your part of your covenant with God—which should be: "I accept the Omnipresence without any reserve."

YOUR EDITOR has a personal interest in each and every reader of POWER. I want you to feel that each issue of the magazine is a personal message from him to YOU. I am writing for you, and you, and YOU individually; and when taken all together, we constitute one large, happy, progressive and healthy family.

NATIVE TALENT



WHAT A WONDERFUL LOT of talent is going to waste all over the country! There are thousands of men with brains equal to Webster if they would but develop them. It is said there is but one Caruso; there's tens of thousands of them. The only difference is that Caruso developed and trained his voice, and the tens of thousands didn't. The department stores are full of Rockefellers, if they would only find themselves. There's many a Charlie Chaplin in the coal mines, if they would only come out. There's a Jess Willard in every community, if he would only fight. The world is full of Billy Sundays, if they would only preach.

The native power to do things well is given to most men, but few develop it. Few people learn to think straight. The mind must be cultivated. If you let a garden alone it produces weeds. If you properly seed and cultivate it, you have a thing of beauty and usefulness. The power is inherent in the seed and the soil to produce things worth while—but they won't produce without proper care.

The power is inherent in the mind, but it will lie dormant unless given attention. There must be proper seeding and cultivation. The reason there are so many mediocre minds is because they are still in the native state. They

have never been cultivated. They are like a wild piece of ground that has never known the plow. Some one said, "One Caeser lives, a thousand are forgotten." It would be more correct to say, "One Caeser developed, a thousand died in embryo." So it is that thousands die "unwept, un-honored and unsung"—just for the want of serious study which is necessary to get the thinking machine in order.

—"The Yeoman Shield."

A SELF-TREATMENT

Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness; hence man is spiritual, and not material.

Therefore, my life is a spiritual life. I am the perfect image and likeness of God. I live, move and have my being in God, a spiritual being residing in Spirit.

I am in the enjoyment of perfect health and perfect harmony, because living in God. My life is perfect, my surroundings are of harmony, and nothing inharmonious can come near me.

God blesses me with happiness, with joy, with peace, with contentment, and with ease. He covers me with His love, surrounds me with His goodness, protects me with His power, and guides me by His wisdom.

God blesses me in all my material affairs. He opens up ways and means for me to make money, plenty of money; and He opens up ways and means for me to expend that money in accordance with His wishes and desires.

He leads me. He directs me. He controls me. He gives me wisdom and understanding, so that I may follow in His lead in all things and in all ways. He directs me, guides me, keeps me.—Bishop Sabin.

TRAINING THE MENTALITY

CHARLES EDGAR PRATHER



TO BE TEMPERATE is to be poised in thought: to be poised in thought is to be well-balanced: to be well-balanced is to be centered in Truth: to be centered in Truth is to be conscious of the Good, one with God, for God is Consciousness, Omniscience.

Therefore, to be temperate is to be Godlike. To be Godlike is to know your nature and potentialities. These potentialities or innate powers and possibilities become awakened and set into operation through Right Thinking.

Thinking is also the formative power, by which things are made visible or manifest. Formation is the outpicturing of Being through its activity, and takes place in Being, not outside.

Mentality includes thought, feeling, motive, reason, decision, and conception, recognition and realization. Thus the mentality constitutes the avenue or messenger between the One Perfect Mind and its expression.

Thought cannot guide itself, but must be directed by the Mind of Consciousness to achieve the desires of your heart. Knowing this, you readily see that it is necessary for you to abide in the God-Consciousness in your thoughts and words to fulfill the law of wholeness in visible form. Therefore, do not be deceived with empty words which do not express God the Good.

You are no longer in darkness; therefore be not a partaker of mixed or dual thought; God cannot be good and evil. God is Good and God is All. Walk in the light you have, and more will shine upon your path. Here is the basis for your individual unfoldment: Divine Mind thinks in me as my very self; God acts through me as my very self; I am the product and expression of my Perfect Source.

MORE WORDS OF APPRECIATION

I am very glad to be able to help in the spreading of the words of Truth and helpfulness contained in "Power," and which have been a great blessing to me.—Mrs. Emilie A. Hefflon, Conn.

I am glad to know that you are back at your post. May "Power" continue to prove a power and uplift to all who read its pages. I have taken it from the beginning, and always enjoy it.—Mrs. Mary M. Cox, Calif.

The California Truth Center sends you loving greetings and a hearty welcome to your return to your regular Truth work,—and to our friend "Power." I am enclosing a list of subscriptions to that excellent magazine as a material demonstration of our love and appreciation.—May A. Wiggin.

I consider "Divine Science: Knowledge of Truth" the clearest and most concise book on this philosophy or "science" published.—Mrs. Emily T. Howe, Teacher, Portland, Maine.

It is certainly good to have you at home again and to have "Power" once more in stock.—Anne L. Huntress, New Thought Library and Reading Room, Boston, Mass.

I, too, rejoice in the ending of that cruel war and having you back. Glad to learn the name of your church has been changed to The Church of the Indwelling Christ—my prayer has been granted. May you prosper, for this is God's work, not ours. You are one of His beloved workmen.—Mrs. John DeBoos, Madison, Wis.

THE OCEAN OF POWER



UNIVERSAL MIND may be termed an Ocean of Undifferentiated Power, present everywhere; pressing upon us like the water upon the fish that lives and moves and has its being in this element in which it exists. We can as little live and separate ourselves from this Power as the fish can separate itself from the element in which it thrives. Water sustains it. It is its very breath, and so we are sustained by the Ocean of Universal Mind from which the interelemental energies of our life come forth. This Power pours through us every moment, and in the degree that we make ourselves perfect channels is it enabled to flow through us in ever more and more life-giving measure. —“The Builder.”

OUR HOLY GUEST



HOW COULD WE EXPECT to have a wonderful guest, that all the world loves, the greatest being that this world has ever known—how could we expect a being like that to come into our homes if our homes are filled with inharmony, dusty furniture, and everything scattered about? We would not expect it. We would first clean the house and prepare for his coming.

How can we expect Christ to live in these bodies until we cleanse ourselves completely of all belief in the reality of evil, matter and personality? We are to cleanse ourselves completely,

cast out every thought that is not the thought of this Christ presence; for we realize that when this seed is planted in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is Christ, it is to be planted in our consciousness, and this Christ is to grow in us until it fills these forms completely.

Before we can expect the Christ presence to fill these forms, we must empty these forms of all self. The self must be put out of us completely, until we became meek and lowly like the Master, Jesus, when the Christ could fill him, love him, live him and be him. —Emil C. Hartman.

MAN'S CHIEF AIM



DURING THE CENTURIES that men have been living in this world they have traded their lives for many different things—fame, money, power. But the consensus of opinion through the ages is that the thing most to be desired is happiness, says Harry C. Evans. No man can be really happy unless his conscience is clear; therefore, it pays to be honest and to treat the other fellow as one would like to be treated. No one can be happy who sacrifices his health; therefore, fame and too much money—either of which usually demand health in exchange—are not to be desired. No man can have the highest happiness unless he can feel that he is going to leave the world a bit better after he has gone. Therefore, it pays to bring children into the world and care for them; it pays to be a good neighbor, a good employer and a good friend.

MORNING LESSONS

Overcoming.

1. I overcome all things by coming over to the side of Truth in my Mind.
2. I have overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. I am Spirit born.
3. As Truth overcomes error, I overcome all things. I manifest the Truth.
4. The law is fully demonstrated within me. I am Dominion and Power—Spirit.
5. Living the Simple Life, I find all things to my liking. I harmonize with Life.
6. My knowledge of God's Abundance destroys all thoughts of want or lack.
7. I overcome poverty by seeing Plenty for all people. That which I see I am.
8. I recognize only the Good. I see the One Holy Spirit.
9. As Christ overcame by the True Word, I can do the same. I am the Word.
10. I believe in Life eternal. By my belief I overcome death and sickness.
11. I walk with God. I am fearless and free. I overcome evil with Good.
12. The Spirit of Christ within me is the overcoming of all inharmony.

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