

Thoughts of brotherly love and kindness repeated many times become mind trails that lead into the beautiful, happy ways of life.
Thoughts of hatred, greed, unkindness---and repetitions of these thoughts form habit trails that make life's journey troubled and unpleasant.
The conscious thought becomes impressed upon memory; the memory levels are ever active and the thoughts of today are tomorrow's memory.
They will become habits for good---or ill, if not replaced.
---Lola Munford Henderson

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TRAILS of the MIND

Lola Munford Henderson

Trails that wind like wavering white ribbons over the face of the earth are worn there by the repetition of many footsteps tramping over and over again until they have made a beaten path. Trails of the mind are made by thoughts repeated time and time again until they become habits of mind.

The first footprints on some of the earth trails were made by lovers of the beauties of nature; they lead through cool, green aisles of the forests and by clear, sparkling streams. Other trails lead over rough, rocky ways. Both are symbolic of the first conscious thought, which starts a habit.

We should seek earnestly to understand the potentiality of our thinking and the law by which it works for the happiness in our own lives as well as of those around us. Those who do recognize the power of thought, and the law by which it is governed, can make their experiences and their environment what they will. Those who have kindly attitudes of mind radiate harmony wherever they are, for they make trails of their minds by the calm ways of life and are always pleasant and cheerful.

Many habits are caused by words and ways handed down from generation to generation. Some are not the best paths to follow but the beaten trail is tramped instead of seeking newer ones. The established, well-trodden trails of habit are, seemingly, the easiest to traverse and whatever is the custom of people in general often become, by practice, the custom of all.

New trails of the mind may begin by changing the quality of our thoughts. It doesn't matter how long standing the habit, nor how firmly the bonds of inharmonious thinking are fastened upon us; they can be loosed by realizing that thoughts of good create the smooth path which leads to that peaceful living that we seek.

Thought-prints on the path of peace gradually make a beaten path and the day may not be far distant when everyone will be thinking peace and knowing that wars do not have to be, no matter what the traditional thought has been. The enlightenment of man causes him to reason that greed between individuals must cease before avarice between nations is wiped out.

Thoughts turn to a lasting peace which can be and shall be. Man's consciousness awakened to the truth is an abiding peace in the heart and the warmth of brotherly love reaches out to his fellowmen bringing eternal peace to all the world. The power of thought must be tested and proved by faithfully thinking harmony, then a well beaten path will lead to a lasting peace.

(An article shared by a friend with your editor through the Internet.)

Dancing With God

Joseph G. Walker

When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other. My eyes drew back to the word Guidance.

When I saw "G" I thought of God, followed by "u" and "I". "God," "u" and "I" "dance." God, you, and I dance. As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead.

My prayer for you today is that God's blessings and mercies be upon you on this day and everyday. May you abide in God as God abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting God to lead and to guide you through each season of your life. This prayer is powerful and there is nothing attached. There is no cost but lots of rewards; so let's continue to pray for one another.

And I Hope You Dance.

Guest Minister Column:

Divine Scientists, Our Best Years Are Ahead!

A major publishing event occurred in 2002, namely, the publication of the four volume work, *Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*. At various times, false and misleading statements have been published about Divine Science and other New Thought movements. In this encyclopedia, however, various members of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion (of which I am President), who are both scholars and have actively participated as ministers, were chosen to write the articles pertaining to New Thought. Thus, these articles (as the encyclopedia in general) reflect a high standard of accuracy and responsibility. I myself wrote the article entitled *Divine Science Federation/United Divine Science Ministries, International*.

In this article, I stated in part: "Divine Science teaches the omnipresence of God and affirms that each individual has access to all the potential of God through his or her own consciousness. On this basis, Divine Science works to heal the sick in mind and body through affirmative prayer. It is a direct approach to God, which affirms the essential goodness of humanity as God's idea. Through a closer attunement with the Divine Presence, individuals overcome the appearances of sin, disease, lack, and alienation from God, humanity, and the cosmos, and live an abundant life here and now. Divine Science maintains that this teaching reflects Jesus' true purpose, and thus lays claim to be a Christian movement."

I have been in the Divine Science movement for about 45 years, and I am in a position to evaluate much of its history, as both an observer and a participant. In viewing outer appearances, complete objectivity is impossible, but we can at least strive to approximate it. Even when making allowances for the fact that our beliefs condition our experiences, and that outer things change as we change, I view the Divine Science movement with optimism and eager anticipation for future progress.

In the broadest outlines, there seem to have been four phases in the history of the Divine Science movement, which began in 1888 in San Francisco. These phases were not absolute, but overlapped one another in time.

The first phase began with a widespread consciousness, by leaders and students alike, of the reality that Divine Science teaches. These were the pioneering days when healings were frequent and informal networking was a major factor in its growth.

The second phase featured some outstanding leaders, including Max Ballard, Grace Faus, Emmet Fox, Irwin Gregg, Joseph Murphy, and others. They provided excellent leadership, but the membership, taken as a whole, was less attuned to the Infinite at that time than the original generation

had been. For the great majority, the teachings were more "handed down" than they were individually experienced.

The third phase occurred after the retirement of these leaders of high stature. This was the most dangerous period, for it entailed widespread confusion as to what Divine Science actually is, and what its purpose is all about.

During the third phase, an issue existed as to whether or not to continue to use the term "science" as part of our movement's name. This issue has been resolved in favor of leaving the name of Divine Science intact. To drop the term "science" would actually have heralded a return to medieval superstition and supernaturalism, which would have been a tragic mistake now that we have moved into the 21st Century.

The fourth phase, which we are currently in, is one in which the consciousness of the founders is again becoming widespread. We are experiencing a renewal on a "grass roots" level. This is not only most encouraging for the prospects of the Divine Science Movement; it also tells historians of religion, in general terms, that a decline of spiritual consciousness within a religious movement is not inevitable and, even when it occurs, is not irreversible.

As this inner renewal continues, the Divine Science movement will continue to develop new forms--as well as revitalize old ones--through which to share its vision and consciousness with a wider public. This is occurring in several ways, but the coming of the Internet, and its effective utilization, has become more and more significant in recent years.

The underlying confusion and pessimism of past decades has ceased, as people are being renewed in mind and heart, which in turn brings the manifestation of health into their bodies and harmony into their surroundings.

For three years, I have represented the Divine Science Ministers Association (DSMA) on the Board of Officers of the Divine Science Federation International (DSFI), and my term has an additional year to run. I have found that the Federation has acted with complete integrity, and with a strong and continuing sense of purpose. To my colleagues in the ministry, I would say, please continue to share any of your concerns and observations with me. It is a high privilege to represent all of the Divine Science ministers in this position, whatever their affiliation within the movement may be.

To paraphrase the Apostle Paul, let us not be conformed to a worldly outlook, but continue to be transformed by the renewal of the mind from within. We shall then prove and demonstrate what is the true, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

May you continue to awaken to the Divine Omni-presence of Love, Light, and Wholeness, and remain in that realization forevermore.

---Rev. Dr. Robert Winterhalter

STUDIES IN DIVINE SCIENCE

Mrs. C. L. Baum

(a continuation)

XIV.

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Perhaps it has occurred to you many times to ask:

What shall be the true and infallible guide of life?

You have learned that true guidance must be spiritual and come from within, but perhaps you have wondered how you were to recognize the prompting of that invisible spirit, that still small voice, so that you might follow it confidently, knowing that it would lead you only into truth. Let us consider the various guides that might be followed, and by eliminating the false, see more clearly wherein we may safely place our reliance.

The voice of the external is not a safe guide. It recognizes the negative as well as the positive and labels its life of personality with disease, lack, sorrow, and death. It produces shadow conditions that darken the years of the soul while on the earth plane, and speaks of unreality as though it had power to affect the true life. Taken all in all, the voice of the external world and its activities is designed to lead us only into a belief of confusion and mixed thought from which it will be very difficult to extricate ourselves. It is best to abandon it completely and cease from following after it.

As you give the subject a little thought you will experience a growing distrust of the generally accepted means of ordering your life. The preachers cease to interest you and the physicians fail to heal you. Having experienced everything, which the external has to offer, you are forced to the conclusion that you must look elsewhere for true guidance.

You turn to the mental realm. You begin to think and reason. You find someone whom you conceive to be a great soul and who seems to have found the truth. You temporarily establish yourself in his doctrine. You think his thoughts and order your life accordingly. But even this proves unsatisfactory to your soul's desire and you begin to wonder where this great soul got his knowledge of truth. You argue that there must be some original source of all knowledge, and you determine to get your own ideas at the fountain head.

You have heard and read much concerning the silence and the voice of the silence, and you seek the invisible guiding power through this medium. Here again you may be temporarily unsuccessful. We regard the whole invisible plane as the silence simply because we are more or less in ignorance of what the invisible holds. There are thousands of voices and countless thoughts in the mental atmosphere, and it is as unlikely that one should learn truth from that atmosphere as from the confusion of tongues in the external. All of the thoughts that come for admission to your consciousness do not carry the truth you are seeking. The mere fact that a thought comes to you from the invisible is no test of its infallibility, and thus we see that a false guidance may be encountered in the silence as well as in the outer.

The mental confusion that this gives rise to is well illustrated in anyone who desires spiritual help, but who is aware of two voices within--one urging reliance on Divine Science and the other arguing that no help can come from such a source. Each of these silent voices comes in turn to control such an individual, and unless discrimination is made between the true and the false voice, the right step will not be taken.

Impulse may be mistaken for the still, small, voice for which you are listening. But impulse is only a shadow brother of intuition, and will often lead you astray. It is the experience of many who first come into this thought, that they may listen in the silence for many months and sometimes years before they experience the voice of the Spirit as the guiding force in their lives. They listen apparently in vain, waiting intently, but hearing nothing until some day they suddenly hear the true voice of spiritual guidance. There is no confusion in thought at such a time and the experience is one never to be forgotten. The life is changed, the shadows flee, and the individual becomes conscious of the divine self within.

Now you may rightfully question:

Whence comes this voice and to whom does it belong?

It is the voice of your real self and comes wholly from within you. It is to the divine indwelling Presence, holy and pure, knowing and expressing only the truth which is suitable for your place of unfoldment. It speaks with few words, gives no long intellectual discourses. It speaks simply and does not argue. All argument is caused by disagreement among the thought children of your own mentality and has no connection with the voice of Truth. To abide by the result of argument in your mentality is not to be compared with following the voice of the intuition; the one leads to confusion, the other to clear vision and action.

You will get no false guidance from the voice of your inner true self. It stands back of all the unreality that your mentality brings to you, and is always ready to help when recognized and appealed to. But even though you hear this voice, you may not choose to follow, for the voice calls not to ease, comfort, and material joys. It counsels you to follow and uphold whatsoever things are true; and in the conventional standards of the world today this is not always easy or pleasant. To be true to self is sometimes the hardest task we can take up, for we have been following untrue paths for so long that the old habits are hard to break.

You will not always have to go into the silence in order to hear the voice of your inner self. It always speaks and tells you what is right. You need ask no outer teacher, no book, no invisible friend for the truth; for the Presence that is within you is greater than all that is without. Listen and obey the voice. Speak the truth. Act without hesitation or argument.

If at any state in your unfoldment you feel that you are not ready for the highest statement made by those whose consciousness is more expanded than your own, do not strive to force yourself to believe simply because someone else whom you respect makes the statement. Lean only on your own perception, rejoicing in the measure of truth that you do perceive, and you will find that you will be guided into greater comprehension of truth. The whole race is growing into a

higher consciousness and the Presence within is pressing forward for greater expression. This is an evidence of confidence in the divine prompting from within, of true self-confidence, which is the beginning of spiritual growth.

At first it is not your part to lead, but to follow. You are not expected to blaze the new trail, but to rely on the leading of the Spirit within, keeping the thought receptive and willing to listen to the voice of Truth. Until you learn to have faith in your own divine promptings you are a follower and not a leader. As you progress and are lifted up, as your convictions grow in strength and your consciousness of truth increases, your light will illumine the way for others. Every great religious or philosophical movement has had a leader to whom the truth was revealed in the highest degree. If all the followers of such movements had received the same revelation, the progress of the truth would have been wonderful.

Do not make laborious efforts at spiritual insight. Let your silent periods be short and many rather than long and few. Neither should you hasten to convert the world to something, which you may, as yet, only believe without having a firm conviction and knowledge of its truth. You are in no danger of losing the respect of others if you quietly stand fast in your faith, bearing witness to the truth as you know it. You may be sure that if your light is always shining, you will be sought out by such as wish to have the dark places of their lives illumined. The voice from within will guide you in these matters as in all else.

The Presence whose guidance we seek is everywhere. It is the same Spirit which was in Jesus and which is now in you and in us all. To know its voice and live in harmony with it, is peace and joy and life eternal.

SUGGESTIONS TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE LED BY SPIRIT.

Nona L. Brooks

We are where we are by Law, not by chance.

Each individual has a mission.

The God-life has been given to each;

a great trust is for a great purpose.

Each may know what his mission is and can fulfill it,

if he is willing to be led by Spirit to that end.

The following suggestions are offered:

1. Lay aside ambition and personal desire.
2. Be willing to go when called and wherever led.
3. Declare steadfastly:
 - (a) That Spirit knows what is best for you.
 - (b) That Spirit is guiding you there--"to your own place."
 - (c) That whatever is best to prepare and develop you for this mission will come through Spirit.
4. Know:
 - (a) That each kind of work that comes to you is part of the plan and must be done heartily as unto God.
 - (b) That work is "high" or "low" not according to the kind, but according to the motive that

- prompts it and the disposition in which it is accomplished. The individual exalts the work.
- (c) That the whole need in harmonizing environment, changing conditions, removing limitations and in realizing peace, plenty, and success, is to work with one's own self.
 5. Cultivate the habit of trustful thinking.
 6. Insist on inward serenity.
 7. Look upon your present occupation as God-given, and love it. Rest assured that as soon as you have fulfilled in this, the next will come
 8. Be very certain, in any responsibility thrown upon you, by Spirit, that by the same Spirit, will you be given the wisdom and strength to execute.
 9. Keep your thought from evil and your lips from guile:
 - (a) Do not read the "horrors" in the newspapers. Do not talk about them.
 - (b) Do not discuss inharmonious conditions.
 - (c) Do not worry, fear, nor doubt.
 - (d) See the good in every one and in every thing.
 10. **Repeat often:**

Self-interest does not influence me.
 Impulse does not guide me.
 Prejudice does not warp me.
 Opinion does not bind me.
 Neither family nor friends hinder me.
 Self-depreciation does not limit me.
 Remembrance of past or fear of future does not weaken me.
 I do not limit God's power.
 Let us have patience that, after we have done the will of God, we may receive the promise.
 "Sufficient unto each moment is the Wisdom and Strength thereof."

The Indwelling God.

Go not, my soul, in search of him,
 Thou wilt not find him there,
 Or in the depths of shadow dim
 Or heights of upper air.

For not in far off realms of space
 The Spirit hath its throne;
 In every heart it findeth place,
 And waiteth to be know.

Thought answereth alone to thought,
 And soul with soul hath kin.
 The outward God, he findeth not
 Who finds not God within.

And if the vision comes to thee,
 Revealed by inward sign,
 Earth will be full of Deity
 And with His glory shine.

Then go not thou in search of Him,
 But to thyself repair,
 Wait thou within the silence dim,
 And thou shalt find him there.

 ---F. L. Hosmer.

God's Perfect Law

Alice Eaton (1918)

Webster tells us that
 "Law is a rule of action established by a recognized authority to enforce justice and direct duty."

Law is the most excellent rule of action wise men have been able to devise by which affairs may be carried forward to a successful conclusion. Whatever work, pleasure or duty is entered upon, there is a governing law. There is no chance or luck; immutable Law is everywhere present.

Today a certain law may meet a condition fully; tomorrow we cannot comply with it, *for it is not large enough for our new vision*. The condition may seem exactly the same in both instances, but this is not so, because of individual growth. Today the Law of yesterday is apparently set aside for one better suited to the present requirements. Today's law is not a new one; it is only a broader phase of the same law that the growth of the condition has necessitated.

Each law of the future is merely the development or expansion of the present law. There must be, then, some source from whence these various rules of action have sprung since time began.

Development indicates a source or point of beginning that is being unfolded. Step by step the Source is searched for---and found, "Seek and ye shall find."

Long ago the Hebrews had a book of laws called Leviticus. These laws not only covered every conceivable condition, event, and situation, but met the needs of all classes of people.

Yet later, as the Nation grew, both in numbers and in understanding, the need for new laws became imperative. These so-called new laws were but the expansion of those that had been so long in use. These changes indicated growth of a people, spiritually, mentally, and economically.

All of their laws were founded on the one just Law---the Law of God. Our laws of today, as were the laws of Moses, are the nearest approach to the One Perfect Law that Man is able to express in his particular place and time. Law is the activity of the Principle of Omnipresence, the living and eternal source---from whence spring all that is.

The Law of God always demonstrates. It is being harmoniously revealed to our vision day by day in greater beauty and power.

"Concern yourself with but today,
 Grasp it and teach it to obey,
 Yes and today! A soul sublime
 And the great heritage of time."

**“To see a World in a grain of sand
And a Heaven in a wild flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour.”**

Wm. Blake

Most of us spend our lives looking at things, and rarely see the substance of anything. We use words so lightly that to distinguish between seeing and looking requires definition. When we truly see we understand, or grasp something, not intellectually, but soulfully. Looking at you physically shows me only a representation, like a photograph; not the “fruit of the vine,” the being “made in the image and likeness of God.” Our physical bodies are the out-picturing of our mental concept. God’s image is life; love, wisdom, joy, beauty, truth and none of these can be looked upon directly. Seeing is our souls ability to comprehend beyond physical sight.

We often wonder where God is when we look at the world, people, conditions, and situations that must be experienced and endured. How can God be in this abomination? Why is it easy to see God in a kitten, a flower, a gentle rain, or newborn baby? We look at what pleases us and want to name that God. This is the “fall” into duality, good and evil. Looking at something that appears beautiful may in fact be deadly. Some people may look at a gun and think it is beautiful!

To go beyond looking to seeing requires a consciousness willing to cease judging with the senses. We stop using the eyes, ears, nose etc. to form opinions or make decisions regarding Life, God, or Omnipresence. Our soul, and its voice the intuition do not depend on the senses for wisdom, knowledge, or intelligence. Information is all the senses give us, and information changes from minute to minute.

The poet sees, beholds the World, Heaven, Infinity and Eternity not because he looked at some thing, but because he intuitively knows that this is all there is to see, behold. The world I live in is soul expressed all around me, and it is not outside of heaven, infinity, or eternity. We *each* can come to see, behold this truth. Life expresses itself outward; it is not restricted to a body, or limited to a certain location in space/time.

See that it all begins in you.

Omnipresence,
one in consciousness, holds all within Itself!

Live It! Love It!

and be grateful that you can *see*,
behold God everywhere!

---Reverend Mary P. Rezentos
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If Thine Eye Be Single

In the year 1944 Eloise Lavrischeff wrote: “A few months ago in a movie there was one scene which intrigued me. It was a comedy bit where the hero shut one eye and looked at the heroine with the other. He explained that this eye functioned differently and that when he looked at her with it she seemed to be surrounded with a halo of rainbow lights; seen with his one eye---she was beautiful. Then at the end of the story he looked at her again with that eye and discovered she was the one with whom he was in love.”

She goes on to say: “I found myself reviewing the little scene. Using just the one eye he was able to realize her beauty and identity, although the circumstances in each instance were different; using just the one eye. Suddenly I found myself repeating, ‘If, therefore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.’ I thought how the actor’s face had lit up with joy at the realization of his love and I found that I, too, had a new realization. I had turned the key to the doorway of Truth. For there before me, seen with my ‘single eye,’ lay a new land, breathtaking and beautiful: the world of Infinite Reality.”

Here to our existence on this earthly plane we have brought what seems to be a dual nature, *an inner and an outer self*. With our outer “eye,” the senses, we are able to enjoy and learn to manipulate the things of the world about us, but with our inner eye, the faculty of the Divine Mind within us, we are still able to retain our consciousness and contact with the cosmic plane. *However, through the ages, as our attention remained centered on the more easily perceived and insistent lower vibrations from objects on this material plane, we have lost the memory of our inner eye and forgotten the vision within.*

It is easy to see how this has come about. Everywhere about us light reflects from the objects of our surroundings, waves of air beat against our ears. We touch and taste and smell. We come to an apple tree and look at the fruit lying on the ground beneath it. Immediately we plan for the use of that fruit, pick it up, handle it, bite into it and enjoy it thoroughly. Yet, in truth, that apple exists on this plane as an apple *only* because of our consciousness of it as such. What in actuality is the apple? Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and other mineral elements have combined to make the atoms and molecules of its bulk. What composes the atoms? Electrons, divine energy, vibrating at different rates of speed, are the only real “substance” of the universe. Then what has made the apple? There is also carbon in a rock. There is oxygen in the air. How did these elements build themselves into this bit of fruit instead of any other of the thousands of forms composing our earth? *This divine energy formed a center of action, an apple, according to the pattern in the*

Mind of the Creator. This earthly plane is the world of actuality---“action-ality,” where divine energy flows ceaselessly from pattern to pattern according to law. Moreover, in each pattern there is manifested the archetype as it is in the world of Reality. Here we receive with our senses the vibrations given off or reflected from these centers of energy, and we interpret them in our consciousness. In addition, we are able to interpret them because the inner self of us is already familiar with the archetype or fundamental pattern in Reality.

“If, therefore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.” With this understanding we have turned the key and passed through the doorway into this “new world”---new, yet dear and strangely familiar to us all. Standing at the borderland and looking back with our single eye we behold the world as it really is. We see boundless energy in constant motion directed and controlled by Mind: God, Himself, in action.

Then our whole body becomes flooded with the light of understanding. For we, as co-creators with God, were given this world for our evolution. Divine laws were set in motion to provide us the material with which to continue creation, to mould and make our environment and ourselves, as we will. Is not the Divine Mind within us the same Mind that directs all spirit energy? Then may we not in clear understanding and sincerity of heart also direct its flow? By conceiving in our own inner minds the perfect pattern, by law it must come into manifestation.

Is this not the root of all the trouble in the world today? For the laws of the Creator once set in motion continue their action whether directed properly by us or not. Is it not because man has not perceived the perfect pattern, because his thoughts, formed in jealousy and hatred and anger, have disguised the world about him, that he sees the present apparent chaos? How important then that we learn to heed the words of the Master spoken so long ago! When our eye is single, when with our inner self we keep out attention centered on the world of Reality where there is only goodness and justice and truth, when we are filled with the light of understanding, then shall the world about us, the world of action, express to us the perfect pattern. Then shall truly come the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

*****---Eloise Lavrischeff

Divine Science believes in community, but Divine Science does not believe it is necessary to belong to a church.

Nona L. Brooks, co-founder of Divine Science said,
“We are not working to build organization or sect.

There is something much larger.

It is, of course, necessary to have a name; we wish it were not.

We should all be workers in the “Body of Christ.”

“Divine Science believes in the Church Invisible---
the Church Universal” and that we *join it automatically*
the moment we make ourselves One with the Father.

“We rejoice in the truth wherever given. We believe we have something worthwhile to give here and now.”

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An Editorial written in 1944 when Dr. Nona L. Brooks was editor of the Divine Science Monthly

Mistaking the means for the end is nothing new.

Men have been falling into this error
ever since the beginning of history.
Nobody wants to do it; yet often we do it
without recognizing that we are doing it.

Do Divine Scientists ever do it?

Do you know anyone who believes
that his/her purpose in life should be
the achieving of a body that manifests health,
an environment that is harmonious,
a career that is suited to his talents,
and a powerful personality that will insure him of friends
and other successful social relationships?

If you know someone who goes this far and no further,
you may put him down as one
who mistakes the means for the end.

The expressing of health,
the manifesting of
abundance, wisdom, and power
are but a preparation for the greater experience
yet to come.

All this is but a purifying of the channel in order that
God may be God through us.

The true goal is the realization of the God-Self within,
the Self which will *use* all these means---
the wholeness, the abundance and the power---
to express in individual manifestation.

The end is that sublime goal
which is the destiny of every man/woman:
conscious union with God!

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We Welcome You!

We People

Edna M. Weiser

In this great and marvelous world in which we live there is nothing which holds so strong an interest, as people---the human individual. All of the beauty we behold in things about us, all of the mechanical skill evidenced in the world of manufacture, the developments of science, and the creative genius expressed through our several Arts, are the achievements of people. We people are a great people---"a little lower than the angels;" and "in His image" are we made.

Let us recognize that in every person we touch---lies the potentiality of all that man has accomplished, and can accomplish. Of each one the Truth is, "I can do *all* things through Christ," "Christ in me." Realizing this---will create in us a sympathy for, and belief in every person which will help to bring out the best in him.

There is one element in our human make-up which governs and influences our actions, even when our intelligence is determined on a different course. This trouble-maker is our emotional nature. The emotions move and sway us with a strength difficult to control. Since this is true of us, we must recognize its presence in all whom we contact, and know that in every relationship it plays a part.

The great challenge to us is to live and work with people through an understanding of them, in the creation of a satisfactory relationship experience. Understand their limitations (and our own) but above and beyond this, know the greatness which lies in the soul of all.