

**A young boy, who was severely injured in a car accident,  
kept repeating over and over, as he drifted in and out of consciousness.**

**"I am a healthy, happy child of God."**

**The boy's recovery was termed amazing.**

**Afterward he said that it was the only affirmation he could remember;  
it worked, directing the spiritual attitude within him.**

**(From "The Gates" by Eva Jones)**

# **SPIRIT in ACTION**

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## **October 2005**

### **We Welcome You!**

#### **THE GATES!**

**Eva Jones**

*The man had traveled a long way. His clothes were worn and dusty. Stones had cut holes through his sandals. From far off he could see the gates of the city, golden gates gleaming in the sunlight.*

*He had never been to the city, but he had heard many tales about it. Some said a man's fate and fortune could change for the better just by stepping through the gates.*

*The man walked steadily for hours, keeping his eyes fixed on the gates. He was not wealthy enough to ride a horse. In fact, his worldly possessions were gone, except for the few things he carried with him. Perhaps things would go better for him in the next city.*

*At last he reached the gates. He sank to the ground in the shadow of the wall and looked at them. Truly they were a marvel to behold. Did he dare go through them? Not just yet, he decided. He would see how others went about it.*

*Inside the gates was a gatekeeper. He wore a gold and black robe and looked very grand to the man from the country.*

*As a couple approached the gates, they said something and the gatekeeper swung open the gates. He closed the gates after them. Other people came and went through the gates. As each approached, the man strained to hear the words that were said, but he could never quite catch them.*

*The man could see through the gates easily. People were bustling about a marketplace. He longed to join them, and the color and brightness and joy; but what must he say to the gatekeeper to gain entry?*

*He sat by the gate all day and all night and began to despair of ever getting inside. He wondered whether he had been foolish to make the trip. Perhaps he should retrace his steps and forget about the city and his dreams of a better life.*

*Early the next morning a small freckle-faced boy came out through the gates, and the man beckoned to him. He looked at the boy pleadingly.*

*“Please, could you tell me how to get into the city?”*

*The boy looked puzzled. “Just go through the gates.”*

*“But what do the people say to the gatekeeper to get him to open the gates? Are there magic words? or are there words such as a simple man like myself might use?”*

*“Well, I just say, ‘Open the gates,’” said the boy. “He always does it.” The boy walked off, scuffing a stone as he went.*

*The man walked to the gates. He took a few deep breaths, threw back his shoulders, and said clearly, “Open the gates. I am ready to enter. I come in peace.”*

*“Good,” said the gatekeeper. “I wondered what was taking you so long. Welcome to the city.”*

*The gates were flung open, and the man walked confidently into the city, eager for the wonderful things he knew were about to happen to him.*

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How often are we in a situation similar to the one involving the man at the gates? We worry and fret because we do not see how we can get through some barrier.

We have doubts. We think perhaps we should just go back to where we came from, skipping all of life’s challenges that we can, as well as much of the fun of living.

Sometimes we set up our own barriers and work out a whole list of reasons why we cannot possibly succeed in tearing them down. We are too old, too young, too fat, too thin, not smart enough, under-qualified, etc.

“Open the gates” did not sound like a magic formula, but perhaps it was.

The man had to announce that he was ready to go to his good---

and of course the good was ready for him all along.

That is the way it is in life.

We have to be receptive, confident, self-assured, so that our good, the divine ideas, can flow to us.

Jesus said, “Whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

For prayers to be effective we must be open.

We must realize that we are worthy of the best there is.

We listen for our inner promptings; then we take the first step.

Just sitting outside the gates, looking longingly through them, is not going to move you to the other side.

Seek the answer, ask earnestly for help, take steps to achieve your goal, and

never lose faith in the fact that your good is already yours.

Jesus stated, “*Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are all gods?*”

More very powerful words!

Jesus meant them.

We have the power to live positively, prosperously, lovingly, spiritually.

On the other hand, if we are determined to do so,  
we can live negative, miserable lives, sure that nothing good will ever happen.

I had a friend who would call me when she felt ill and would tell me at length about her cold symptoms. One thing she was sure of was that the cold would last three weeks, because a pharmacist and several other people had told her that there was a cold making the rounds that had a duration of three weeks. The idea of seeing herself healed and in perfect health did not appeal to her. She had set up the rules, and it was her “game.”

Personally, I prefer to affirm abundant health, and I would certainly pay no attention to the so-called “three-week” time line. I would “*go to the gates and announce that they should be opened for me*” to race to my good health. Remember the young boy who affirmed, “I am a healthy, happy child of God.”

*Open the gates to your good--- and amazing things can happen to you!*

## True Prayer—

So rigidly I held to my desires--  
Oh please, God, give me this and this and this!  
My thoughts became as stones-- so very hard--  
I prayed in stress and strain, feeling no bliss.

And though my wishes came-- each single one  
They did not last, but drifted right away;  
And I was left confused and sick at heart,  
Until I learned to ask, "Show me *your way*."

Teach me to pray, my Father-Mother God,  
Teach me to trust in what is best for me.  
Teach me to know that your Will always gives  
The things that bless and prosper and set free.

---Serene S. West

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## What is Prayer?

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
uttered or unexpressed."

Throughout the ages men have always prayed.  
Primitive man prayed in fear to unseen powers he  
did not understand.

As man grew in love, he grew in understanding  
until the very highest peak of prayer was reached in  
Jesus the Christ.

Jesus taught us to claim God as our Father---  
and to fear nothing.

To learn to pray as Jesus prayed---  
this is our purpose.

---Barbara L. Wolfe

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Man shall turn within and behold.  
He shall be still and hearken  
to the Divine Inspiration.  
Above all other heeding,  
he shall take heed of the Presence  
abiding at the Inmost of his being.  
If he shall be steadfast in his inward attention, he  
will feel a great Peace  
permeating his entire consciousness; and  
out from that Peace there will come to him  
a sense of strength and joy,  
a new intuitive perception, and  
the apprehension of Divine Ideas.

---H. B. Jeffery  
"The Fruit of the Spirit"

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There is nothing in truth that we are unable to do if the  
law of life calls us to do it. ---Nona L. Brooks

## Discover the Truth

Albert Stuart Otto

A well-known trumpeter placed this sign  
in front of the clubs at which he played:  
"Come in and hear the truth."

One evening, during a pause between numbers,  
someone in the audience called out, "When do we hear  
the truth?" The musician replied, "If you haven't heard it  
you must be deaf. I've been playing it all evening."

In a sense he was right about the deafness. Others  
present had heard "the truth" --- why not all? Obviously,  
some lacked the necessary faculty. They had ears, yes.  
They could hear vibrations caused by air passing  
through the curved metal tube flared into a bell. They  
could even tell a *true tone* when they heard it; but they  
were deaf to *the truth*.

When a truly inspired musician plays, he tries to  
become a channel for the inner Self. He steps a little to  
one side, as it were, and invites the Power within him to  
create and express. He lets this creative Power use his  
fingers, his breath, his lips --- and the resultant flow of  
harmony and rhythm is to him "the truth."

This state is not always easily or immediately attained;  
one musician calls it "breaking through." When it occurs  
the attuned listener quickly senses the change. Indeed,  
the musician himself finds the pattern of sound as  
refreshingly novel, interesting, and enjoyable as do  
members of his audience.

This element, whether it be expressed in music, art,  
literature, or any form of creative living, can be  
recognized as Truth whenever and wherever it breaks  
through. *Truth* is qualitative; *truths* are quantitative. A  
truth (or as we sometimes say, a fact) can be verified by  
concrete evidence, a reference to something that has  
size, weight, rate of motion. Having its support in  
tangibility, it can be measured and evaluated by physical  
sense; but *the Truth* is not visible to physical sense and  
therefore cannot be so gauged. It is intangible, abstract,  
and thus cannot be dissected. It remains indivisible. So  
while there are many truths, there is but one Truth.

A short television gem of years ago beautifully  
illustrated the difference.

Children playing in the snow make a snowman. They fall  
in love with him and wish he could come to life. He does,  
and they invite him into their homes. In the warm  
atmosphere the snow melts and their new-found friend  
begins to disappear. Alarmed, the children fan him to  
prolong his life, expressing sympathy and regret over his  
apparently unhappy situation; but he explains that he  
has been imprisoned in the snow and that its melting, far  
from signifying his death, is releasing him to fuller life.  
He thanks the children for bringing him into the warmth  
and bids them not to feel sad but to rejoice at the result.

So while *the fact* is that the snowman is destroyed, *the  
Truth* is that the real man emerges in freedom. The  
moral, of course, is that reality is invisible. This is  
precisely the opposite of popular belief, which says,  
"Seeing is believing."

**Excerpt from *Among the Golden Aspens*  
by Elsie Haynes (October, 1940)**

If we are to believe only that which we see physically, we shall never experience Truth. In his excellent book, *Learn to Live*, Dr. Ervin Seale makes this very clear in interpreting the parable of the ten virgins. The ten virgins represent the five physical senses and their spiritual counterparts. Through our spiritual senses we may perceive that which the grosser five can never comprehend.

The word *invisible* applies only to physical perception. Cosmically speaking, nothing is invisible, for what can be hidden from omnipresent, omniscient Mind? Let us note, significantly, that the spelling is not "*un*visible," but "*in*visible," which we may interpret as *inwardly visible*.

"There are some people," wrote Voltaire, "who can see no deeper than a fact." These are the spiritually blind. They would doubtless be spiritually deaf as well, hearing nothing from a trumpet but its tones; or missing the inner melody of life.

The faculty of inner vision must be developed, but it is possessed by every man and woman. Turn within now. "Stop, look, and listen" is good advice not only at railroad crossings but at intervals during the day when we may seek the inner Self. Pause at whatever you are doing; open your inner eyes and ears. See the kingdom. Hear the Word. Feel the Presence. Know the Truth. Let its warmth melt the frigid feeling of limitation as you fulfill the promise of Jesus: "*If ye continue in my word ... ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*"

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*"As thou goest, set by step,  
I will open up the way before thee."*

Child of my love, fear not the unknown morrow,  
Dread not the new demand life makes of thee;  
Thy ignorance doth hold no cause for sorrow  
Since what thou knowest not is known to me.

Thou canst not see today the hidden meaning  
Of my command, but thou the light shall gain;  
Walk on in faith, upon my promise leaning,  
And as thou goest all shall be made plain.

Wherefore, go gladly to the task assigned thee,  
Having my promise, needing nothing more  
Than just to know, where e'er the future find thee,  
In all thy journeyings I go before.

---Author Unknown

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"I touch God within my own Self ... by thus joining myself consciously to God, I become a perfect instrument for His eternal Life, Love, and Peace ...." ---John Seaman Garns

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Paradise is found in the Soul of man.  
Illumination comes in letting go of ego.  
"All is impermanent; all is without a self."

---Joseph Campbell

... Trees are a much simpler form of God-life than we are, but because of this they live truer to His thought-pattern for them, than we do with our free wills. As there is one life in all, there is a form of communication possible between humans and trees. It is through love.

One of the finest messages the trees have for me is *patience*. Bound to one spot all their lives, they endure all kinds of weather serenely, adapting themselves to its rigors as best they can, bowing before the storms, taking it all as part of life. In winter they withdraw from the harsh outer world to a deep security within. Why do not we do this when mentally buffeted?

Trees have a faint individual consciousness and I'm sure they like to have nature-lovers admire their beauty and feel their kinship with them, and even put their arms around them. Aspens are especially loveable---and how feminine they are!

You can't really *know* trees unless you have suffered with them. Perhaps you have endured a storm crouched under some evergreen, feeling the icy trickles of rain down your neck, as it does down its trunk? Sometimes an early snowfall will catch the poor aspens in all their autumn finery---you almost expect the snow to melt as it lights on such masses of flame! Have you ever watched hundreds of trees bow right to earth under their chilly loads and not felt sympathy? ---then, the relief, to see the trees up and dancing in the sunshine next morning? When they are blown bare of their lovely leaves, try comforting them by admiring their skeletons for they really are almost as beautiful, standing like gleaming ivory or dark wood in the sunshine.

Some years ago I remember hearing an old Chinese artist, who specialized in painting ducks, lecture on his pictures. He said, "Of course, you can't begin to paint water-birds until you have lived the year round with them and shared their hardships." It is the same with trees. It all comes down to *being one* with things, trees, birds, animals, and our fellow beings. We are yet a long way from the Hindu's "Thou art That." In conversation with an advanced soul one day, he told me he had once seen the spirit of a tree, and it was indescribably beautiful. That must be God's thought of it---perfect.

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My Evening Prayer - Nona L. Brooks

Now I lay me down to sleep;  
I know that God His child doth keep.  
I trust Him for my daily food,  
my life, my health, and all my good.  
May I grow stronger day by day,  
and learn to live the truest way.  
All this I ask because I know  
Thou are the Love that wills it so.

(Guest Minister Column)

**An Available God**  
Reverend Janet L. Friedline

Technology is a wonderful thing. I dare say that every Divine Science Church, School, and Study Group has its own email address and website. Mankind is searching for answers, and the Internet is proving to be the instrument of discovery.

Many people are searching for a finer idea of Life, a reason for being, and their seeking reveals a spiritual interpretation of Life. Basically they have tried everything else, and the question becomes "isn't there more to life than getting up in the morning, going to work, and coming home at night, only to begin the process all over again in the morning?"

What is the reason for being?

Why am I here?

Do I have any control over what happens to me?

Is there a God in existence who does marvelous things?

Early Divine Scientists had the same questions and through a process of prayer and meditation, through a time of silence and reflection, *the revelation of the Omnipresence of God became the Principle upon which the Divine Science teaching was based.* Nona Brooks and Malinda Cramer discovered a healing Presence that restored their bodies to a condition of health. They discovered that the same Presence that healed them is available to *all* mankind. They understood that God and God in action is all there is. God cannot be divided, and out of this understanding came the Principle of "Wholeness."

In his darkest hour, Henry Victor Morgan discovered an "available God"; a God who healed not only the body, but the pocketbook, relationships, and inharmony. *The key is to seek ye first the kingdom of Heaven, to abide in the secret place of the Most High.* It was Neville who instructed us to "go to the level of the thing we wish to experience, and stay there until it became our reality." Jesus told his disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them. This activity is done in consciousness. The activity of tarrying, waiting and staying, is done in awareness. Emma Curtis Hopkins called this activity "steadfastly facing thee." An available God is the Only Power and the Only Presence.

A bit of caution is given to the one seeking spiritual answers. It is not merely *speaking* about Truth; it is not just taking classes and going to the Sunday service that brings the answers. Rather, it is the experience. Truth is revealed within you in your time of prayer and meditation. Until Truth is revealed in you, it remains outside you, in the books, in the classes, and in the Sunday service. It remains someone else's experience, just outside your reach.

God is an available God, available here and now, but we must *turn within* to learn of his Presence. This is the message we give to the one who has found us in his search for answers. Let us be about our Father's business so that others may be lifted up.

**What Do You Think?**

*Thinking does not create or change what is.*

It can help us purchase tickets for sporting events, or decide on a cereal at the supermarket.

*Only God creates and only what God creates is.* Thinking cannot change what is, but it can change what appears to be. In truth creation is All-Good, always.

Regardless of how much you think,  
*you cannot change truth.*

Our job is to stay tuned to this truth  
and "think after these things."

The fullness of life, health, supply, love, joy, power, wisdom, and happiness are realized when we think and speak in the conscious awareness of their presence. If and when our thinking does not agree with truth, we get confused and chaotic. We begin to believe our experience of this *visible existence*, what appears, is "out of control."

Toddlers get distracted easily. They do not focus on one object for very long. For many of us, our minds are like toddlers. It isn't easy to keep our thought single, and focus only on the good of God Present. And the most difficult of all is to turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the world. It is as if our senses want to go out there and find something to distract us, some difficulty, problem, or need. Discipline and awareness become a full time job when our minds start to play games.

Keeping our thoughts on Divine life and love is the key to stop believing in our own vain opinions, or fretting over getting more stuff. We cease worry and shed stress for others and ourselves. Staying in Truth, we know God is all, in all. We experience wholeness. And we have lots of time to spend praising the Truth that makes us free.

Practice every day keeping thought and word on truth. Begin by getting in touch with the Spirit of Good that is manifesting right now. *Remember that Omnipresence creates, thinking doesn't.* Omnipresence is creating all of creation perfect right now. Coming from this perfect source the mind and body are already perfect; there is nothing to be healed.

The infinite good of the Omnipresence is,  
and "we are as much in the presence of God now  
as we shall ever be."

Rest in the silence for a few minutes  
and listen to the truth prepared just for you.

---Reverend Mary P. Rezentes  
Minister at large

(Excerpt from “**What Does the World Need Most**”  
Jenice T. Marshall

... How does Divine Science differ from other religions?  
Are its teachings so different?

It does not differ so much in its teaching as in the application of that teaching. We are to put it to work in our every day life; *it must **be** our very life.*

Divine Science is a practical religion, not a theoretical one. Christianity (man-made-word), as taught by Jesus, was a statement of what our daily living should be; he gave this teaching to the simple fishermen and men from the lowest walks of life. A child may comprehend its teaching. It touches the problems and sorrows of life and offers a solution.

The solution was then, as it is now, **faith**; faith in the goodness of God, in the ever-present love of God for His children.

This simple, practical Christianity, however, finally degenerated into ceremonial worship, into observing the outward forms instead of obeying the deep principles, which Jesus taught.

A new movement (little more than a hundred years old) has arisen to get back to the fundamental teachings of Jesus as evidenced by the life he lived. This has been done in Divine Science.

Divine Science does not ignore the findings of the scientific world; it finds no warfare between science and religion. Divine Science redirects us to the way Jesus pointed us--the way of faith--wherein there is no sin, sickness, or death. Our understanding is that **sin** is “missing the mark” of Jesus’ teaching that speaks to our true heritage; and there can be no **sickness** since we are indeed perfect as our Father is perfect-- the Father does not recognize sickness; and no **death** since we were promised and live in an eternity of life.

As we look about us and see the needless sufferings of men; ... when we see wars and conflicts among nations and antagonism and friction among individuals, we must search for a remedy. ... There is a key which will unlock the treasure house of God wherein all health, abundance, and happiness is to be found. The key is faith, based on the acceptance of the omnipresence of God. If we live true to the teachings of Divine Science, we can know no separation either from God or from our fellowmen, and we shall hasten that time when we can all live together in love, conscious of our identity with all life. We shall live true to the teaching Jesus gave us over two thousand years ago.

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**God enters by a private door into every individual.**  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**for your years of service to the Divine Science Federation Board of Officers as**  
**the DS School Rep.**

**Welcome and thank you Rev. Patricia Beach**  
**for agreeing to join the Divine Science Federation Board**  
**as the DS School Rep.**

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“Religion is not confined to the churches,  
it is not cooped up  
in any creed or ecclesiastical cubbyhole.

This is what the doctrine of the Holy Spirit means:  
Wherever spiritual quality rises into strength and beauty,  
wherever integrity, kindness, love, truth are--- there is  
the presence of the Eternal Spirit--- there is God.

“As one walks down the street  
one hears through an open window a snatch of music  
and says,  
that is Beethoven,  
not all of him but enough so that I can recognize him.

“So one walking through life, hears,  
out of the casual living of common days,  
the notes of integrity, kindness, love, truth, and says,  
that is God,  
not all of Him but enough so that one can recognize Him

“In social service and in philanthropy,  
in medicine and in music,  
in every fine and serviceable realm,  
if you want to know what my religion really is,  
come and see me operate.”

---That is God.

- --Harry Emerson Fosdick 6

**The Practice of the Presence of God**  
**The Practice---The Practice---The Practice**  
June B. Benedict

The fairy-story is the child's first allegory.  
There, the lessons to help or hinder are set forth  
in potent imagery;  
*Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs*,  
for example,  
holds within it's well-worn fabric,  
threads of deepest meaning.  
Do you remember it?

When lost in the deep forest, she was found,  
and taken into the home of the seven brothers.  
Wanting to repay them she offered to keep their house---  
she soon found however,  
that she knew nothing of how to work,  
for was she not a princess, untrained to labor?

*The eldest dwarf showed her how to build a fire of  
twigs, swing the iron pot above the flames, and then told  
her:*

*"The first day you need do nothing but keep the fire  
lighted."*

*But she was very weary, and fell asleep, and when the  
dwarfs returned the fire was sunk to ashes.*

*The second day the second dwarf said to her,  
"This day, you have only to keep the fire burning."  
And so she did until the sun was high when she heard the  
call of a wild bird and followed it into the beechen-  
shade---*

*When the dwarfs returned there were only embers.*

*In turn, each dwarf counseled her, encouraged her,  
and each day---whether curiosity or fear, imagination or  
impatience she was stirred away.*

*And yet, she began anew each day never quite  
succeeding, until upon the seventh day; the fire burned  
with a clear steady glow that warmed the frosty souls of  
the dwarfs into new being.*

*"Now we know, that you are indeed born a princess,"  
said the Eldest Dwarf.*

A sacred trust, is our new awareness of what God is,  
what we are, what the world is, all **one** in their primal  
essence, separated only in our thought. That fire of  
consecration must be kept burning without let or  
hindrance, may have to be restarted again and again until  
by our faith, we have identified all things with it,  
knowing that unless it burns with the same sacred fire, it  
is as dross to be consumed by its intensity; but the little  
flickering flame, which burned so tremulously in the  
beginning, and may have to be restarted, has now  
become the altar-light of Pure Consciousness.

(You are indeed God's child.)

**From the Archives**

Events in the month of October:

**Affidavit of  
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The Rev. Nona L. Brooks . . . . . Minister

Order of Service, **October 9, 1921** included a sermon by  
Rev. Brooks on "In Newness of Life."

Announcements included the following:

"A GREAT TREAT. For a time the members of the College  
Board will conduct Healing Services in the Divine Science  
Reading Rooms. Try to attend as often as possible."

DO YOU FIND THE SERVICES HELPFUL? Do you wish to  
prove the statements made here? Then enter with us in the  
study and practice, as set forth in The Daily Studies and The  
Divine Science Weekly. Have you a friend whom you know  
would be benefited by the study? Send him a sample copy.

The Primary-Training Class will be open to enroll new  
students---

The Boy Scouts will meet Friday evenings---  
Health Classes held Tuesday and Friday---

The Annual Meeting of the Denver Branch of The  
Needlework Guild of America will be held on Tuesday  
afternoon, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the First Congregational Church  
This is a strictly non-sectarian organization that is doing  
splendid work in Denver as well as many other cities. The  
giving of two new garments or a sum of money constitutes a  
membership in the Guild.---

**Very Important**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Wednesday,  
October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:45p.m. in the Woman's Club Auditorium.  
Subjects of great importance to you will be discussed. Plan to  
be with us.

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**We Welcome You!**

**In Memoriam**

If you saw a man shed an old coat,  
which later went to dust,  
walk forth freely into a starry street  
to take a new and sparkling robe,  
you would not cast a backward thought  
upon the old abandoned cloak.  
No! seeing your friend vanish  
among the shining ways,  
clad in lightning armor,  
you would cry jubilantly, "Godspeed!"

---Angela Morgan

**"No matter what the doubts of yesterday may have been,  
the affirmations of today will triumph over them.**

**If we persist in seeing beauty, beauty will appear."**

**---Ernest Holmes**