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*“Glorious indeed is the world of God around us,
but more glorious the world of God within us”*

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The Greater World Belief and Pledge

I believe in one God who is Love

I accept the Leadership of Jesus the Christ

**I believe that God manifests through the
illimitable power of Holy Spirit**

**I believe in the survival of the soul and its
individuality after physical death**

**I believe in Communion with God, with His
angelic ministers, and with souls functioning
in conditions other than the earth life.**

**I believe that all forms of life created by God
intermingle, are interdependent, and evolve
until perfection is attained.**

**I believe in the perfect justice of the Divine
laws governing all life.**

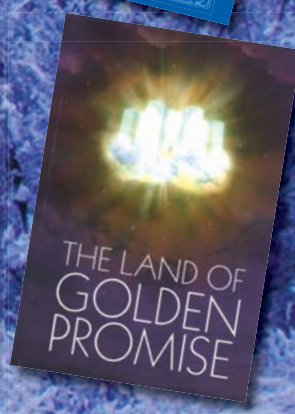
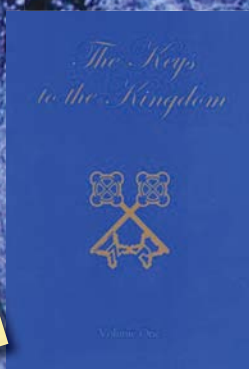
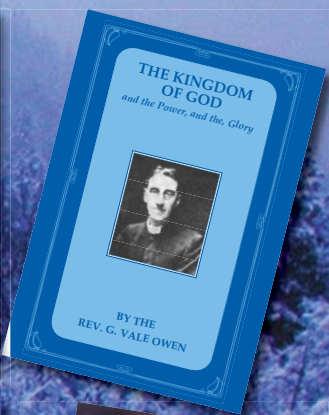
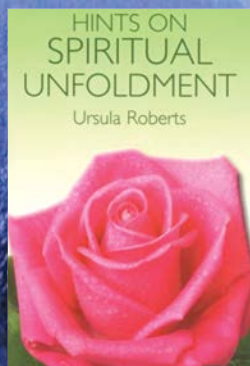
**I believe that sins committed can only be
rectified by the sinner himself or herself,
through the redemptive power of Jesus the
Christ, by repentance and service to others.**

The Pledge

**I will at all times endeavour to be guided in
my thoughts, words and deeds by the teaching
and example of Jesus the Christ.**

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I know that thou canst do everything, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. (Job 42: 2)

At the harvest festival the congregation gives thanks to God for all the bounties this earth provides. The hard work of the farmers in first preparing the ground, sowing the seed and tending the crops finally comes to fruition. The labourers in the field safely gather in the fruits of the farmers labours. The barns, silos and store houses are full once more. The harvest signifies the culmination of all the hard work carried out through the year.

The employment of ploughing, sowing, and reaping are continually made use of in holy scripture for the sake of impressing spiritual things upon your hearts. Thus, the whole of nature is, in one sense, a sacrament, an outward visible sign of inward and spiritual grace. In the measure that you have suffered, in the measure that you have felt the enemies of God, in the measure that anxiety has dogged your steps, so, though you do not realise it, that inward spiritual grace becomes a garden of sweet content built up around you and the fragrance of the flowers therein replenish your strength, recharge you with courage night by night, so you go on another step and another.

For those of you who feel that you are constantly having to battle against the odds remember Job, of his experiences. Job, the man who put God first and sought to lead others out of the tomb of self into the brightness of sacrifice. What happened to Him? Some of you may know the story well, some of you may have forgotten and there will be some of you who, to a lesser degree, have experienced something of the experiences of Job.

Job was a man of God; yet, because the spirit within desired the very best, certain tests and trails came upon that trusted servant. He first lost all his possessions. How terrible this sounds to many today – to lose one's material

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possessions, to start again from the bottom of the ladder and to see the look of wonderment in the eyes of neighbours! To appear to them as 'something of a failure'. The thought stings; as a blow of criticism and condemnation of others, and there are many who will say: "It was your own fault".

Job lost his possessions, but because he realised that what he had was God's, he turned to God with an obedient will and worshipped him for he knew that some mighty lesson had to be learned. Then Job received his second test – he was separated from those he loved. He saw his own taken from him and what was worse than that separation was the knowledge that those, his children, did not love God. Nevertheless, Job said "God's ways are best".

There then came the fiercest tests of all – the tests which involved the torture of the physical body. There are many who can be brave for others over pain; there are many who turn to the sufferers and preach patience in a loud insistent voice. There are many, when pain comes to themselves, find that their faith is failing, find that rebellion surges up within the hearts; and, if they do not curse God, question whether there is a God of Love to allow such a thing to take place.

Job strove to be close to God, but at last the pains of the body and the anguish of his soul overcrowded the physical mind and he doubted; yet he doubted only in part. There were those around, his so-called friends, who came to him and spoke false words, words that have rang down through the ages: "You have sinned"; "God is punishing you for what you have done"; but Job answered out of the flickering wisdom within: "Nay, that is not so; I sought to obey my God.

There is some other explanation. I know not what it is, but God is not like that”.

Finally, Job had a vision. God was watching over him, and God knew his faithful heart. He was taken – freed from the body, freed from the blinded mind – and he was shown the purpose and the plan, shown that he himself out of his love for God had allowed himself to be so tested. God showed him that which he had prepared for those who were willing to endure. God spoke to him in words that he could understand, and when Job saw the generosity of his Creator he fell upon his face and praised God.

This is a story of heroism, of endurance, of God’s most beneficent love and revelation; and afterwards Job found himself in the garden of sweet content. Think about your own life, your own experiences. How far off are you from the garden of sweet content! Do not forget that the garden is a gift given to you by God, and that in that garden there are two trees: the tree of Truth and the tree of Life.

Consider the ‘gardens’ of the world. Many have extensive gardens in which they have gathered treasures of all kinds. Some of you may say: “Possessions? I value them not, but I believe in the cultivation of intellect, and that will save the world”. Intellect will save the world, but only in the degree that those tools of yours are used for the benefit of others, in the degree that the scientist probes into the secret of nature to find a cure and a balm for afflicted humanity, so the gifts of the mind are turned into the gifts of the spirit.

Some of you will have, unconsciously, taken on many troubles, many trials, and given sympathy, empathy to others, who, likewise, find the road of experience rough and seemingly dangerous. To those of you who are tired; to those, who with effort, gather their resources day by day to go on because duty calls, because others are dependent on you; to those, who perhaps, feel that the mind does not respond as they would wish, yet the mind must be used to bring in

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the wherewithal which others need as well as themselves. Do not be afraid, do not let sadness cloud the mind. Remember God's gospel of Truth and Joy! Remember that those of old found the road of experience beset by much. By your sufferings, by your anxieties, by your responsibilities, you are building a bridge which will allow you to enter the garden of sweet content.

Happiness is important to all. How often does a man with possessions say within himself: “I would give up all for love”. How often does a man with wide and beautiful estates, with flowers blossoming all around, look with envy upon the little humble child with a sound body and say within himself: “I would give all to feel within me the vitality which is his”. However, the garden of sweet content cannot be bought and cannot be sold. The garden of sweet content is drawn to you by one thing, yet that one thing covers many things – by taking the Christ path, by listening to the sweet voices of the spirit, by forgetting self. If real happiness escapes you now believe that the bridge which you are putting together soon will span the gap and you will pass over it, then sorrow shall be no more.

Think of Job, think of how he was tested! Have you been tested in that measure? No! Some of you may say “I could not bear it”. Within you are resources of endurance not yet touched, for within you is God and God knows no fear. Within you is something of Christ and Christ knew how to suffer and be strong! Some of you may say: “I could not bear these great and terrible tests”. You know not your greater self. You are stronger than you can grasp, you are braver than you can imagine. The time will come when, over the bridge of suffering, with a lightened heart, you will pass into the garden of sweet content, and thereafter, it will be joy upon joy, thankfulness and gratitude to God.

However, you will not be able to linger for long for the urge within you will be strong, the urge to go forth amongst those, out in the wilderness, out in the desert of misunderstanding, and say unto them: “Be of good cheer! This is the way, the light has come, the garden of sweet content lies just beyond”.

When you have seen Christ, when you have felt his loving eyes upon you, like Zodiac, you will find that the past is nothing. The weary days, the unkindness of others, the difficulties, the sadness and the pains of the body – all this is forgotten. Your wounds will be healed. Nevertheless, because you suffered, because you took the hard, steep road, because you knew what loneliness might mean, so you will not rest, you must be up and away! You take with you the blessing of the Christ, his strength, his cloak of protection and go amongst not only those upon the earth plane, but you will go into conditions where light is unknown, where men and women bear no resemblance to human form, so deformed are they by the weaknesses which are their own. You will pass among the blind and the maimed; yet joy is within your hearts. You will be the messengers of happiness, the torch-bearers of the light which cannot die for it is of God himself. You will speak to all, and you will not only use words, but will use your hands also. For with your hands there will be power, power purchased by the past; and because you are willing to endure a little, because you did not turn away from the difficulties on the road, so you will have the strength to set prisoners free. Can you imagine those in conditions terrible to behold. How such as these, once freed, long to free others in return! So, the missionary spirit released within yourselves, by the grace of God, has the power to release within others the missionary spirit and that goes on through numbers uncountable, and the harvest of souls continues.

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Great and glorious is God – how stupendous is his love! As friends of The Greater World each one of you is not only under his care, but your troubles are his troubles, your pains are taken away by him in so great a portion that when you are free of your physical body it will seem that you bore but little.

You are sons and daughters of God, and his kingdom is love, and within the kingdom is all-power; but the only way to have the kingdom, the only way to release the power which is imprisoned within is the God-way; and the sorrows of God, the sufferings of God, no man or woman can grasp!

In relation to the message of joy, the message of peace and the message of revelation in the degree that your life has been hard, in the degree that those who have faced fierce troubles themselves, have shared the fierce troubles of others so the garden of sweet content is open to you. If at times you cry: “I know it is true, but I cannot see the garden, I cannot feel the brightness of the sunshine of God’s love”. Remember this – these stages are tests. For if all were peace, all were brightness, how then could you understand the greyiness and the darkness of others.

The shadows of those in the darkness are thrown over you when they draw close, but this should not bring sadness to you, for those in bondage come to you for help. You have light, you have freedom and they have none of these great gifts. So, they seek and sometimes they find, and then the children of the light exclaim: “What is this? I have lost the light that was mine”, and sorrow creeps over them. When this takes place remember that you are a missionary, you have given something of light to one in darkness, something of your peace to the one who knows nothing of peace, something of your brightness, your joy, your strength and God’s will has been done. The clouds will pass and the sun

unquenchable love of God shines still more brightly upon you. For you have been used by him, whether you are aware of it or not, and the light which was yours has not been lost but gained. The garden of sweet content has not passed beyond your reach, but within the garden there are a few more flowers, and the tree of truth and the tree of life are more beautiful still.

For those of you who have awoken to your responsibilities and begun your pilgrimage on the journey home to God. To those of you who are eager to place around others the mantle of our saviour, Jesus Christ, say not within yourselves: "Happiness is far from me, what do I know of sweet content". By taking on the mantle of Jesus Christ, it rests within yourselves to build up the bridge that leads to the garden of sweet content which can be entered by you. The garden of the earth so soon fades away; the earth flowers – how short is their day! The happiness which is of the spirit no enemy can destroy. The flowers in the garden of sweet content have life for evermore for they have healing within them, and as they heal, so their beauty and life is enhanced again, and again!

Be practical, be far-seeing. Place your confidence where it will not be betrayed. God understands; God never fails: God gives in so lavish a manner that it is hidden from you until something of a revelation is made your own. Clasp unto you the cross of protection, for the cross is the doorway into the garden of sweet content. You are welcome in the garden of the Lord, for you are his and he is thine. In the cool evening God walks in the garden of sweet content and then the holders of the garden can feel upon them the power of the Holy Spirit. The restlessness and the dissatisfaction over material conditions fade away. If it be but a moment, peace, something of God's peace, has been made your

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own. This is a symbol of the great and grand reality which lies before you as you aspire, as you seek to climb. Do not forget that that moment, that minute of peace is a symbol of the great unbroken peace which it is God's will should be your own.

As the twilight comes raise your heart and mind to God. Do not say to him "I am a miserable sinner", speak rather in words such as these: "Father, thou knowest, help me to do that which I fail to do myself". As soon as the thought goes out so the father has been bending over his child, comforting, healing, recharging; and the minute of peace is changed, enlarged into an hour of peace, and that change and enlargement has no limitation. One day it will represent the conditions of your lives.

Joy comes to God's servants when the servants of God have been used by him. Joy will come to you in the degree that you are an instrument used by the saviour to redeem for others that which they have cast from them out of their ignorance and self-will. Joy and peace are the gifts of the servants of God.

The gate of the garden of sweet content, which is the cross, can be opened by you if you have the key to faith and the strength of effort. Once within the garden of peace, revelation shall be your own and the past will represent to you a gift beyond all price, for through the past a bridge has been built up between you and that which is your soul's desire, and God's will has been worked out once again.

Friends and workers of The Greater World, you are carriers of the light, sunshine can be your own, and under God's sunshine the flowers of the spirit not only bloom but cannot die. This is your inheritance for you are sons and daughters of God.

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***Most tender Saviour, Thou has shown all
mankind how to suffer,
grant that consciousness of Thee may come through
the pains of the body, the anxieties of the mind,
and the hostility of others.***

***Thy children are one step nearer to
Thee in understanding.
Grant that each one may be sure, not only
of Thy protection,
But that what their lives hold is
part of the purpose of Thy plan.***

***If sorrow creeps close so then it indicates the joy
That will be their own hereafter.***

***If suffering be their portion
May it be a symbol to them of the strength
that lies in front.***

***Open our eyes, release our understanding
And give us that greater faith
Which shall make all things clear.
We pray in the Name of Love***

Amen

† News from Headquarters

Greetings from HQ. We have a new racking system which has replaced the old Pallet storage, which looked decidedly untidy. This is much safer and good for all the boxes of books, as they are no longer on the floor.

We are still awaiting any news from

the presidents of the churches, good news or bad. Information to be shared for all to read.

The bookshop is still active and selling mostly on-line.

Take of each other and carry on your good works.



The Garden of the Lord

Go back upon the early narrative in the Bible and recall that first garden – the garden of Eden – which was indeed of the Lord. Remember that within the garden were two trees of great and mighty worth. In the garden there was much besides, things to delight, things to satisfy, things to teach. However, the value of the garden lay within the two trees – the tree of Life and the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Within the garden of every individual there are many plants, but also there are these two trees – the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

In the garden of the Lord given to each individual, of necessity, there must be much that cannot be understood. There are gifts and powers and lives and beauties which for the earth span are hidden from man's consciousness; yet man, even in his blindness, can enhance their beauty. So, God works!

In time long past when you were created in the image of God, you had gifts in plenty, but they were

gifts bestowed by God and they had to be made your own. That was the first step up the steep mountain-side, which must be scaled in order to create 'character' as represented by Jesus Christ. Yet many as they built, as they climbed, destroyed and fell. Thus, in the long past, many fought a little and rested much. The forebears hoped and they strove, but again, and again, like you, the desire to hope and the desire to strive fell from them. Yet even from the so-called loss – because those failures and those falls exacted a terrible price – so, as it were, the golden strands were sewn into that great tapestry which man calls character; and though there was much ugliness and repulsiveness to gaze upon, the golden glints of striving and sorrow justified man's birth and the plans of God.

You have been told, many stories from childhood, as to the formation of character, as to the necessity for self-discipline, as to the call to you to mould your thoughts upon that

which represents something of purity, something of holiness, something of peace. In the formation of character not only does the individual gain, not only does the individual draw unto himself or herself, by suffering over failure, much that is worth, but by the suffering, by the wish to cling to the highest and best in spite of the enemies who are around, so often unconsciously to that individual, upon the vibrations strength is cast, and many others, seen and unseen, draw to themselves courage for a span.

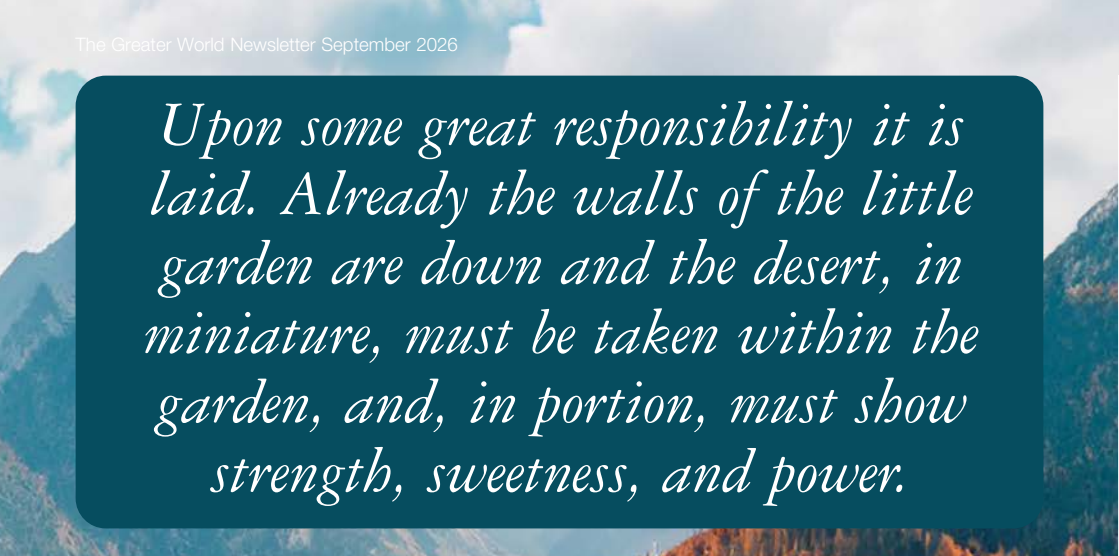
How great is man's responsibility and how doubly great is the responsibility of the one who knows! Yet do not forget that God understands how the failures come, and God's love does not fail; God's sympathy, God's protection is complete. You are bound to love, and love follows all the way. Even in the darkest hour, even in the greatest test, when light and beauty

and holiness seem blotted out, there Love is. When the body is no more you shall go back upon these tests and see for your heart's comfort that the shepherd of all souls stood by you, and by his understanding at last you were able to win through.

Why is it that those chosen for God's work are asked again, and again: "Are you willing to suffer for the sake of the joy to come?" Why is it that the test is always put: "Are you willing to drink of the same cup as Jesus Christ?" Many hesitate. Many there are who refuse with the physical mind; but the spirit within, having seen God, knows no hesitation. Either during the earth span or in one of those many 'lives' to come, each one drinks of the same cup as Jesus Christ, but through his love you find no bitterness therein!

Each individual has a door-keeper, yet the time must come, when the garden

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extends, that more door-keepers must be drawn in, more workers, many good gardeners, for there is much that must have attention. Do not forget that the outward garden of the Lord, as it were, reflects the inward garden of the Lord, that which man calls character, and the two must grow together.

Upon some great responsibility it is laid. Already the walls of the little garden are down and the desert, in miniature, must be taken within the garden, and, in portion, must show strength, sweetness, and power. However, recall that within the garden of the Lord there are the two trees. The tree of Life, but what is life? Is it not the release of the Divine within – the holiness that is caged in you, which came from God, the great Giver, the one who is All-holiness. Side by side with the tree of life stands the tree of knowledge of good and

evil – freewill. Flinch not from this thought - God's will is that the second tree should intermingle its strength with the tree of life. God's will is that these two trees shall at last grow and grow so that their branches interlace and they are as one. Alas, with many there is that which intervenes and the life of the tree of life seems to wither and at last to fade away. Yet in its roots is everlasting life and the time shall come when once again it shall show branch and blossom, but not until the tree of freewill has been cleansed of the diseases which overrun it.

Friends of The Greater World you are as prepared instruments blessed tools, and the garden of the Lord waits for more attention. In the garden of the Lord so much has crept which seeks to stifle and crush the life of the sweet blossoms of the spirit. What is this? Envy in its distorted form! What is

envy? Self, like a hideous octopus, slowly gaining ground. The moss, which represents rest, is sweet to look upon, but while the moss grows there the blossoms lie buried beneath!

Many people are not prepared for the bread of life because the bread of life is bereft of all that which they prize so much. The bread of life is not wanted by the worldly-minded. However, followers of Jesus Christ find, in the bread of life, that the longing within, spiritual, mental, and physical, is satisfied; for within the bread of life is the power of Christ himself.

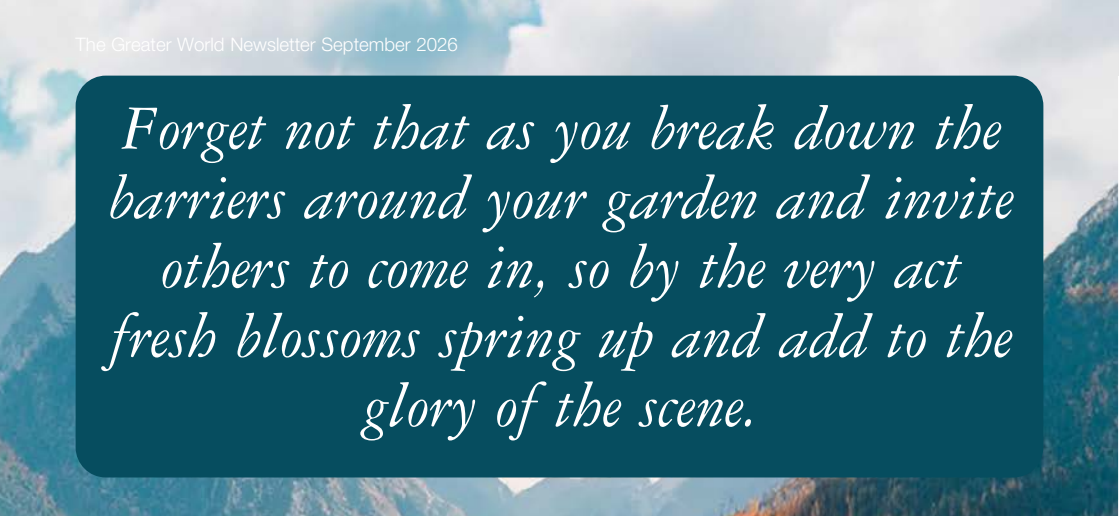
When considering the garden of the Lord, do not ponder too much upon your own garden, but think of the gardens of others. Are they 'gardens' or do they represent barren ground? Are there gardeners to teach the ignorant how to till the soil? Are there the generous ones to give of their own plants to fill the naked gardens? Are

there the workers who will work in those gardens until spiritual ambition is created in the owners and they set to work themselves?

When you are free of the body, that will be your work. When the body no longer holds, then indeed you will wish to become a good gardener. Your own garden will no longer hold your desire, except to give of its sweetness unto those who are without. Thus, it is that character is formed. Thus, it is that those who can be used to help others must be willing to face the tests, must not turn from the cross, must not hesitate when the call comes. The tree of life is worth all the pangs to bring it into that perfection which God wills; the tree of life can give to the owner the spirit's desire, and the spirit's desire is to give vitality from the roots of the tree of life to those whose trees seem as dead.

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the Lord! Forget not that as you break down the barriers around your garden and invite others to come in, so by the very act fresh blossoms spring up and add to the glory of the scene. In the garden of the Lord, there are herbs in plenty. The herbs have the power to heal and the herbs have the power to work miracles, for they were planted by the suffering of the molder of the garden, and their roots are blessed by God.

Around each one of you there is a garden which holds beauty in many forms. However, though your garden may be beautiful from the earth point of view, when you are free from earthly restrictions, the garden will disappoint you unless you redouble your efforts, unless you enhance your dedication, unless you seek to cling still more closely to the great and holy gardener of all life. When you are free you will not count the blossoms; you will not say unto yourselves “How sweet this

is, how glorious is that!” You will look around and you will see the help that could have been forthcoming if you had remembered to call upon it. You will know that the gardeners of the Lord gained only a part entry, and that the tree of life is stunted in its growth while the tree of self-will makes a gaudy showing. Yet, with joy, with faith, with perfect confidence that each of you will be willing to give out that double measure from yourselves for the spreading of the glory of the Lord.

Keep your vision clear. Character – the weaving in of the golden strands on the great tapestry of character – that can be done by each and every one in humble ways, in simple ways, in the next task and the next, in the patience, in the seeking for endurance, in the stifling of complaint, in the bending and the blending of the physical will with the Divine will. In this way the tapestry of character can be glorious

to behold, and as a direct result the garden of the Lord gains in power, gains in beauty, gains in extent; and the wilderness here and the desert there – the spiritual ignorance of others – shall be encroached upon again, and again, and again, and although the destroyers may fight you inch by inch, nothing shall stop the progress of God's work. For the time must come when the earth must be as the garden of the Lord, and the time 'shall' come when all planes, all conditions will be as the garden of the Lord – holiness, peace and love!

Blessed are the gardens, blessed are the gardeners, blessed are the door-keepers, blessed are the teachers, blessed are those who give their sweet blossoms and their toil unto others. Only by these means can heaven be brought to earth or to those planes where darkness once reigned.

See how personal responsibility must be faced. See the joy, the honour, the privilege of this most sacred mission for God. The time will come when by your efforts, by your dedication, by your sweet example, those who now are bound in every sense of the word shall throw off their chains and demonstrate the God within.

Joy is the condition; joy should be in the hearts and minds of each and everyone because the spirit within is strong enough, is free enough to

make its choice for God!

Let your hearts be comforted, let your mind be raised, let your wills be hardened, let nothing interfere with your purpose. You can be pioneers – workers in the garden of the Lord; and according to the work that you put in, so you shall draw unto you workers in plenty. Through the toil of the good gardeners the garden shall grow and grow, and the wilderness and the desert shall be drawn in. Thus, God's will shall be done, and the angels of the Most High shall join with you in praising the Giver of all good things.

The children of the planes where the flowers have their 'next' stage, they shall join in behind the grown-ups; in front of the grown-ups shall be the army of the Lord; in front of the army of the Lord shall go the Christ, and you shall penetrate into those conditions which hitherto have been barred to the work of salving by others.

This is the future; brief is the span of life on earth; eternity lies in front! Courage shall meet courage, joy shall double with joy, and the power shall be unlimited, for God has called you and you shall respond in the degree that you understand.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, I rededicate you to be tools of Christ and workers of The Greater World. God bless you in your endeavours.





We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, the Healer of all mankind

“O God, send down Thy Power – Thy Power, Thy Peace, Thy quieting influence – send down Thy Power so that Thy children, in faith, in hope, and in anticipation, may receive Thy Healing Power in abundance, each according to their need. Amen”

Healing Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father bless Thy children with the freedom from pain and suffering which only Thou canst give. Grant to them the knowledge that Thou art always with them, seeking to relieve and release their discomfort, whether of body mind or soul. Give them the strength to overcome whatever tests have been placed in their path so that they might grow closer to Thee. In Thy presence, O Loving Lord, may they dwell and find the seed of Thy comfort growing within their hearts and minds and as the understanding expands their knowledge of Thee will sustain them. In the Name of Jesus, the Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Your Healing Prayers are asked for:

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The Sowing the Reaping

I am here to remind you that although you are held by physical restrictions, although you are limited in many ways, within you there is God, the Holy Spirit, and you can arise and cast off the clouds which seek to shut you in, and feel upon you the brightness of the sunshine of God's love.

This, as you know full well, brings with it great responsibility. You cannot contact the one who loves you best unless you desire to find him. You cannot be conscious of the cloak of love which he has folded around you unless you try in your little way to give out love to

others. These things, these gifts, these privileges are bound by spiritual laws; and in the Sacred Record, there laid down in simple language for all to read, are those laws, the way into peace, into joy, into that sonship and daughtership with God in which the troubles of the earth can touch you no more.

By command of my master, Jesus Christ, I would speak to you upon that which I have named The Sowing and the Reaping. So simple a theme, and yet the meaning underlying the theme has never yet been grasped by man, for man is content with the surface of things.

Sowing and Reaping

The sowing and the reaping goes on moment by moment in many forms, and at this time of year those who love nature see, with joy, the result of past labour. In those little plots which are their own they have put in toil; they have thought and they have planned. In autumn time the preparation commenced. The winter time did its part, and ere the wintertime was past the owner sowed the seed. Now, in something of the miracle of spring, man witnessing the result of sowing in faith, and when the blossoms come, he will be compensated for all that which he has done.

These simple parables of life – life in its greatest sense – so often are overlooked; yet by the faithful few they are studied. First of all, I would speak to the faithful few, to those who realise that this little life is not all, that one day they will be reunited with those they love so well, and more than that; that they will stand face to face with Christ and receive from him the blessing which he longs to bestow.

I have a message for the faithful few, for those who have toiled, and yet it has seemed to them that others have reaped the benefit of that which they have done. I speak

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to those in hard conditions, who are beset by anxieties in many forms, and I say to the man, and I say to the woman: Be of good cheer; the sowing shall bring a harvest beyond the mind of the body to grasp, for the harvest is under the care of the Creator of all life. Sow in the morning, sow at noonday, and when the night comes hold not your hand, for you are planting that which shall have its real life in the realms of spirit. You may sow in faith and see no return in this same time; but, by God's most merciful Law, around you in the unseen world, which is your own, so the sweet blossoms of the spirit are showing leaf and flower. Day by day, hour by hour, the power from the blossoms of the spirit are used for the healing, the refreshment and the salvation of those you know but who are well-known by God, the saviour of us all.

Therefore, to the faithful ones I speak with love, with perfect understanding. Think of those of old, the faithful few who sought to hold up the torch of truth. These were entrusted by the Master with the message which in time to come should revolutionize the world; but they were few in number. They sowed the seed in the dawn, during the daylight, and in the darkness of the prison which held them and into which they were cast by their enemies. They saw little of the harvest! By their sorrows, by their anguish, by their determination and by their loyalty to their God, so today you have the light which cannot fade, have the truth – in fragment maybe – but the truth which in time to come shall lead you into the eternal fold where the protection is complete.

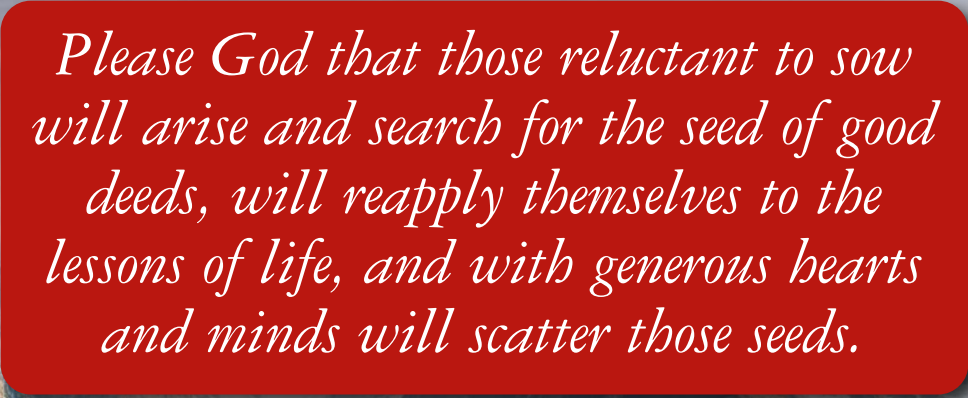
So, to the faithful few, to those who are conscious not of harvest in any

form, I speak: Take to yourselves the comfort that I bring. What of Peter, What of Paul? They sowed, but they saw little of the harvest which was there in very truth. Today and in the days which have sped, the toiler and the worker have seemed to work for naught that was tangible; or if it was tangible, others reaped the benefit of the toil. Thus, it is that bitterness and resentment have sprung up in the minds of countless thousands over the injustices of life, and suspicion has filled the physical mind and poisoned the hours of daily toil.

Now, I speak to those, who perchance, have but the half-light, those who argue within: "Why should I sow for others to reap? Life is a gamble, I will take what I can, and I will leave the rest to the far future; for who knows if there is life beyond the grave." Some have

seeds which can bring unto others value in many forms, but they hold their seed; they are jealous that others may reap what they consider is, rightly their own. So, the work is shirked, the obligation is ignored, the sweet words are withheld – the caress, the sympathy. They sow not in the morning; grudgingly they sow a few seeds under the hot noonday sun. When the body is no more, they will look back and find themselves, instead of in the garden of the Lord, in a barren wilderness – the wilderness of self - hampered, hindered, obstructed by the weeds of the past which have grown so strong. They feel deserted in very truth. However, did I not say that as noonday came, they sowed a few seeds? So, the missionaries of the Christ come unto them; they hack away that which binds and show buried beneath the weeds the first signs of the sweet blossoms of the

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spirit. Then the man and the woman who thought they knew best, find how betrayed they were by the voice of the tempter, by the cries of the world.

If only I had the words to force upon your consciousness the importance of the message which I bring. You who hold and find it hard to give, you who say to yourselves: "So much I will give to Christ, the rest I will keep for myself and those who follow after!" – cannot you see that the time will come when earth standards will be no more for you, when earth values will be shown in their hollowness, their mockery, their deception! Please God that those reluctant to sow will arise and search for the seed of good deeds, will reapply themselves to the lessons of life, and with generous hearts and

minds will scatter those seeds. If they fall on rocky places, what of that? God is the life-bringer and the life-giver, and one day, one time, even the hardest rock must give to the life within it, and out of the rock lilies of love and purity shall grow. The hearts and minds of some in the world and countless thousands free from the earth, the hearts and minds of many are nigh unto granite in their hardness; but I say unto you that because beneath the hardness is something of God, is the Holy Spirit which has life for evermore, the rock shall give and the blossoms of the spirit shall be forced through; and in time to come the heart and mind of the hardest child of God shall represent the glory of life eternal.

I draw your thoughts and I say unto you that even if your earth

knowledge may not be great, even if your earth knowledge is great, forget not that the way the saviour laid down was the way of love. The child can love; the old man, the old woman, the tired worker, the man of science, the mother in the home, they all have equal opportunity, equal chance to find their God. They can give out love; they can sow in the morning and when the night comes such as these will not withhold their hand. To those with the humble hearts and minds, to those with the faithful hearts, to those who wish to arise out of that which binds, to the true man and the true woman, to such as these the angels of light and love draw close. They soothe, they warm, they guide. When the body fails, when the mind seems too tired to think another thought, so the angels of love and light comes with their

treasures purchased by faithfulness over the past, and they give you of their strength, they give you their light, they give you their healing, and God is manifested through his children upon the earth plane.

The tired mother arises from the few short hours of rest, and she sows in the morning. She sends the little ones to school with cheerful words, and with a happy heart and mind, they trudge along. The mother in her motherhood demonstrates something of the God who gave her life. She sows in the morning and when night comes and the little ones are tired and, perchance, the tears arise over some little wound, and they fall happy to sleep in the arms of the angels who watch over the little ones. The mother, tired beyond words, is gathered too into those realms

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where selfishness is unknown,
where God gives and gives again.

How beautiful is the parable of light,
how glorious is the symbol of love,
how sweet is the voice of Jesus which
rings down through the generations
with understanding, with
compassion and with faith in us!

I say that when you are free not
only will selfishness and holding be
seen in their ugliness and horror,
but more than that: you will see the
beauty of giving, you will see the
life within the little seed of effort.
So small that seed seemed to you;
you will be amazed at the life which
is combined within the little seed of
effort. It will bring to you power
and strength and wisdom, and the
capacity to create in a way you
knew not before.

When you are free from the body,
so the past will stand revealed –
that which you did, that which you
hoped to do, that which you prayed

you might accomplish – all will
stand revealed in your conditions,
and then it will be peace and joy or
suffering and sorrow. Therefore, I
entreat you to sow in the early
morn and through the hours of the
days of toil; and when night falls
and you take your rest – the rest
which is essential for the physical
tabernacle – send out your thoughts
to those many who are sick and
hard beset, those many who live in
conditions where love is unknown.
At night-time hold not your hand;
and the beauty of the garden of the
Lord, with its deep, its unlimited
meaning, shall be found your own
when the earth life is no more.

I entreat you to heed my words, for
my eyes are open and I see the
future, the future of little ones upon
the earth plane, the future which is
fraught with much; yet the future is
secure for those who sow in the
morning and in the evening and do
not hold their hand. Christ, our

God, gives to the faithful the seed, which is never exhausted, the power which has no end.

There are some, bound by their earth-mind who say unto this one or that: "Tamper not with physical laws!" With the power of the Holy Spirit streaming on the instrument I use, I say that God never fails. If the child of the earth sows in the morning, sows during the daytime and when the night falls, then the protection is complete, otherwise God himself would confess to limitations. So, take comfort, take heart! The weary ones draw to them the power of the Holy spirit in a form undreamt of by those on earth today. The toilers, the workers, the patient ones, the faithful ones, such as these are blessed by God, and the blessing is unlimited in its scope. If the garment of flesh is cast from them a span earlier than otherwise would have been the case, they shall arise in beauty and strength

and glory in the home, which is theirs in very truth. God gives to the Sower the life which cannot die, God gives to the generous giver the gifts which are of his holy self.

I would bring comfort and reassurance, I would bring love in ever-increasing degree and measure into the midst of those bound by physical restrictions and I would say unto each and every one: Be not blinded or deceived, but sow in the morning, sow during the hours of toil, and when the night falls, scatter your seeds again; for there is that coming to pass upon the earth plane when the power of the Holy Spirit will be needed, and woe unto those who withheld their hand! God loves the cheerful giver, God gives strength to the giver who finds that weakness of body or weariness of mind overtakes him or her; God gives to the one who tries, the one who hopes, the one who desires to give out of his or her very

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best, God gives to such a one a strength which is not of the earth, but of the realms of spirit, a determination which puts to shame the idlers and the loiterers who turn their heads while God's work waits to be done.

So, ere I take my leave, I send out upon the conditions power in many forms, the power to do and the power to wish to do; the power to bless; the power to heal; the power to overcome the weakness of the physical tabernacle and to demonstrate that God is in command. I give out to you who listen the truth which Christ brought and bought in his holy person. The one so sweet, the one so kind gave and gave again, and thus it was that when he hung upon

Calvary the weakness of the body allowed the spirit to escape so soon.

All is clear, all is plain! God's work cries out to be done. The missionaries of the Most High seek ever for instruments. Perchance they find them, but so oft the instruments fail under the tests. They are not willing to tread the path which leads to the cross. They have forgotten that only through the cross and by the cross can the true resurrection come to man.

I bless you with the will to work for Christ; I bless you with the power of God to start this very moment upon the task that lies at hand – releasing yourself from the prison-house of the mind of the body and allowing the spiritual mind to



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function as God meant. I bless you with the will to suffer a little now for the sake of the joy to come. The saviour comes to give unto you that

which is of his holy self. Draw in the rays of Love, draw in the rays of Power and henceforth take up your Cross of Light and follow him!

MISS WINIFRED MOYES devoted her life to acting as the sole instrument for the inspired teachings of 'Zodiac' who in his earthly life was a teacher in the Temple of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus. He chose the name 'Zodiac' to lift men's thoughts from the earth to the heavens'. Zodiac delivered 1,475 addresses between 1924 and 1957 at meetings which

often attracted thousands of people. The teachings continued to inspire those enquiring into the meaning and purpose of life, the function of the natural gifts of Healing and Spirit Communion, and the reassurance of the immortality of the Spirit. Zodiac named his great work 'The Christ Mission', and it is upon this that The Greater World is founded.

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The Life of a Flower, the Life of a Tree

Many of you will know, in some measure, the life of a flower and a tree upon the earth plane.

Some of you will have marvelled over the workings of nature. Some may have seen God in the unfoldment of leaf and blossom. Others may have knelt with humility before God as they have examined the little seed, and realization has come as to the life held within that speck. Scientists have taken the flowers, the leaves, the fragments of grass, and, putting them under the microscope, have seen something of the creative power of God.

These things are symbols of the great, the comprehensive processes of life which were in operation before the earth plane was brought in use as part of the purpose and the plan; again, they are indications in miniature of processes of life which go on in those conditions which you name spirit. This article seeks to unveil something of wisdom in its God-like form.

There have been those on earth, instructed by more highly evolved spirits than themselves, who have passed on something of truth regarding the flowers and the tress. They have probed an inch into the conditions surrounding the tree and the flower, and they have discovered that these creations have that which they name 'spirit' or 'sensitiveness', a higher conscious than they ever dreamt could be associated with Nature, which, do not forget, is under

the control of man. This is an indication, in part, of the history of that which took place in time long past.

In the Bible – the wisdom gifted to man – is the story of creation in parable form. There for all to read is the sacred word of God, in the measure that man could grasp and understand. In time long past, so the lesser creations were placed under the guidance, under the control of the sons and daughters of God. Yet, as you know full well, willfulness, the turning away from the light and the cleaving to the darkness, wrested from man his great and glorious gift; and there was a time when Nature was stronger than man. Even today, nature, unharnessed, uncontrolled, is stronger than man.

In the days of creation, from each flower, each plant, healing in perfection poured forth. From the flower, from the tree music in its highest form was given out; perfume, fragrance, strength – all those gifts which you associate with the loveliest and the best. Man was given domination over Nature, and over the beasts in the field, over the creeping things, over all life – under God; yet involution, the breaking away from the Holy Law, the taking and not the giving back, all these things contributed to the hinderance of the holy plan. Keep this thought in mind, for even as you go your daily way it is possible for the individual to interfere and hinder the holy plan.

Through seeking that which was the second best, so sorrow came upon all creation, so the realms of light were forsaken for the half-light, and so the time came when darkness held the children of God, and even as Paul said: "Creation groaned together" (Rom. 8:22) through the hindrance of the holy plan.

The life of a flower! So short it seems to you, but the life of each flower is for all eternity, and the way back into the great unfathomable past. God gave to man beauty in the form of flower and tree; and one day, released from man's bondage and man's weakness, nature will again assume something of its beauty, something of its power, something of the miracle which it represents.

Consider your own lives and think of the long, long past. When God created man in his own image, joy filled the Father's heart. Try and picture to yourselves the attitude of the Lord God creator of all. Out of himself creative power was passed into his creation – unlimited, pure, perfect as that of God himself. Yet time passed and the plan was hindered and well-nigh wrecked. However, because God is God, the Holy Spirit, even as a lifeline, holds humanity in its extensive measure, and out of the suffering and the weakness a little strength was raised; and in time to come once more as God's children you take your place in the kingdom of creation.

All flowers have their own conditions, their own sweet vibrations. Around each plant is a little world which represents, in miniature, its part in the mighty scheme of things. From the tree the man or woman with consciousness can gather much. The axe reveals the earth history locked up

inside the tree, but for those who have the gifts of God, no axe is needed. As you stand beside the tree in the forest, something comes as to the history of that tree long before the earth condition, long before that which is commonly called 'the stage before'; and by the gift of memory, so is revealed the beauty, the power and the protection which nature has afforded, and which is its part for ever and ever.

When those who have passed from the earth plane come back and wish to portray to you something as to the glories of the home in which they find themselves, cannot you understand how they are held by earthly language in describing the trees and flowers, the sweet sound and the glory and the colouring which is all around. How they are baffled when trying to pass onto you that which is the truth! Yet it is God's will that you should allow your imagination to soar and to try to visualize the next stage of the flower which you hold in your hand one day and which, the next, is cast upon the rubbish heap!

Take the Rose, with its sweetness and its power – the rose which has the influence to draw out the love of others: The fragrance of the rose lifts the mind above the earth and earthly things; and from the fragrance of the rose those with a higher consciousness can breathe for a second something of the sweeter conditions of spirit. Yet the beauty of the rose and its sweetness represent to those in the world of spirit that, which is loss indeed. In the stage to come the beauty held by the rose is enhanced in the degree that it gave unto others, yet, again, the beauty of the rose is enhanced in the degree that through the selfishness of those upon the earth plane

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it was prevented from doing its part in earthly conditions.

Responsibility to the little rose! Responsibility to the life to come of the sweet and fragrant flower! Man was given domination over nature, but again, and again even in these so-called enlightened days, so by the carelessness, the lack of sensitiveness of the individual, creation – God's creation – is mishandled and the purpose and the plan is hindered once again.

Hold fast to this thought, for as you read these words, within your minds is remembrance of the beauty of the rose. Yet to those in the world of spirit and in the degree that they have sought to serve God greater consciousness is made their own – so with each petal folded fast is that which you name 'spirit power', spirit power from whence comes all beauty, all fragrance in everything that has life, in everything that has being. How can it be portrayed to you the wealth wrapped

in the petals of the rose, the life hidden within the stem, the healing power which the leaves hold for each and every one! As the petal of the rose unfolded not only fragrance is released, but that which you name music and a thousand things beyond your consciousness now.

The tree upon the earth plane, with its stately branches, with its strength, with its power of protection, is lovely unto you, and in the degree that it brings joy and happiness and protection to the children of the earth, so in that degree it is beautiful to those in the world of spirit. The trees in the realms of light have much work to do for God. Consider this: there are those upon the earth plane, bound by the physical mind, making a god of intellect, who pass into the next stage bound in very truth. They were satisfied with that machinery which is so limited to us. They thought there were few who could teach them, and thus they learned so little. Such as these, when the body is no more, holds

the same attitude of mind, and those you name guides are powerless to release them. Yet nature in its more God-like form can do the father's work.

There has been many a scientist, many a man, many a woman who once delighted in the gifts of the physical mind, who have stood shamed before a little tree in the next stage; for, borrowing the sight of those who delight to give, they have had revealed to them something as to the history of God's lesser creation.

Can you grasp that which is sight to those in the world of spirit. They look upon the flower, and they look upon the tree, and nothing is hidden. The present processes of growth are open before them, the ground hides nothing, and within the roots of a tree even on earth is hidden knowledge too stupendous for the mind of man to grasp.

So, you come face to face with something of reality; your littleness falls from you; your pride and your folly are seen for the childishness they represent! Within the roots of any plant upon the earth there is

a knowledge that would baffle the mind to grasp; indeed, the physical instrument could hold it, for it is keyed to other things.

Bring your thoughts back to your own position, to your own attitude of minding, to the privilege, to the opportunity gifted to the children of God. Do not forget that in time long past each child of God had power to create life in its lesser form; and when you have learned by sacrifice and service, when you have emerged out of the prison-house of self, so once more, because you are sons and daughters of God, it shall be yours to create life in the manner that you wish; yet before you can do this you must have penetrated into the worlds which surround the objects of your desire.

Patience and work, suffering and forbearance! There have been men and women going through the earth stage, unhonoured by anyone, classed among the so-called uneducated, having few gifts of the mind, who, when the earth body has been cast aside, have found within their reach the power to create for God. They

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were rulers over nothing upon the earth plane. They were ruled and controlled by others, many were despised; but out of their sufferings, out of that which they sought to do – treading the path of duty – when the physical garment had been cast from them, they were rulers over many things. They had drawn back something of their Divine inheritance, and they had gained dominion over nature in the measure that they sought to serve their God.

Because the lesser voices are being listened to by the vast majority upon the earth plane, so sweet opportunity will be cast from them, and it will take time unthinkable to you, centuries so named, before such as these can draw back to them some of the powers of God.

Thus, friends of The Greater World, you who have opportunity of knowing and understanding are entreated not to pause, do not allow the things of the physical, the things of the mental, to hold you back; for the time must come when shame will hold you and your humiliation will be complete if you scorn the steep road, the simple yet difficult road which leads to the wisdom of God himself.

Next time you take into your hand the little flower, seek to grasp something of that which has been portrayed in these words. Over time unthinkable the flower has had life in conditions hidden from your consciousness now, and over all eternity the life of the flower – beautified, strengthened, purified – will go on forever.

Responsibility is all around, responsibility because men and women are of God, because housed within men are those same glorious powers, in miniature though be it, God-like powers gifted to men by the generous Creator, but men bury their talents, they abuse their gifts, or they forget to render to God the thanks which are due to him! Thus, it is over the past men and women fell from his high estate; thus, it is that nature on the earth plane is beautiful and dangerous; thus, it is that the storms and the tempests, the avalanches and the eruptions take place. For the earth plane was brought into being by that worked in or shirked in the stage before, and your home in the world to come which you are building up even at this moment, that again will hold much of beauty, but much that will cause you heart ache if the sacrifice is only made in part.

Think as to those realms which you call spirit; God-power all around! In the flowers, in the conditions, in the atmosphere above you and, thank God, in the garments that you wear all is harmony. What is harmony but the gathering together of the sweetness, the fragrance, the sound, the feelings of those things and many others which you cannot understand. The harmony, which is of God. The sweetness of the rose is indeed sent out to all conditions by an unselfish thought; for thought is colour, fragrance, and again, a thousand things beyond your consciousness now; it is beauty in something of that perfection created by God.

Listen to the voice of the spirit. Why does the power come and why do you gather in those who know nothing of sweetness, nothing of life, nothing of love, because you are missionaries of God, and those who were once gifted with God-like powers but now are more bound than that which you name animal, they must be drawn-in and taught and led, comforted, strengthened and recharged. The fragrance of the earth flowers brought into the churches is taken out into their conditions, and the sweetness of the flowers brings them some consciousness of better things. Would that your eyes were opened, and you could see them. The sweetness of the flowers brings hope for better things!

Cannot you understand why you want to bring the flowers into these conditions? They can be used by God for the furtherance of the holy plan when their earth stage is over, and though blackened they may lie in physical guise, yet, because they have brought to the spiritually imprisoned something of hope, something of light,

their beauty shall be enhanced a thousand-fold and the work that they shall do for God shall be trebled in proportion.

Think again as to the life of the flower, the life of the tree, and the care, the love, and the protection of God over this, his creation; and then hold in your mind what you mean to him and how his heart sorrows when by your turning from the way laid down, the gifts he longs to give cannot be made your own.

God works in mysterious ways. The miracles that can be seen by human eyes are the least of these miracles worked in his name. Friends of The Greater World, you are all marked with the cross. In the name of love prepare for those things which lie in front. Sorrow must come upon the earth, but those who are linked to Christ shall know nothing of sorrow, for their joy shall come in taking the gifts to those who do not have them and working in their part of the holy plan.

May God bless you with 'sight' and bless you with the will to rise and to do your best, and if anxiety sometimes holds you over the future of some who could have the full light, then remember that what is lost in one stage must be made good in another; and if in the next stage still willfulness holds the little children of God, we have the promise of God that in time to come each one will lay aside the gifts of little price and take up the treasures which shall never pass away.

May the cross of our saviour, Jesus Christ protect you from yourselves now and in the days to come.

The Tree of Truth

Why is it that there are many dissatisfied, that there are many who seek this and seek that, who fly from religion to religion, from church to church, saying: "I cannot believe!" Why is this? Because man, over the past, has not given that nourishment to the tree of truth which would make it possible today for revelation to sweep across the earth plane, for man to face his God with something of knowledge, for man to have that greater vision which should prove to him that the barriers between the earth and the spirit world exist no more.

What man has done over the past is terrible to contemplate, for the lack of faith and still more for the lack of effort. Barriers have been built up between man while in the body and those free from physical restrictions. Upon man over the past rest great and terrible responsibility, for God meant that you, whilst you function in a body of flesh, should be able to see into other conditions, should be able to grasp not only the hands of those you love in the next stage and the next, but should be able to look into their eyes, to hear their voice, when sorrow, when doubt, when the meaning of pain would be explained, and the earth life would demonstrate the God of love, the God of peace and the God of joy.

Over the long past, from prophet and teacher, from man and woman, obscure, unknown, the truth has been given out in

part. They were able to pass on the truth by the power of the Holy Spirit. The power of Holy Spirit was available to them in greater measure, because they were willing to suffer, they were willing to take the high road, they shrank not from sacrifice, they put God first.

There are those, over the ages, who have sought to kill the prophets, who have sought to quench truth, and indeed they destroyed the physical body and – woe upon them – they stemmed the full outpouring of truth that the instrument could have given forth. Yet God's laws triumph over man's laws, and the seed sown in sorrow, perchance in secret, one time showed leaf and blossom, and you, today are taking of the tree of truth which arose out of the tiny seed sown by so-called ignorant men and women, sown by those under the fire of persecution, sown by those who were scorned by the masses.

Yet God is not mocked! That which they gave out and the punishment exacted, that in time brought forth fruit tenfold and again a hundredfold. Great are such as these! Blessed are the prophets and the teachers, and doubly blessed are those who held up the torch of truth in spite of persecution and turned not from the torture of the body. Thrice blessed are such as these, and had it not been for them, you in a darkness profound must have wended your way.

Returning to the subject of the tree of truth, that tree which since creation has cried

out for nourishment, for attention from those undergoing their earth experience. The tree has grown and its branches are many, but the tree of truth today is but as a sapling in comparison to what it might have represented if men and women, if the ministers, the representatives of God, had been willing to suffer a little more; for it is impossible to release the Holy Spirit which is imprisoned within man and woman unless the individual is willing to take the steep road that leads to God.

There are many who cleave to the valley; yet when they look upon another and see the spirit of God manifested through that one, envy seizes them and they say: "Would that I had his or her gift". Say to them "Cast your chains aside, all that paraphernalia which seems so essential to you now, and as a pilgrim with only the staff of faith, take the hard road", then excuses fall from their lips and they stand condemned, condemned by themselves.

So it is that the tree of truth is starved and was starved and will be starved; yet, you know, you have explanation in part,

you have been taught, you have seen what suffering can work in, you have seen that sorrow, that separation from those you love best can give you that heart's desire. Therefore, it rests with you to pass on to others that which you have yourself, and to point out to them that if not today, if not tomorrow, then in some time to come they must contribute their portion to the tree of truth. For mark you this, the tree of Truth stands with the tree of Life in the garden of the Lord.

In the measure that those who took but were unwilling to give, in that measure that individuals were satisfied with there own physical and material protection and sought not to protect the God within, when the truth is faced anguish must be theirs. Hereafter, though the comforters may be around, comfort will be far from them, for they could have known the truth. However, the calls of the world, the desires of the body, that ever most insidious craving to build up around the individual ease and still more ease, all this silenced the solemn sweet voice of conscience,

God stands by the 'sinners', by the one who turned to evil. Christ and his messengers stand by such a one. They are waiting to help, waiting to lift, waiting to guide, but they cannot until the individual wants his Christ.

of the Holy Spirit, and while they had opportunity in plenty, they turned from the privilege of opportunity, and the next stage must be worse than the stage in which they are now.

Cannot you see how blessed you are, cannot you realise that by striving, by wishing to do your little best, you are contributing to the nourishment demanded by the tree of Truth! There are some of you who have been led astray by the domination of the physical mind, by theory as to this, by doctrine as to that. You may say: "I have probed into the inner processes of truth". What have those inner processes of truth revealed unto you! If you do not answer: "They have taught me the beauty and the joy of sacrifice". Then you have been deceived! Truth – the citadel of truth, is built up on the stones of suffering and self-denial.

As friends of The Greater World, you must be willing to put God first. Times are pressing, great things are coming to pass. There will be thousands upon thousands like frightened sheep and the shepherds will be missing, because those who name themselves shepherds under Christ have forgotten the Christ-way, have forgotten the Christ-example, have forgotten the Christ call: "Follow Me!" What did Jesus Christ do? The 'clever' ones seek to turn their eyes from that great and glorious example. Jesus Christ gave up everything that he had, everything – His strength, his sympathy, his love – to the masses, and that is the call of the Christ.

So, because great things are coming to pass, prepare yourselves and prepare

again, to throw off the chains that bind you, whether they be of the physical mind, whether they be your possessions, whether they be those second duties which the shadows use so plausibly to keep you from God's work. Whatever it may be, while the time is your own to take up the staff of faith, throw off all impediment and go forth as pilgrims on the long journey home to God; because only those with the pilgrim-spirit can have a 'following', for the masses are not deceived.

There are false shepherds here, false shepherds there, but when trouble comes the masses remember the selfishness of the individual, remember those who were not willing to go without, and, alas, there will be thousands who will search to the right and to the left and find not the true shepherds who will lead them out of confusion, out of turmoil, out of sorrow into the peace of understanding.

The tree of truth waits, waits for nourishment. Deny it not, for indeed either today, tomorrow or in a stage to come you must give to the tree of truth your portion, for you are one family under your Father and Mother God. The only way to get back your divine inheritance as your right, and not merely as a gift from God, is by contributing, and the only way to contribute is giving to others in service, in love, not holding onto your light, by throwing open not only your hearts, but your houses, your homes, that which is man's citadel jealously guarded. In the measure that the door is shut against the stranger upon the earth plane, so the individual will find the door into revelation has been closed to himself, for

he has ignored the law of the spirit: Give and much is given unto you; hold, and you lose.

Friends of The Greater World make the holy compact and say within yourselves: "It shall be self-denial, it shall be sacrifice, it shall be God first!" – for if you turn from this great gift which is held out to you, so sorrow must follow your steps and bondage must be your own instead of the sweet liberty of the spirit.

Friends of The Greater World, hold up your light and know that every thought of help towards others, every desire to give unto your neighbour that which you have yourselves, every prayer, every act which has an element of God in it, all this is being used not only to increase your light, but for those who are in dark terrible places, free from the body but in an imprisonment terrible to behold; not only is your own light being increased by your effort, by your concentration, by your will, but you are making it possible for light to come to them; and light is life, and life and truth are one!

May God bless you with courage, may God bless you with the will to endure and may He bless you with the determination to give out of your best. In the measure that you seek so you will find! In the degree that you are willing to clasp the cross, so the strength and the joy and the peace shall come. In the measure that you hold up the cross for the light to shine upon your brethren, so when the earth life is over you shall pass into a kingdom all your own. Then, sorrow, pain, separation, these shall be shown to you as the best gifts of all, as those which have

drawn into your vibrations the power to do, the power to give, the power to create; and in that hour, so you will learn your God, repledge yourselves to his service and hasten with your gifts after someone who is without.

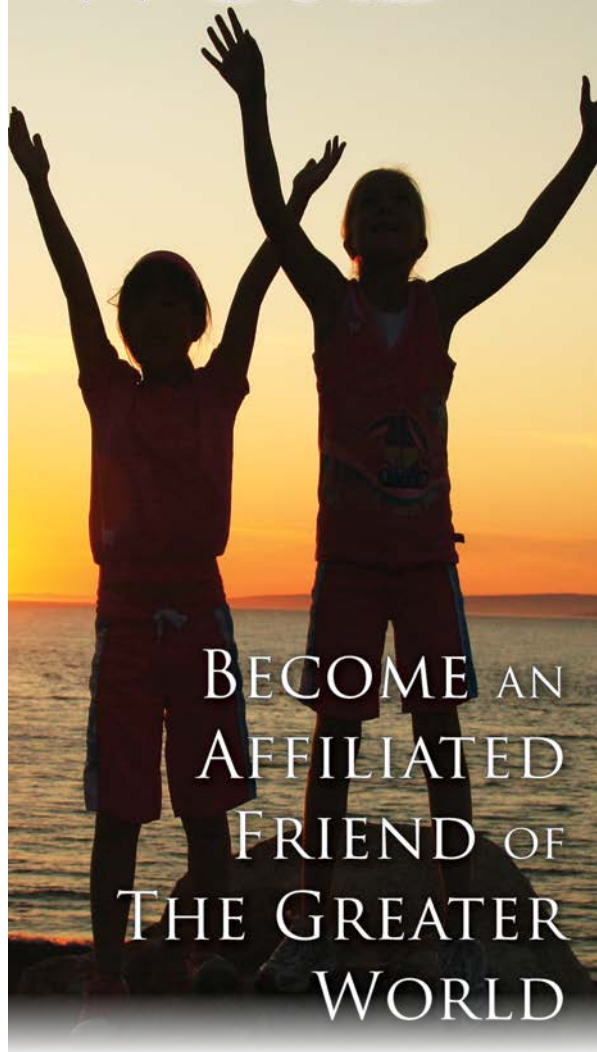
As you give so your own gifts are enhanced in beauty; as you seek to serve, so the cloak of the saviour is wrapped still more closely around you; and as the cloak rests there, so joy surges through your being, and your release comes nearer and nearer still. Therefore, hasten your steps, take up that which is your privilege and your right, and God's heart will be glad; for the father lives but to give, the father has no joy but in bestowing.

The sweetest thought of all is that in giving to others, not only do you give to yourselves, but you give to God, for you are of him and the Father's heart is sad when his children, by their actions, by their thoughts stem the flow of his unlimited gifts.

Friend's may God bless you with the will to give and the wish to be one of his children. Remember the cross. Lift your hearts and minds, and whatever comes to pass, say within yourselves: "The cross with its brightness and its strength is mine", and all shall be well. Do not forget to take of the peace, of the comfort, of the strength of the cross to others, for their need will be greater than you can grasp.

The tree of truth blossoms in your midst, God-given, built up by those who were willing to suffer in the past. It waits for your portion, for that which you have to bestow – the tree of truth and the cross of Christ!

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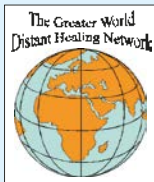
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