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(Excerpt)

In the teaching of Divine Science we have learned the word *Truth* means more than being truthful to one another, although this is very important. The word *Truth*, as used in Divine Science, becomes an absolute – it is Principle.

In the midst of our so-called political, social, and religious unrest, can we as metaphysicians claim that we have a Truth that will set us free from this unrest? I believe that we can answer, “Yes.”

Human experience is largely a matter of choice between truth and appearance. Truth is often confused with fact. A fact is something we do, make, or experience. It exists in the time and space realm. It is temporary and may change from day to day. However, back of changing conditions is the changeless, eternal Reality, and to the metaphysician thus is the Truth of Being – the “Truth that sets us free.”

As we seek a greater understanding of Truth and examine the fields of science, philosophy, and religion, we come to recognize many forces around us as well as within us. Truth revealed through research and experimentation is science; Truth revealed through logical thinking is philosophy; and Truth revealed through study, prayer, and practice is religion.

Now it does us little good to have an intellectual concept of Truth without an understanding of how the Universal Law of Love–Wisdom works. Without this understanding we are left with a vague concept of God that bears no relation to our lives. Therefore, it is necessary that we consider carefully the principles of Truth in the light of reason, so we may move with conviction into the consciousness of the One Presence and Power. Coming to know that this presence is ever with us and is the Source of our good is ultimately the Truth that sets us free.

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As a man moves into this awareness, his relationship with God becomes almost an intimate and private religion. He becomes keenly aware of spiritual causation in his life. Life becomes a sacred trust. Self-responsibility becomes part of his awareness. He can no longer blame his ancestors or his environment for the out picturing in his life. He learns to deal honestly with himself. Sometimes he finds that he has some well crystallized beliefs, and that these reflect his unwillingness to change. His ego gets in the way and thus he blames others, showing the origin of conditions is in his state of mind. And only as he contacts Infinite Mind through prayer, study, and the application of Principle will he rise above these crystallized states of thinking.

The truth student can look beyond the aberrations of man and know that God is Love, and that all men dwell in this love. This Love permeates the whole of creation, both visible and invisible. This insight helps him to look through the human expression to the Christ of his fellowmen, and although this truth may seem veiled, he knows that each sleeping soul must sometime awake to its divinity.

We are free when we identify with that which we know God to be. We can claim our "Sonship" with God and accept the responsibility of this relationship. To know the Truth is not to be a "Pollyanna." It requires discipline of thought and action. It requires the dying of the ego-self, the little self, in order that the Christ-self may have dominion. It requires study and prayer. Truth indicates the path of light as the way for each one to reach the heart of the universe and thus realize that he is a radiant child of God.

Yes, the Truth will set us free. Truth seeks to bring out the highest of a man's humanness by balancing this humanness with his spiritual nature. It gives life meaning and purpose. It answers our questions about many things. It challenges us to be more than we seem to be, stripping away self-deception, so that we might come to terms with who we are and what we are.

The Truth that sets us free is to align our wills with the Great Will of the universe which holds for us our highest good. Jesus did his mighty healing work because he was always in communion with God. The Truth that sets us free is anchored in God. It is positive, creative, dependable Law of Love.

God Enters by a private door into every individual.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

CONTEMPLATION:

**The Activity of Mystical Consciousness
(a continuation) ---Helen Brungardt
(This is the conclusion of the Contemplation series.)**

Chapter 5: The Mystical Marriage

There is an activity that we must experience as individuals before we can begin to live completely in the mystical state and to express it on earth. In the journey we take in meditation, we become aware of the content of our consciousness and we discover that we have to begin a process of self-discipline through which we learn what things to accept and what to reject. Since we have all been involved in the human condition, we discover that we have many things within our consciousness that we can accept, but also some things that need to be discarded. Those aspects of our consciousness which we need no longer keep are concepts, ideas, and attitudes that we have accepted automatically, through conditioning, and which are no longer useful. We have to take control of the content of our consciousness and discipline ourselves so that any false belief---in limitation, in lack, in duality--- is negated, denied, or released. The point is that we have to make conscious choices about what we will have in our consciousness. Then, we can begin a process of integration. This involves watching our consciousness, and the way it expresses itself on various levels. For example, if we are asked to go to dinner tonight, the conscious mind may say yes, the emotional nature may say no, and the physical body is then in a state of conflict because it doesn't know which aspect of our nature to respond to, and consequently, we find ourselves in a state of turmoil or inertia. This happens over and over again, when our mind is not in agreement with our emotions, and when the two are not in agreement with the body. We have to learn to align ourselves on all three levels of our being, so that when someone asks us to dinner and we say yes, there is total agreement within our being with that decision. When we do this, we discover that we are moving through the world more and more as integrated persons, because we are no longer in conflict with ourselves about what we are doing.

When there is a conflict on the subconscious level, we can, through meditation, release those energies which are inhibited by this conflict. The ensuing emotional release is a consequence of the letting go of the idea or ideas which had stifled that emotion. This kind of conflict may occur within the mind itself, within the body or the emotions, or within any combination of these three levels of our

being. we must learn to be balanced. We must learn to release all of the elements within our conscious and subconscious mind which are inappropriate to the unfolding of our true nature. This balancing process is part of the activity that takes place as a result of meditation. This activity reveals the content of our subconscious mind, and thus it can initiate conscious action.

Another important aspect of this activity is the integration process of the masculine and feminine principle within the individual. Every individual contains within himself both masculine and feminine polarity.

It is that relation between opposites without which no external Motion would be possible, because there would be nowhere to move from, and nowhere to move to; and without which external Form would be impossible because there would be nothing to limit the diffusion of substance and bring it into shape. Polarity, or the interaction of Active and passive, is therefore the basis of all Evolution.

So writes Thomas Troward, in his fine book, *The Creative Process in the Individual*. We can discern the masculine aspect of polarity through observing processes within ourselves and in Nature that initiate, dominate, explore and assume authority. These are some of the outgoing and expansive qualities that characterize the masculine element of being. We can discern the feminine aspect through observing processes that are opposite but complementary to the masculine ones. All creation is the result of the One coming into expression and polarizing Itself as the masculine and feminine principle (Troward's "Active and Passive"). In order to understand how this principle operates within us, we begin by observing the interactions between masculine and feminine forms in Nature and in the physical world. The mystical marriage is the conscious union that takes place within us between these two aspects of our being. A true marriage is a harmonious union. Thus, we have to recognize and understand this principle as it operates within us---mentally, emotionally, and physically. In this manner, we can expand our consciousness in a balanced way.

We cannot achieve the spiritual life until we have become reconciled and balanced within ourselves. This balancing process is one of the final stages in our human evolution. Once all of the dualities, conflicts, and contradictions within our being have been understood and reconciled, then we are no longer subject to the suffering inherent in the human condition itself. But the process of reconciliation must be undergone with full, conscious awareness--- for as we consciously participate in this process, we are also consciously

participating in the creation of a new world as seen through the eyes of the new life being created within us. the reconciliation of the masculine and feminine principle is the fundamental reconciliation which must occur if all the other polarities and dualities are to be reconciled and balanced within our being. Thus, we investigate this principle as it is manifest both in Nature and within the human condition itself, and we begin to inquire into the essential nature of womanhood and manhood. Not only do we have to know that understand this principle on the purely physical level, but we must also know how it expresses itself in our mental and emotional activity. As stated previously, we see and understand the activity of the masculine and feminine principle without our own consciousness; then we have to determine if it is balanced on every level of our being. How can we determine if, in fact, this principle is balanced within us? We begin by observing the qualities which we discover within ourselves, then we see how we express these qualities in relationship to other people.

What are masculine and feminine characteristics of the mind? How do these characteristics function in us? The perfect balance of this polarity already exists in the individualization of the Self which we are. When we discover this Self within us (which is the individualization of the Absolute, the One), then we see that It is always in motion, but perfectly balanced within Itself. Through our identification with this Self, we realize that we are already whole and perfected persons right now, wherever we are, regardless of appearances. Therefore, we find that we no longer have to search outside of ourselves for fulfillment, because we have realized the balance between the masculine and feminine elements in our own nature. We no longer need to be looking outside of ourselves for another person to fulfill us. We are no longer seeking the "other" to complete us as a whole human being, for we have realized our own completeness. We then discover that all the external searching and longing is no longer necessary, for fulfillment is right here, inside us, right now. When brought into balance and harmony, the masculine and feminine principle within us is the wholeness, the fullness, and the completion that we have been seeking. When we achieve this balance, we realize our old identifications. When we feel deeply touched by the love, goodness, and power of a very holy person, it is because this person radiates a Presence which is whole (holy), balanced, and complete within Itself. The mystical union is the state of transfiguration in which we come into touch with the Source of our being, which is wholeness. Then the

Spirit within us moves through us and flows through our whole being on every level, and the movement of the masculine and feminine principle (now in balance) comes forth into total, harmonious creation and expression.

When the individual has become consciously integrated, then he is ready for the transcendental experience. The mystical marriage is usually referred to as that experience through which we realize our union or Oneness with God. When the door opens beyond polarity, the truth, the Spirit, begins to move through us. As it does, It uses the principle of polarity through the activity of the mind and body, to do Its perfect work on earth. This is why when we are in the presence of some person who realizes who and what he is, we feel happy. We feel content and at peace because "all is right with the world." When a mystic walks into our lives and we sense that wholeness or that Presence, that "something" that is so right, it is because the mystic moves easily and gently to balance every situation, every relationship, every condition in his presence. That is really the work that a mystic performs. The mystic is neither masculine nor feminine as such, but he is an expression of the Spirit, fulfilling the needs of humanity. The mystic may one moment manifest and express the masculine polarity and the next moment he may shift completely and be very feminine and passive. He changes from moment to moment with the changing circumstance.

The more the Spirit moves into and through our minds, hearts, and bodies, the more we witness miracles taking place in our lives. People around us are healed, they feel Love and they begin to experience Reality. We don't do anything except allow ourselves to be aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit in us and as we are. Because there is only one Reality, that Reality is the same for us and for all whom we meet. We witness the Holy Spirit alive and well in this world. And the healings and miracles that take place in our lives are instantaneous because no process is required. This happens through us more and more as we surrender more and more to Love. It is Love that lifts us out of the human condition into the Divine.

We find that we can take no credit for our knowledge or even our experiences, because Love, being the Great Teacher, teaches us that "we of ourselves do nothing." Also, we are blessed with an incredibly extended vision in terms of the relative world of expression in time and space. We are able to see the continuity of humanity as a movement of consciousness. And we realize that all of the suffering of humanity will finally be brought to a

standstill. Regardless of what happens to an individual that may appear to be tragic from the human point-of-view, we are blessed with the vision of knowing that that life, that expression, that individuality has never been lost, is not lost now, and will not be lost in the future. We know that there is a continuity of that individual life expression, on some plane or some level, all of the time. During this time, we may also become highly intuitive, knowing things instantaneously, without process.

Now, when we meditate, the activity known as the awakening of the "kundalini" force (in Yoga tradition) is generated from within us. This energy that is generated moves up the spinal column and begins to open various centers of consciousness within the body. At times, we experience tremendous energy. This energy of the kundalini has been lying dormant within us; when kundalini rises within us it begins to activate all of these centers of consciousness. When the Holy Spirit comes into our awareness, It is pure and unconditioned. We, as individuals, experience that Spirit as the Father, the kundalini as the Mother and when they are joined within us, we experience transformation or Union. *"And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."*

John 1:32-34

The kundalini energy is transformed and lifted back into its original unconditioned state. This is a part of the transformation activity that is necessary in order for us to fulfill our destiny as human and spiritual beings on this earth. This transformation takes place in our minds, hearts, and bodies. When this transformation occurs, all of the levels of the mind are enlightened, all of the emotional nature is brought into perfect attunement, and the body is regenerated and resurrected into the true image which resides in every individual, the image of light. This light works through us to extend to everyone we meet, transforming all things.

Chapter 6: Contemplation of Reality

As the Holy Spirit moves through consciousness, It becomes defined as ideas and concepts, within the mental realm of our being. It becomes defined in the emotional nature as love, joy, communion, and freedom. It becomes defined in the physical

body as health, harmony, and wholeness. Contemplation is the awareness of the individual, witnessing the activity of spirit within his own being. He is aware of a new creation, a new activity, a new birth within his own being. The individual is not something apart from this activity. In other words, the person is not merely watching the activity as something separate and distinct from himself, but the person is aware of himself *as that activity*.

When we realize who we really are, the expression of this realization is "I AM." This truth expresses Itself in ways such as: "Let there be light, and there is light." "I AM that light expressing myself as the light of this mind, as the light of these ideas, as the light of life and love, as the light of joy and communion." "I AM the light expressing myself here, where I AM, as the light of this body." "I AM the wholeness, the infinity, the eternity of the light that I AM, everywhere that I AM." This kind of expression is the Contemplation of Reality.

The individual has realized who he is. He knows he is an individualization of spirit, and he not only knows this, but he accepts it. His acceptance of the Truth that he knows is dependent upon surrender. We surrender that sense of separateness. All is surrendered. We express as a flow in the stream of consciousness so that which "I AM" today may be very different from that which "I AM" tomorrow. As the individual accepts the Truth of his being and surrenders himself to this Truth, this "I AM," he becomes less and less of himself, and more and more of the Spirit.

There is a very subtle distinction here. The individual does not become all there is and everything there is, in expression. He does not become God Absolute; the subtle process which occurs is that God becomes individualized. First, we must accept the Truth that we know. Then we surrender all that is not useful. This takes place from deep within our consciousness and begins to work itself out into external expression. In the beginning, we are not even aware of what is taking place in that process of surrender. As it comes closer and closer to the surface, we begin to be aware of this activity and to realize its consequences.

After the first mystical experience, the Spirit-- with the individual's consent-- can increase its activity of cleansing and purifying all of the areas of consciousness which we, ourselves, haven't been able to transform or of which we have been unaware. This activity takes place on all levels of our being.

It is at these times that we practice "resist not evil." We learn just to be still inside and watch this

activity take place. For example, through this activity we may discover that the desire to be loved often motivates us. This kind of revelation comes when the Spirit is working inside us to cleanse the subtle causes that keep us in a state of separation and limitation. Such false belief is erased by the Spirit. The desire to be loved is the desire of the Spirit to love our world through us. As we consent to this activity, the Spirit fulfills our desire. Consequently, we no longer feel a need to be loved. Our desire has been fulfilled.

The contemplation principles which were presented in the third chapter are simply tools to initiate the action of spirit within our own consciousness. *True contemplation occurs when the action is initiated from the Source*. When we keep these principles alive in our minds and in our hearts, we discover that "like attracts like." There is a stream of activity through all levels of our consciousness. By staying centered, the activity will begin to unfold itself in our conscious awareness.

Chapter 7: Being a Disciple of the Holy Spirit

A disciple of the Holy Spirit is an individual who is in submission to the Holy Spirit because he has accepted the Truth of his own being and has agreed to go through the process of surrendering. The point of actual surrender comes when the individual no longer has any choice, because the Spirit has become more and more of the individual and the individual himself has become less and less. When a person surrenders to the Spirit, that person, in effect, becomes a personification of the Spirit. So it is the Spirit that is the Light of the world, individualizing and expressing that Light as the individual. It is this Spirit that lives in the world, fulfills human needs, and that is the Divine Companion and enters into Holy Communion with all who can accept it. When this exchange occurs, the individual instantly enters into a state of grace in which his mind is cleansed, his heart purified and his physical body transformed. Total Self-Realization occurs when the Spirit has entered into and completely transformed the individual, so that there is no longer any experience of duality and the individual has become spirit in expression on all levels of his being.

This is why a disciple who accepts a guru or a master experiences rapid growth and development because he enters into a state of grace personified by the master. As we surrender more and more of ourselves to the spirit (whether personified as a particular master or not), we discover that the Spirit demands our total surrender. When we completely

surrender to the Spirit, not only do we enter into a state of grace, but we enter into a state of glory. We give up our minds, hearts, and bodies, and in return, the Spirit gives us Its kingdom. We discover that everything good we have surrendered is ours again, infinitely multiplied and enhanced. We find that whatever we ask for is ours already. Not only do we enter into grace and glory, but we become members of God's kingdom and find that now we can relax and be our true selves, because all of the work, effort, and struggle is over. Now in our daily activities we begin really to accept that there is only one Reality and that wherever we are, this is It. We learn to relax and to just let ourselves move from within, not as a fixed identity, but as a movement of consciousness. Yet, the spirit does not leave a void; when It removes false beliefs from us, It leaves Itself in their place. When all of the falsehoods and illusions are cleansed and cleared from our consciousness, that which remains is the Truth. It is the Holy Spirit which teaches us all things, and we learn all that we need to know through Love.

No longer do we struggle to know. No longer do we strive to understand. No longer do we wish we could love. For now, Love has become the experience of the Holy Light as ourselves. Love is total wisdom, releasing all of the contents of the mind that are not a part of the true nature of the mind. Love is total forgiveness, releasing all of the emotions that are not a part of our true feeling nature. Love is total cleansing, strengthening, and renewing of our physical nature.

Now we are free from bondage to the contents of our consciousness. We see now that life is really the expression and manifestation of Love. Love is the dynamic, unifying Presence in the universe. We begin to flow more and more with this Presence. Our capacity to accept Love in ourselves, as ourselves and as all things greatly increases. It doesn't make any difference where we go or what happens to us because we are in love with everyone we meet; not only that; everyone and everything is in love with us.

This is why our spiritual teachers were not unduly concerned about our subconscious mind, our concepts, desires or past experiences. All of these things are illusions when seen through the eyes of Love. All there is is Love. We need no longer submit to the human condition of duality, pain, illness, or poverty, because we know that this condition is not real, and we learn to live in the reality of Love more and more. Through grace, the total gift and giving of God, we are able to surrender completely to that Reality.

Chapter 8: The Way of Love

It is appropriate at this time for us to enter together into an experience known as Love. In the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, we read:

If I speak with the tongues of men and angels but have not Love, I am become as sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not Love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and if I give my body to be burned, but have not Love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long and is kind; Love envieth not; Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth in the Truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away. For now we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child; now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I am fully known. But now abideth faith, hope, Love, these three; and the greatest of these is Love.

All of the religions in the world come to this final teaching: Love. Yet, we discover that Love cannot be taught. Jesus said that we are to love God. He said,

The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12:30

To love God is to seek Him, to seek Truth within ourselves first. We know that what we love is that to which we give our attention. To what do we give our attention? We give our attention to the clothes that we wear; we give our attention to our jobs; we give our attention to our responsibilities; we give our attention to the thoughts that we think. We give our attention to the mistakes that we have made. We give our attention to our husbands, or wives, or our children. We give our attention to money, vacations, achievements, success, and relationships. Yet, we do not seem to hear the basic message, and that is: "Love God first." Let us devote our attention to God within *first*.

Like attracts like. Love God as God loves you. We have to reach that point in our lives where we are willing to give up excessive mental activities and simply love. We have to prepare a place in our minds for God. Is there a place in your mental activity for God? Does the Truth within you express

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Itself through Divine Ideas? We have to prepare a place within our hearts for the Love of God. Is there a place in your heart right now for Divine Love? Is all of your emotional nature consumed merely by the desires and passions of human need? Is there a place, a room in your heart for God's Love? All we have to do to bring Love's ideas and impulses into manifestation is to recognize them. Then we have the privilege of watching creation come forth from these ideas. When Love comes into our heart and feeling nature, we find that it is easy for us to forgive ourselves and others. We discover, when Love enters our heart, there is no longer fear, anxiety, disease, or poverty. We live with good will. Love is the dynamic, unifying Presence in our world.

When we turn within and direct our attention to Truth, Truth flows into our minds and hearts. The Truth always seeks to express Itself. It always brings great gifts to any individual who gives his attention to It. As we give our attention to God, we acknowledge the Truth within us and recognize that this Truth is the answer to everything. God becomes our companion. Truth personifies Itself when you recognize It--- as through some new friend. When you "put God *first*," then Love personifies Itself through all whom you meet. When you recognize Love first, then God becomes your Divine Lover. That Love may be personified in some person who comes into your life and loves you as God does, totally.

For two thousand years, since the advent of Christ in Jesus, this message has been trying to penetrate human consciousness. Wise men have known this and have accepted this Truth for many thousands of years. The key is recognition. Once we know this, we begin to accept God as the answer to every need. Thus, spirit flows through our life until our earthly household is filled with companions who share in love, in joy, and in recognition. Those who belong in your spiritual house on all levels, will recognize you, and you, them. This is the joy of heaven on earth, when we love one another.

After we have undergone our inner inquiry, after we have listened and responded to our inner Voice, after we have fully utilized our basic principles and have become thoroughly self-disciplines, and after we have experienced the mystical marriage and have become, totally, disciples of the Holy Spirit, and after this entire process has completed and fulfilled Itself in us as us, then we can truly understand and embody Contemplation: The Activity of Mystical Consciousness. Then we can truly love God *first*, and love one another.

It is time to say goodbye!

It has, indeed, been my pleasure to serve you, all these many years, as Secretary of the Divine Science Federation. I shall miss you all and the work that we carried forward together. It is not a sad leaving, however, because I leave the Federation in very capable hands.

Now, please allow me to introduce you to the new Secretary, Miss Tina Hall. She is young and learns very quickly and will be a definite asset to the office. Her computer skills are greater than mine, so you may see a more streamlined office.

I know that you will give her all the love and understanding that you have afforded me, and will support her in all that she does.

Blessings dear friends,
Mary Eckard

Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

Picture in your mind the able, earnest, useful person you desire to be and the thought you hold is hourly transforming you into that particular individual you so admire. ---Elbert Hubbard

It is your destiny to overcome every challenge that life presents to you. It is your destiny to master life and not be conformed to circumstances or conditions. You are always in a state of becoming. Your divine qualities, or what you really are in the Mind of God, do not change, but events and circumstances do. Thus, you have work to do. We can master circumstances, or become a servant to them. Jesus was a master teacher and taught that we are to become over comers, that it is our destiny to master life by a change in our beliefs.

See yourself each day as the person you wish to become. Daily think deeply of God and His nature. Seek to radiate God-like qualities. You are a center of Divine Activity when you do this, and you discover that the more you give of God's love and joy, the more of this good you yourself experience. ---Dr. Vernon Shields

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We Welcome YOU!

The Cause of Great Progress

Emmet Fox

We cannot remind ourselves too often that God positively has no favorites. He loves every one of His children equally. People usually think that the great prophets and mystics and saints in the Bible, and outside of it, were what they were and did what they did because God gave them special help and spiritual power – or grace. This is not the case. God gave none of these people anything that He is not just as ready to give to you or me.

God did not choose any of these people. They chose God. They received the great spiritual power and understanding which they possessed because they sought God wholeheartedly. In most cases this wholehearted consecration did not come easily in the beginning. They had, as a rule, great difficulties to overcome within themselves – fear, doubt, many other obstacles – just like ourselves; but they stuck to their purpose.

This means that if any of us will do the same thing; seek God wholeheartedly, in spite of failures, mistakes, and disappointments in the beginning, we can reach the same goal. It means that if we will pray often – but gently and for not too long at time – stick to this in the face of seeming failure, and try our best to live the life that our conscience deep down indicates, then the same results will follow.

His Name is Wonderful

By B.L Wolfe

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

The birth of the Christ Child is more than a lovely legend, more than an amazing event in history. It is the story of the awakening of the Christ Spirit within our own being.

Long before the birth of Jesus, the great prophet Isaiah foresaw the coming of the Saviour and had a clear vision of what Christ's adventure would mean to mankind. Isaiah prophesized that this Coming would bring a wonderful new wisdom to man, a new awareness of his oneness with God, and an eventual reign of peace on earth.

Each year Christmas arouses in men's hearts a special feeling, a spirit, however temporary, of loving and giving and sharing, of a new hope for universal peace. By our quiet meditation on this Christmas Story we draw nearer to the inner meaning of the Coming of the Child. By our Faithful prayers we surely bring our world closer to the reality of God's peace.