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Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT. THE DESERT FLOWER.

I STOOD on the plain when the day began, When noon crept by with its burning sun, And still was there when the eve came on.

A tender meadow the flower brought, A breeze which was all throughout, And yet seemed praise as my spirit caught.

Removed from fountains where many drink, Each hand did dip or life will sink.

A dwarfed cactus found in Nevada that is crowned with a delicate pink blossom.

INSPIRATION THE KEY TO INSPIRATION.

INSPIRATION is required to interpret inspiration, and continuing inspiration is necessary to carry past inspiration on into living faith. Allowing the inspiration of one age to crystallize into a definite belief is like being guided by a dial with but one time-mark.

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IN the "Golden Age" of the primitive childhood of the race, while the virgin gold of affection and innocence still retained its lustre, spirit communications were of a heavenly and even a divine character.

But the world has lost the heaven that lay around it in its infancy; nor has it yet gained the greater heaven that shall embosom it in its maturity. Those halcyon days were not destined to last.

This resumption of free trade is, as every one may see, a cheering sign of the times; and though of course this newly inaugurated traffic has all the rough, jolting confusion of a half-organized trade.

Even in the present inchoate phase of spirit communion, as an engine of conversion, it has turned over the dense sub-soils of society, bringing the Atheist and the Materialist out of their graves into the broad light of day.

Among the many anomalies ever cropping up in the Babel of the professedly religious world, there is no one which more freshly excites our wonder than the rejection, or more than this, the virulent opposition, to Spiritism on the part of the quaint, prim, and highly respectable sect professing the doctrines of the Arch-Claivoyant Swedenborg.

God speed then these orderly revelations, which speak according to the "law and the testimony," the reason and the soul, and which from time to time, and particularly at periods of age-transition, crop up as beautiful flowers above the dead level of a weedy world.

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LOST AND FOUND ON THE DESERT.

STRETCHED out before us was a vast desert expanse, save spots here and there where a very few green sprouts were just beginning to creep out from the dark earth to be kissed by the vivifying sunlight and drink in the invigorating dews of heaven.

THE ANGELS' WARNING.

WE seek for precious stones and gold, and long nights pass in racking thoughts how best you may obtain the shadow-symbols of gem-sparkling Wisdom and sun-glowing Love Divine.

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PORTLAND AS A PUBLISHING CENTER.

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GENESIS AND REVELATION.

THE same fatherly spirit manifested to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden was manifested in the various communications to the seven churches of Asia. It is worthy of notice that the first prophecy given, "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head," finds its fulfillment in "the seed of the woman clothed with the sun, etc., ruling the nations with a rod of iron."

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DIVINE INFLOWINGS AND OUTFLOWINGS.

NATURE is a constitution of Universal Refining Operations. She is progressive and retrogressive in alternating order, with the balance of producing energy ever on the side of the advance movements, thus ever making headway despite seeming setbacks and stand-stills.

The vital principle or soul-force of the crystal casts off, as it advances, what is useless or encumbering, or has become repugnant to its higher purposes of unfolding, until, potentiated and glorified into grander possibilities, it gives form and tint to plant and flower.

The soul of the plant, having assimilated as abiding life-wealth all there is for it in the vegetable kingdom, then transmits its energies into the animal structure--thus becoming monarch of a more opulent and splendid empire.

There is nothing the human mind may cogitate upon more profitably than these creative processes, which are repeated all along the evolutionary line. Through leaf-fallings, off-castings of bark, exudations of gums and oils, and in still other ways, the plant relieves itself of surpluses and excesses as it advances, these being the corpses of constituent atoms that have become absorbed in its own eternal soul-life, as it had absorbed the crystal life-essences before; and will in turn be absorbed by and subordinated to the ruling Life Principle in the animal kingdom.

By analogous processes the soul of the instinct-animal organism outworks its destiny by casting aside hundreds of pounds of gross elements, to single pounds of finer elements that are retained and assimilated; and then it resurrects itself into the rational-man form.

Here the visible expressions of outward form-signs of progress cease; but the essential operations, invisible and intangible from the beginning, continue right on. Thoughts enter the mind as crude food enters the stomach; and thoughts that are of eternal truth are assimilated by the soul, just as the needed elements for purposes of bodily structure are assimilated from the crude food taken to the stomach: while thoughts that relate only to the animal wants and sensual propensities rise and decline in vitality and at last perish with them.

Unlawful indulgences (using the term in the spiritual sense) and excesses of the animal passions, are "death dances"--they are imitations to the fiends of that which is intended for angelic environment.

The essences of all experiences, represented by corresponding material conditions, are for uses and purposes in states of higher and purer enjoyments. Though love-linked to Archangels, the human soul is also akin to the lowest, wherefore a solemn responsibility attaches to every vibration of atoms it induces. Every atom within its radius of influence is there to subservise a purpose Divine, and Celestial joys will be obtained until, by wisely subordinating the lower impulses to the higher, all movements are in harmony with the Divine Will. Terrible is the penalty of allowing the essences of life--preciously selected and stored as all worth saving out of painful years of lower-life assimilations, and the raw material in the Divine Plan for higher structural uses--to flow out and down through the foul channels of man-animal abominations!

Lettered or unlettered, the wise will comprehend us; and our earnest prayers are given to the unwise, lettered or unlettered, for their conversion--their turning around in the right direction.

The notion that life at any point in these eternal processes, or its consciousness, is annihilated, comes from the negative or matter-side of being, where all is shadowy and misleading. The consciousness of the crystal is not lost by absorption in the plant--nor of the plant by absorption in the instinct-animal--nor of the instinct-animal by absorption in the rational-animal, or man--nor of the human by absorption in the spiritual; but in each stage of advance the consciousness of the preceding experiences are simply held in abeyance, or are suspended under the influence of the dominating selfhood of such stage--that is, so far as it relates to such stage.

This is necessary to the soul's distinctive unfolding in each particular stage. But every soul securely holds in essence all that has gone before, though consciousness thereof is dormant in the intermediate stages; and as each soul reaches its ultimate of unfolding in the Celestial, all past experiences become the living subjects of its kingdom, obeying its will, and through it the will of the Infinite, to the end of highest realizations of happiness to constituents and unities of constituents.

Thus, having served their uses in holding the ark of the soul's salvation together (individualizing it) while it is being carried up through the storms to the summit of Universal Love and Wisdom, the bonds of selfishness are severed, when the Divinely rescued and preserved inmates (the different states of consciousness, now harmoniously unified in will-impulse, while illuminated in all their diversities to the Supreme or Celestial Understanding) go forth to possess and extend their dominion with Divine sway over a New World.

What is the Highest Principle of causation or effectuation in these creative processes? Ponder that question well, for here, where night closes around the mere Material Evolutionist, it is glorious Sunrise for the Spiritual Evolutionist and Involutionist. Aside from the abounding evidences we find in a study of the living natures around us that the essential principles of life are constantly unifying from lower into higher individualizations of character, (man standing at the apex of the animal pyramid, as the composite representative of all below him, and poised for loftier flights), the science of Darwinism itself is based on structural evidences of the same truth, applied by the same reasoning methods; beginning with simplest organic forms, it proceeds, by more and more complex combinations, until it culminates in physical man. The conclusion is inevitable that there must be an Overriding and General Directing Power of Intelligence to call and carry to its proper place in the line of higher destinies each individual, as each completes a lower cycle of development and unfolding. Infinite God, or All Powers Harmonized into Unity, is an indispensable support for every form of rational existence.

The reader's attention is now invited to the explanation of the rough diagram below, intended to illustrate the genesis of life, or its earliest form-expressions, according to scientific postulates:

The circles respectively represent the Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral kingdoms, the primal or first life-cell being centered at the intersection of the circles; "I," in the mineral circle, stands for the first manifestation of crystallizing energy, as shown in the simple cleavage-line of the stone; "II," in the vegetable circle, stands for sponges, the lowest of vegetable organisms; "III," in the animal circle, stands for simple polyps, the lowest of animal organisms.

The fact that the sponge has lately been classified as animal does not affect the argument: the scientific postulate is that all organisms branch out from the primordial cell.

The most unbalanced or immature of mental organisms are undoubtedly those who only see insanity, or symptoms of insanity, in belief in spirit communication. They are like bewildered birds in a room dashing against the closed windows when all doors are open for their escape.

IT IS FINISHED--IN THIS FORM.

THIS is the last issue of THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT in this form. Thirty-five numbers have been issued, extending over thirty-six months, with one number due to close the third volume--which will be furnished in magazine form.

A feature worthy of special mention in this "brief, eventful history," is the specially-adapted contributing talent that has been attracted to the work from all parts of the globe, bringing to it fruits of thought and superior ability in expression which money, had we been supplied therewith, could not have secured. The leading contributors of this publication, though not one was known to us at its inauguration, have been specially inspired, each in his or her particular field of thought, to prepare their offerings for its pages; and they will continue to receive thoughts by inspiration to this end; and new instruments of inspiration will be developed and brought to the work as it progresses.

Since issuing the initial number, on the 5th of April, 1886, such remarkable changes and advances have taken place in the moral thought of the world as to impress upon all intelligent minds the idea of a New Era in the spiritual and social progress of the race. In our coming was announced a dispensation of spiritual truth in advance of what had before been given, for realization by mankind at large--an influx of Spiritual Light of Messianic character, that would manifest in multi-perpetual ways; and we foreshadowed the progress and mode of operations of this silent, and to the many mysterious influence, by saying it would be present at family boards, in all the churches, in all the social, political, fraternal and reformatory organizations, in the schools and colleges, in editorial rooms, in legislative halls, in international councils--that in all stations and relations of human life, and in all lands, it would be the power to check and impel, to plan, and execute, to make triumphs and defeats. The few who are consciously in the Universal Life Current, their number now rapidly increasing, positively know that soul-forces are operating according to these forecastings, and with ever-increasing power: they are touching and commanding to their purposes, according to adaptability and capacity, instruments in all the relations of life--editors, novelists, dramatists, poets, educators, statesmen, scientists, philosophers, and the trust and best of the priesthoods.

Out of Thought's interior sphere The wonders rise to meet it, as they rise.

As we are now given to see, future inspirations will be fuller and more complete--will be more in line with the thought of THE DIVINE-HUMAN CONSUMMATED. Thus far it has been largely necessary to consider and treat the spiritual and material distinctively, for the same reason that the rules of arithmetical calculation must be separately learned before they can be applied in practice collectively or complexly. The truth is, that the varying degrees of spirituality, from and including the material to and including the Celestial, unify in all things, the grade of unfolding being the degree in which consciousness is centered. When consciousness is centered in the material, the inversion or negative condition of truth is represented, and in this degree, ere the real life has been experienced, the natural conclusion is that it can only be realized through the ponderosity of matter--the perverted thought--being that immortality of the soul is an indefinite extension of sensual experiences. (The notion of a restored physical body is the offspring of this false conception). When consciousness is centered in the Celestial, the only true and abiding vital principle, the life is then over and down through matter, the soul swaying it to its uses and purposes as the physical organs respond to the mental impulses under harmonious conditions; and in this degree only is the truth clearly and positively realized that the soul is not beholding to matter, but is dominant over and through it--that the whole material universe is subject to its command according to its purposes and uses in the Divine Economy, which is to the consciousness absolute freedom and superlative happiness.

No more simple copies will be sent out. The very fact that there is no publication in the world more liberal and inclusive in spirit than this, makes it as pearls under the feet of swine to the many, for few, even of those who loudly boast of their liberality of thought, have yet reached the true spiritual plane of mental freedom. The Light cannot be forced on individuals. Those who seek it will appreciate it when it comes.

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THE TRUE SPIRITUAL TEACHER.

THE truth that saves is the truth that is felt; and it is only communicable and transmissible as a silent influence. Neither words nor actions, in and of themselves, are sufficient to establish the claim of the True Spiritual Teacher, however commendable one or both may be. He or she who does not know truth as a life experience cannot plant its germs in the minds of others; if it is not realized to the inner consciousness, its verbal expression will be as barren seed to sterile soil. The qualification to radiate Spiritual Light is a soul-gift--therefore unconferrable and untransferable by unestablished schools, and precious beyond worldly-wealth to purchase. There is no real spiritual power until this advance-line is reached--until then all is empiricism, doubt, darkness. We must bravely realize and use to the fulfillment of its purpose each stage of soul-growth before the transporting joys and transforming powers of that stage can be realized in fullness.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT: THOUGHTS ON MYSTICISM. BY CAROLINE CORNER, OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

IN his lecture on Mysticisim, at South Place Chapel, in connection with "Sunday Afternoons for the People," Mr. W. S. Lilly gave evidence to some sublime sentiments. Mysticisim, as he defined it, "is not nonsense, as many maintain, but sense of a higher or the highest order; and he might have added, the link that connects Man with his Maker. I will not endeavor to recapitulate in language literal what the lecturer had to say in that one hour's profitable discourse, but if, from memory, I recall a few of the fine ideas expressed, with comments and thoughts they gave rise to in my own mind, I trust I shall not be considered to be trespassing too much on your valuable space.

"Various are the channels which lead to the realm of Mysticisim," said Mr. Lilly, "but each and all of these ascending paths, when followed up faithfully and earnestly, bring one to a region whence a grand vista opens out before one, broadening, expanding ever more and more." And what are these channels or avenues? Firstly, the emotions. Emerson says, "we are but shadows--until the heart is touched." True: one can scarcely be said to have lived, or to live, "until the heart is touched," who can give out sympathy until he or she has felt the need thereof? Love, in the kind man has with the moth and mollusc, but in its supersensuous, anguish, fear, are powerful to effect this state of being; and having once felt, one cannot go back--never, for in that supreme moment the voice within has spoken, that "Deity within," as Aristotle called it. It may come about spontaneously, by some apparently outside of himself, as it did to the lecturer informed us. Many years ago to himself, one sunrise autumn eve, while walking alone in the woods--something in sympathy struck him, and the thrill of that new sensation lives forever. All of a poetic or philosophic temperament have had such experience, and the memory is alike living and treasured forevermore. Wordsworth had this in an eminent degree, a grand soul at one with Nature and with Nature's God. Poetry is another avenue whereby our souls are wafted on winged words to this realm of Mysticisim, as example, the genius of Tennyson, Keats, Shelley--all poets who deal not in the gross and physical, but in the supersensuous and spiritual. Art another; not in the sense that the artist's work, as such, is a mere aggregate of words, but that being degradation of Art--but Art as interpreter and exponent of God's wondrous works. Philosophy is a sort of ante-chamber whence branch these different corridors or routes, for by philosophy the human mind is prepared for the science of things super-mundane, and metaphysics is the junction where science (as understood of men) and the mystical meet. Religion, the outcome of our highest aspirations, has its home and kind in the mystical, for "the letter (which is dress) killeth," but the spirit survives and knows not decay. "Somebody said to me a short time ago, 'Oh, its all imagination; only imagination!'" And what is imagination? Surely "Are not all inventions born in the realm of imagination?" Surely even imagination is not to be entirely contemned, if only on that matter-of-fact, every-day account! What would the great Edison be without imagination or power of conception?

But the average man revolves in his own little orbit as he lives in and for his own little world, and so to him a knowledge and love of the sublime, which is Mysticisim, is nonsense, rather than the highest sense--as it is to Mr. Lilly, and all to whom the "Deity within" has spoken.

TRUTH is consciousness of the Infinite Power of God in our own souls to find that which we seek.

TRUTH is the oil that supplies the lamp of the soul.

PENINSULA STATE PAPERS.

[Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT.]

IS THE EARTH ALIVE? BY SAMUEL BLODGETT.

IT is gratifying to me that there is an interest awakening in this subject, for I am looking at it largely from its possible relation to human destinies, hoping that the opening up of this view of thought will ultimately come for human well-being, as well as prove pleasurable mental recreation for those who love to delve into nature's mysteries. In one respect I am different from Mr. Collett, not feeling bound to any ancient record, and not caring a pin whether any new thought harmonizes with it or not. I have no doubt that "the condition of the earth and of man is bound up together," in a certain sense and to a certain degree, but not, I think, in the manner and to the extent held by him.

Moreover, I see no evidence that man ever fell, as related in bible mythology. All reliable historical facts, and all collateral indications, force on me the conviction that man, like every other existence, began with structure, and from that center in its flesh and blood began to improve with man, and while I believe that man's condition has reacted on the earth, I think it presumable that, as the earth is first and greatest, it has affected man far more than man has it. It hardly stands to reason that the product could be more effective than the producer.

There is a kind of analogy between all organized life of which we have any knowledge. There are also wide differences. I know of no way of accounting for certain phenomena connected with the Earth except on the assumption that it is a living individual, and that supposition does not seem to me unreasonable, therefore I believe it. But I have not studied the nature of that life much, and have made no attempt at classifications of the material for growth, is something no one understands.

Idea that the Earth takes nourishment through a mouth, like man or beast, is not a necessary conclusion. Certainly all life is not contained in that manner. Some animal life receives nutrition in a manner very similar to the vegetable kingdom. All life that organizes crude matter does it through innumerable small suction-pumps, instead of one large aperture. Besides, we are all very ignorant on the subject, as a little critical examination will show. We can see a reason for eating--for the purposes of growth; but why we should eat after our full size is attained, except to supply waste from external causes, or why we should eat more while growing than enough to furnish the necessary material for growth, is something no one understands.

We say that action destroys tissue, thrown off when destroyed as dead or useless matter. Why should it not be immediately taken up and reorganized? When it is disorganized it contains exactly the same constituent elements, chemically considered, that is necessary to repair the wasted tissue. Why were we not so organized as to immediately use it over again, and keep on doing so indefinitely, is a mystery. It is certainly very easy to imagine an organization having such power and habit, and there is nothing more unreasonable or wonderful in the idea than in the ability to digest vegetable matter, and convert it into flesh and blood.

The earth may be built on that plan, for aught we know to the contrary. In general we may say that life means the destruction of other life. We cannot think of a single animal type or individual that does not find all its nutrition by that method. If herbiferous, it takes from the vegetable kingdom; if carnivorous, from the animal kingdom; and if omnivorous, from both. And if the Earth is a living organism, the whole vegetable kingdom exists by virtue of the same law. The elements of nutrition are first appropriated by vegetables, taken from earth and air; animals destroy the vegetables that they may live; and some animals live on others. But no effect matter eliminated from an organism can be utilized in that state for nourishment, either by the same or another organism. But its disorganization and decay just fits it for vegetable food; when it again starts on its endless round, the ordained circle of life and death. The same elements, through their various changes, sustain all life. These mutations may contribute to the nutritive life of the Earth, and it may find food in its yearly travels. If we keep in view the fact that nutrition is not the absorption of different elements in kind, but simply the changing of elementary conditions, we can easily imagine various ways that the Earth might be nourished.

I have this to say concerning the great heat that is supposed to exist in the interior of the Earth. Man has penetrated hardly more than a rough shell, so to speak, and the idea that it continues growing hotter towards the center is a supposition, not a demonstration. Think how this matter is in the animal organisms we have inspected.

As I look into the subject, the evidence is not very conclusive to me that the earth ever changed its axis. I am not aware that the relics of tropical productions have ever been discovered towards the south pole, to show that the end of the earth must have once been under such conditions; and such evidence is certainly necessary before that point can be considered as established.

Suppose we imagine the Earth in its formative condition going through a process similar to that of other infant beings, occupying a relatively stationary position, with the north pole towards the sun, and that it was at this time that the tropical animals existed there. Then, in the fullness of time, it was released from its embryonic state and swung into active life. When that took place the north region became frigid so suddenly, and has always remained so intensely cold, as to preserve fresh meat for any length of time. In its baby waddlings the north temperate zone, or parts of it, also became frozen up, and went through the glacial period, so vividly written on its surface; and when its mature motions and circulation became established, the heat of the Earth in its different parts became normal and subsisted living things adapted to it.

Or we may suppose the earth changed its axis from some severe injury it received, or from the effect of some planetary catastrophe, of which we have never had the slightest intimation.

I have an almost reverent tenderness for our Mother Earth, aside from the belief which I have that human weal or woe is indissolubly connected with her, and must run parallel with her fortunes, and I think it quite possible that we are able to do her irreparable physical harm. I suppose I shall be laughed to scorn when I say I have many times thought of one project with some misgivings--the Panama Canal. It would be in close proximity to the main artery, and, though I would not expect any sensible injury, still think of the probability. Some years ago I read a statement that the water on the Gulf side stands higher than on the other, as if the water were higher on that side than the other, and that it was at this time that the tropical animals existed there. This is an almost reverent tenderness for our Mother Earth, aside from the belief which I have that human weal or woe is indissolubly connected with her, and must run parallel with her fortunes, and I think it quite possible that we are able to do her irreparable physical harm. I suppose I shall be laughed to scorn when I say I have many times thought of one project with some misgivings--the Panama Canal. It would be in close proximity to the main artery, and, though I would not expect any sensible injury, still think of the probability. Some years ago I read a statement that the water on the Gulf side stands higher than on the other, as if the water were higher on that side than the other, and that it was at this time that the tropical animals existed there.

ONE TRUTH AND ONE FLAG.

ON reading your paper I could not but think that it is destined to accomplish a great amount of good. Thousands of our brothers and sisters are hungering and thirsting for just the kind of food you are providing. We have so long been taught to look outside into some far-off place to find God, or God that it has become a second nature to do so; but as our needs are made manifest, the precious truth within us shines forth, revealing the Spirit of All Good--a God. The education of the past has been such as to impress on the mind the notion that earth-children are born in iniquity and sin, asleep and lost to all good; but as the ages have rolled on there has come a mortal a Light that will penetrate all darkness, and in that Light we are beginning to learn that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and within us. This was told us by one of our best friends of long ago. A few faithful ones accepted his teachings, and the world is the better to-day for those poor and despised disciples. The day has now come when the soul of man, the real man, begins to see and understand the teachings of this good Friend of Mankind, and at last beginning to know that all-pervading God is a God-gift to all--that not one is common or unclear, but that all hold in their earthly casket the bright spark of Divinity.

In the revealing of to-day we can no longer doubt that the Second Coming of Divine Good is at hand. The heavens are opening and the angels are ascending and descending, bringing such treasures that all of earth weigh as nothing in the balance. Incarnate Love is our Lord and our God. Let us no longer teach our children that they are full of sin, born so, destined from the beginning to be so; but, on the contrary, let us teach them that they hold in the embryo of their earthly bodies God, all that is Good, and that it is for them to develop the Divine within until all will feel and acknowledge the power.

If all parents would make it their duty to give such teachings, in a very few years how grand the growth would be! Parents let your children's education be to you more than any thing else in life, for you are the guardian of angelic spirits--clothed in earth's habiliments, but holding within the brightest of all; wells--immortal souls! Go on in your good work! you are reaching thousands whose souls are in need of such teachings as you are giving. The Church is no longer a place where the progress is breaking down all partitions. One grand Truth and One Flag will yet wave over all the earth, for all nations will be as one in the glorious day that is dawning.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 20.

A. C. DOAN, Santa Ynez, Cal. "I have been much delighted in perusing the inspired lines of 'E. M. W.,' also in reading the 'Shushan,' papers."

Keep your thoughts pure, and all your surroundings will be pure. Evil cannot affect you unless you think it. Love is the only Redeemer.

HOPE.

[Written expressly for THE WORLD'S ADVANCE-THOUGHT.]

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HOPE is to the unfolding spirit what the sun is to growing vegetation. In its beautiful glow our faculties multiply, expand and strengthen, and we thereby grasp much more of the beautiful and useful as we travel our earthly pathway, and may contribute from the accumulating treasure to our fellow-creatures. Let hope wane or suffer a temporary eclipse, and darkness and chilling doubts and weakening fears creep in, and a depressing mental sky hangs like a pall upon our souls. Thus the sweet melodies of nature seem hushed, and passing events, like rattled drums, seem only to beat the requiem of departed anticipations and prospects. But glorious inheritance of immortality--white yet in mortal habiliments know ye this: We have within us the undying power to not only preserve this creative, this sustaining, this inspiring principle, but to develop it far, far beyond our faintest conception. Rich or poor, high or low, learned or unlettered, this pure, bright spark of infinite glow has been placed within every breast, that under happy conditions or circumstances might prove but shadows to be outshone by its superior radiance. Hope is the stimulant for every accomplishment, consciously or unconsciously applied. It is the beacon that shines through the darkness of night above the murky atmosphere of lower conditions.

For you it shines, and you alone can protect and preserve it. When the tempests war, when the dark waters of trouble surge high and threaten your peace of mind and health of body, keep your spiritual eye upon this Divine Light; it will never fail you unless you neglect and forsake it. If the organ of hope is deficient, don't be discouraged and give up to despair, but begin at once the work of cultivating it, and I am sure the effort will speedily bring fruit.

O Hope! bright Hope! star of our earth night! We prize thee! We cling to thee! We would disappear without thee! Shine on! Shine even more brightly in the interior realms of our souls, that we may not only escape such suffering and needless disaster, but that the brightest, broadest and happiest realms of this life may be revealed to us for our enjoyment and unfolding, for individual and mutual blessings, to brighten as we advance forever.

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