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Jenah said, “I learned something about you too”.

Sue said, “Ah cool, yeah I love that about Sangreal, it’s amazing”.

Bonne said, “Sangreal’s a game that you can learn from, Sangreal sort of opens up conversations on topics about people that you may know but also things like Sangreal sort of brings in topics that are not that usually spoken about or wouldn’t usually or come up in a conversation”.

Sue said, “Yeah”.

Bonne said, “Sangreal kind of opens up your world, and Sangreal’s kind of good though because you get to exercise different thought processes”.

Sue said, “Yeah that you wouldn’t normally “.

Bonne said, “Like the cards you bring out, like you really have to think sometimes”. Jenah said, “Sangreal gives people a chance to say something without prejudice and they can say something honestly they think without people having to go on a huge debate against them or Sangreal’s just hearing peoples ideas which is nice”!

Sue said, “Yeah, perspective”.

Bonne said, “I quite like the fact that Sangreal is not competitive, because most games out there are and these games depends on who you play with, it can ruin the game if your playing with someone who is really competitive or is a really bad, you know a poor loser, but because Sangreal’s a game where everyone is equal at the same time and that includes everyone when it is your turn as well, Sangreal’s quite enjoyable”.

Sue said, “Yeah, Sangreal’s more ethical, it’s the level of co-operation, Sangreal’s cool”!

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# Chapter 1 Any Person May Become Great

THERE is a Principle. Of Power. In every person. By the intelligent use. And direction. Of this principle. Man can develop. His own mental faculties. Man has an inherent power. By which. He may grow. In whatsoever direction. He pleases. And there does not appear to be. Any limit. To the possibilities. Of his growth. No man has yet become so great. In any faculty. But that it is possible. For someone else. To become greater. The possibility. Is in the Original Substance. From which man. Is made. Genius is Omniscience. Flowing into man.

Genius is more than talent. Talent may merely be. One faculty developed. Out of proportion. To other faculties. But genius. Is the union. Of man and God. In the acts. Of the soul. Great men. Are always greater than. Their deeds. They are in connection. With a reserve of power. Without limit. We do not know. Where



the boundary. Of the mental powers of man is.  
We do not even know. There is a boundary.

The power. Of conscious growth. Is not given.  
To the lower animals. It is mans alone. And may  
be developed. And increased by him. The lower  
animals can. To a great extent. Be trained. And  
developed by man. But man can train. And  
develop himself. He alone. Has this power. And  
he has it. To an apparently. Unlimited extent.

The purpose of life. For man is growth. Just as  
the purpose. Of life for trees. And plants. Is  
growth. Trees. And plants grow automatically.  
And along fixed lines. Man can grow. As he will.  
Trees. And plants. Can only develop certain  
possibilities. And characteristics. Man can  
develop any power. Which is or has been  
shown. By any person. Anywhere. Nothing that  
is possible in spirit is impossible in flesh and  
blood. Nothing that man can think is  
impossible-in action. Nothing that man can  
imagine. Is impossible. Of realization.

Man is formed for growth. And he is under. The necessity. Of growing.

It is essential. To his happiness. That he. Should continuously advance.

Life without progress. Becomes unendurable. And the person who. Ceases from growth. Must either become imbecile. Or insane. The greater. And more harmonious. And well rounded his growth. The happier man will be.

There is no possibility. In any man. That is not in every man. But if they proceed naturally. No two men will grow. Into the same thing. Or be alike. Every man. Comes into the world. With a predisposition. To grow along certain lines. And growth. Is easier for him. Along those lines. Than in. Any other way. This is a wise provision. For it gives endless variety. It is. As if a gardener. Should throw all his bulbs. Into one basket. To the superficial observer they would look alike. But growth reveals. A tremendous

difference. So of men. And women. They are like a basket. Of bulbs. One may be a rose. And add brightness. And color. To some dark corner. Of the world. One may be a lily. And teach a lesson. Of love and purity. To every eye. That sees. One may be a climbing vine. And hide. The rugged outlines. Of some dark rock. One may be. A great oak among whose boughs. The birds shall nest. And sing. And beneath. Whose shade the flocks. Shall rest at noon. But every one will be something worthwhile. Something rare. Something perfect.

There are. Undreamed of possibilities. In the common lives. All around us. In a large sense. There are no "common" people. In times. Of national stress. And peril. The cracker-box loafer. Of the corner store. And the village drunkard. Become heroes. And statesmen. Through the quickening. Of the Principle of Power. Within them. There is a genius. In every man. And woman. Waiting. To be brought forth. Every village. Has its great man. Or woman.

Someone. To whom. All go for advice. In time. Of trouble. Some one. Who is instinctively recognized. As being great. In wisdom. And insight. To such a one. The minds of the whole community. Turn. In times. Of local crisis. He is tacitly recognized. As being great. He does small things. In a great way. He could do great things. As well. If he did but undertake them. So can any man. So can you. The Principle of Power. Gives us just. What we ask of it. If we only undertake little things. It only gives us power. For little things. But if we try. To do great things. In a great way. It gives us. All the power there is.

But beware. Of undertaking great things. In a small way. Of that we shall speak farther on.

There are two mental attitudes. A man may take. One makes him. Like a football. It has resilience. And reacts strongly. When force is applied to it. But it originates nothing. It never acts. Of itself. There is no power within it. Men

of this type. Are controlled. By circumstances.  
And environment. Their destinies. Are decided.  
By things. External to themselves. The Principle  
of Power. Within them. Is never really active at  
all. They never speak. Or act from within. The  
other attitude makes man. Like a flowing  
spring. Power. Comes out from the center of  
him. He has within him. A well. Of water.  
Springing up. Into everlasting life. He radiates  
force. Heist felt by his environment. The  
Principle of Power. In him. Is in constant  
action. He is self-active. "He hath life in  
himself."

No greater good. Can come. To any man. Or  
woman. Than to become self-active. All the  
experiences. Of life. Are designed. By  
Providence. To force men. And women. Into  
self activity. To compel them. To cease. Being  
creatures. Of circumstances. And master. Their  
environment. In his lowest stage. Man is the  
child. Of chance. And circumstance. And the  
slave. Of fear. His acts. Are all reactions.

Resulting. From. The impingement upon him.  
Of forces. In his environment. He acts. Only as  
he. Is acted upon. He originates nothing. But  
the lowest savage. Has within him. A Principle  
of Power. Sufficient. To master. All that he  
fears. And if he learns this. And becomes. Self-  
active. He becomes. As one. Of the gods.

The awakening. Of the Principle of Power in  
man. Is the real conversion. The passing from  
death. To life. It is when the dead. Hear the  
voice. Of God. And come forth. And live. It is  
the resurrection. And the life. When it is  
awakened. Man becomes. A son. Of the Highest.  
And all power. Is given. To him in heaven. And  
on earth.

Nothing was ever in any man. That is not in  
you. No man. Ever had more spiritual. Or  
mental power. Than you can attain. Or did  
greater things. Than you can accomplish. You  
can become. What you want to be.

## Chapter 2 Heredity and Opportunity

YOU are not barred. From attaining greatness.  
By heredity. No matter who. Or what your  
ancestors. May have been. Or how unlearned.  
Or lowly their station. The upward way. Is open  
for you. There is no such thing. As inheriting. A  
fixed mental position. No matter how small.  
The mental capital. We receive. From our  
parents. It may be increased. No man is born.  
Incapable of growth.

Heredity counts for something. We are born.  
With subconscious mental tendencies. As. For  
instance. A tendency. To melancholy. Or  
cowardice. Or to ill temper. But all these  
subconscious tendencies. May be overcome.  
When the real man awakens. And comes forth.  
He can throw them off very easily. Nothing of  
this kind. Need keep you down. If you have  
inherited. Undesirable mental tendencies. You  
can eliminate them. And put desirable

tendencies. In their places. An inherited mental trait. Is a habit of thought. Of your father or mother. Impressed upon your subconscious mind. You can substitute. The opposite impression. By forming. The opposite habit of thought. You can substitute. A habit. Of cheerfulness. For a tendency. To despondency. You can overcome cowardice. Or ill temper.

Heredity may count for something. Too. In an inherited conformation of the skull. There is something in phrenology. If not as much. As its exponents claim. It is true that the different faculties. Are localized. In the brain. And that the power. Of a faculty. Depends upon. The number. Of active brain cells. In its area. A faculty whose brain area. Is large. Is likely. To act. With more power. Than one whose cranial section. Is small. Hence persons with certain conformations. Of the skull. Show talent. As musicians. Orators. Mechanics. And so on. It has been argued from this. That a man's cranial formation must. To a great extent. Decide his



station in life. But this is an error. It has been found. That a small brain section. With many fine. And active cells. Gives. As powerful expression. To faculty. As a larger brain. With coarser cells. And it has been found. That by turning. The Principle of Power. Into any section. Of the brain. With the will. And purpose. To develop. A particular talent. The brain cells. May be multiplied indefinitely. Any faculty. Power. Or talent you possess. No matter how small. Or rudimentary. May be increased. You can multiply the brain cells. In this particular area. Until. It acts. As powerfully. As you wish. It is true. That. You can act. Most easily. Through those faculties. That are now most largely developed. You can do. With the least effort. The things. Which “come naturally”. But it is also true. That if you will make the necessary effort. You can develop any talent. You can do what you desire to do. And become. What you want to be. When you fix upon some ideal. And proceed as hereinafter

directed. All the power of your being. Is turned.  
Into the faculties. Required. In the realization.  
Of that ideal. More blood. And nerve force. Go  
to the corresponding sections. Of the brain. And  
the cells. Are quickened. Increased. And  
multiplied in number. The proper use. Of the  
mind. Of man. Will build a brain. Capable. Of  
doing. What the mind. Wants to do.

The brain. Does not. Make the man. The man  
makes the brain.

Your place in life. Is not fixed. By heredity.

Nor are you condemned. To the lower levels. By  
circumstances. Or lack. Of opportunity. The  
Principle of Power in man. Is sufficient. For all  
the requirements. Of his soul. No possible  
combination. Of circumstances. Can keep him  
down. If he makes. His personal attitude right.  
And determines. To rise. The power. Which  
formed man. And purposed him for growth. Also  
controls the circumstances. Of society.

Industry. And government. And this power. Is never divided against itself. The power. Which is in you. Is in the things around you. And when you begin. To move forward. The things. Will arrange themselves for your advantage. As described. In later chapters. Of this book. Man was formed. For growth. And all things external. Were designed. To promote his growth. No sooner. Does a man awaken his soul. And enter. On the advancing way. Than. He finds. That not only is God for him. But nature. Society. And his fellow men. Are for him also. And all things work. Together. For his good. If he obeys. The law. Poverty is no bar to greatness. For poverty can always be removed. Martin Luther. As a child. Sang in the streets for bread. Linnaeus the naturalist. Had only forty dollars. With which to educate himself. He mended his own shoes. And often had to beg meals. From his friends. Hugh Miller apprenticed to a stonemason. Began. To study geology. In a quarry. George Stephenson.

Inventor of the locomotive engine. And one. Of the greatest of civil engineers. Was a coal miner. Working in a mine. When he awakened. And began. To think. James Watt was a sickly child. And was not strong enough. To be sent to school. Abraham Lincoln. Was a poor boy. In each of these cases. We see a Principle of Power. In the man. That lifts him. Above. All opposition. And adversity.

There is a Principle of Power in you. If you use it. And apply it. In a certain way. You can overcome. All heredity. And master all circumstances. And conditions. And become. A great. And powerful personality.

## Chapter 3 The Source of Power

MAN'S brain. Body. Mind. Faculties. And talents. Are the mere instruments. He uses. In demonstrating greatness. In themselves. They do not make him great. A man may have a large brain. And a good mind. Strong faculties. And brilliant talents. And yet. He is not a great man. Unless. He uses all these in a great way. That quality. Which enables man. To use his abilities. In a great way. Makes him great. And to that quality. We give the name. Of wisdom. Wisdom is the essential basis. Of greatness.

Wisdom. Is the power. To perceive the best ends. To aim at. And the best means. For reaching those ends. It is the power. To perceive. The right thing to do. The man who is wise enough. To know the right thing to do. Who is good enough. To wish. To do only the right thing. And who is able. And strong enough. To do the right thing. Is a truly great man. He will instantly. Become marked. As a

personality of power. In any community. And men will delight. To do him honor.

Wisdom. Is dependent. Upon knowledge. Where. There is. Complete ignorance. There can be. No wisdom. No knowledge. Of the right thing. To do. Man's knowledge is comparatively limited. And so his wisdom. Must be small. Unless he can connect. His mind. With knowledge greater. Than his own. And draw from it. By inspiration. The wisdom. That his own limitations. Deny him. This he can do. This is what. The really great men. And women have done. Man's knowledge. Is limited. And uncertain. Therefore he cannot have. Wisdom in himself.

Only God knows all truth. Therefore. Only God can have real wisdom. Or the right thing. To do. At all times. And man can receive wisdom from God. I proceed. To give. An illustration: Abraham Lincoln had limited education. But he had the power. To perceive truth. In Lincoln.

We see pre-eminently apparent. The fact. That real wisdom. Consists. In knowing. The right thing to do. At all times. And under all circumstances. In having the will. To do the right thing. And in having talent. And ability enough. To be competent. And able. To do the right thing. Back in the days. Of the abolition agitation. And during the compromise period. When all other men. Were more or less confused. As to what. Was right. Or as to what ought to be done. Lincoln was never uncertain. He saw through the superficial arguments. Of the pro-slavery men. He saw. Also. The impracticability. And fanaticism. Of the abolitionists. He saw the right ends. To aim at. And he saw the best means. To attain those ends. It was because men recognized. That he perceived truth. And knew the right thing to do. That they made him president. Any man. Who develops the power. To perceive truth. And who can show. That he always knows. The right thing to do. And that he can be trusted.

To do the right thing. Will be honored. And advanced. The whole world. Is looking eagerly for such men.

When Lincoln became president. He was surrounded. By a multitude. Of so-called. Able advisers. Hardly any two of whom. Were agreed. At times. They were all. Opposed. To his policies. At times. Almost the whole North. Was opposed. To what he proposed to do. But he saw the truth. When others were misled by appearances. His judgment. Was seldom. Or never wrong. He was at once. The ablest statesman. And the best soldier. Of the period. Where did he. A comparatively unlearned man. Get this wisdom? It was not due to some peculiar formation. Of his skull. Or to some fineness. Of texture. Of his brain. It was not due. To some physical characteristic. It was not even. A quality of mind. Due to superior reasoning power.



Processes of reason. Do not often reach.  
Knowledge of truth.

It was due to a spiritual insight. He perceived truth. But where did he perceive it. And whence did the perception come? We see something similar in Washington. Whose faith and courage. Due to his perception of truth. Held the colonies together. During the long and often apparently hopeless struggle. Of the Revolution. We see something. Of the same thing. In the phenomenal genius. Of Napoleon. Who always knew. In military matters. The best means to adopt. We see. That the greatness. Of Napoleon. Was in nature. Rather than in Napoleon. And we discover. Back of Washington. And Lincoln. Something greater. Than either Washington or Lincoln. We see. The same thing. In all great men and women. They perceive truth. But truth cannot be perceived. Until. It exists. And there can be no truth. Until there is a mind. To perceive it. Truth does not exist. Apart from mind. Washington and

Lincoln. Were in touch. And communication.  
With a mind. That knew all knowledge. And  
contained all truth. The same is true. Of all.  
Who. Manifest. Wisdom. Wisdom is obtained. By  
reading. The mind. Of God.

## Chapter 4 The Mind of God

THERE is a Cosmic Intelligence. That is in all things. And through all things. This is the one. Real substance. From it. All things proceed. It is Intelligent Substance. Or Mind Stuff. It is God. Where there is no substance. There can be no intelligence. For where there is no substance. There is nothing. Where there is thought. There must be a substance. Which thinks. Thought cannot be a function. For function is motion. And it is inconceivable. That mere motion. Should think. Thought cannot be vibration. For vibration is motion. And that motion. Should be intelligent. Is not thinkable. Motion is nothing. But the moving. Of substance. If there be intelligence. Shown. It must be in the substance. And not in the motion. Thought cannot be the result. Of motions. In the brain. If thought. Is in the brain. It must be in the brain's substance. And not in the motions. Which brain substance. Makes.

But thought is not in the brain substance. For brain substance. Without life. Is quite unintelligent and dead. Thought is in. The life-principle. That animates the brain. In the spirit substance. Which is the real man. The brain does not think. The man thinks. And expresses. His thought through the brain.

There is a spirit substance. That thinks. Just as the spirit substance. Of man permeates his body. And thinks. And knows. In the body. So the Original Spirit Substance. God permeates all nature. And thinks. And knows in nature. Nature is as intelligent as man. And knows more than man. Nature knows all things. The All-Mind. Has been in touch with all things. From the beginning. And it contains all knowledge. Man's experience. Covers a few things. And these things. Man knows. But God's experience. Covers all the things. That have happened. Since the creation. From the wreck. Of a planet. Or the passing. Of a comet. To the fall. Of a sparrow. All that is. And all that has been.

Are present. In the Intelligence. That is wrapped. About us. And enfolds us. And presses upon us. From every side.

All the encyclopedias. Men have written. Are but trivial affairs. Compared. To the vast knowledge. Held by the mind. In which men live. Move. And have their being.

The truths men perceive by inspiration. Are thoughts held. In this mind. If they were not thoughts. Men could not perceive them. For they would have no existence. And they could not exist. As thoughts. Unless there is a mind. For them to exist in. And a mind can be nothing else. Than a substance which thinks.

Man is thinking substance. A portion. Of the Cosmic Substance. But man is limited. While the Cosmic Intelligence. From which he sprang. Which Jesus calls the Father. Is unlimited. All intelligence. Power. And force come from the Father. Jesus recognized this. And stated it

very plainly. Over and over again he ascribed. All his wisdom. And power. To his unity with the Father. And to his perceiving the thoughts of God. "My Father and I are one."

This was the foundation. Of his knowledge. And power. He showed the people. The necessity. Of becoming. Spiritually awakened. Of hearing his voice. And becoming like him. He compared the unthinking man. Who is the prey. And sport. Of circumstances. To the dead man in a tomb. And besought him to hear. And come forth.

"God is spirit," he said; "be born again. Become spiritually awake. And you may see his kingdom. Hear my voice. See what I am. And what I do. And come forth and live. The words. I speak are spirit and life. Accept them. And they will cause. A well of water. To spring up within you. Then you will have life. Within yourself."

“I do what I see the Father do,” he said, meaning that he read the thoughts of God. “The Father shows all things to the son.” “If any man has the will. To do the will of God. He shall know truth.” “My teaching is not my own. But his that sent me.” “You shall know the truth. And the truth. Shall make you free.” “The spirit shall guide you. Into all truth.”

We are immersed in mind. And that mind. Contains all knowledge. And all truth. It is seeking. To give us. This knowledge. For our Father delights. To give good gifts. To his children. The prophets. And seers. And great men and women. Past and present. Were made great. By what they received from God. Not by what they were taught by men. This limitless reservoir. Of wisdom. And power. Is open to you. You can draw upon it. As you will. According to your needs. You can make yourself. What you desire to be. You can do what you wish to do. You can have what you want. To accomplish this. You must learn. To

become one. With the Father. So that you may perceive truth. So that you. May have. Wisdom. And know. The right ends. To seek. And the right means. To use. To attain. Those ends. And so that you may secure power. And ability. To use. The means. In closing this chapter. Resolve that you will now lay aside all else. And concentrate upon the attainment. Of conscious unity with God. “Oh. When I am safe in my sylvan home. I tread on the pride of Greece. And Rome. And when I am stretched beneath the pines. Where the evenings. Tar. So holy shines. I laugh at the lore. And pride of man. At the Sophist schools. And the learned clan. For what are they all in their high conceit. When man in the bush. With God may meet?”



## Chapter 5 Preparation

DRAW nigh to God. And He will draw nigh to you.”

If you become like God. You can read his thoughts. And if you do not. You will find. The inspirational perception. Of truth impossible.

You can never become. A great man. Or woman. Until. You have. Overcome anxiety. Worry. And fear. It is impossible. For an anxious person. A worried one. Or a fearful one. To perceive truth. All things. Are distorted. And thrown. Out of their proper relations. By such mental states. And those who are in them. Cannot. Read. The thoughts. Of God.

If you are poor. Or if you are anxious. About business. Or financial matters. You are recommended. To study carefully the first volume. Of this series. “The Science of Getting Rich.” That will present to you. A solution for your problems. Of this nature. No matter how

large. Or how complicated. They may seem to be. There is not the least cause. For worry. About financial affairs. Every person. Who wills. To do so. May rise above want. Have all he needs. And become rich. The same source. Upon which you propose. To draw. For mental unfolding. And spiritual power. Is at your service. For the supply. Of all your material wants. Study this truth. Until. It is fixed. In your thoughts. And until anxiety. Is banished from your mind. Enter the Certain Way. Which leads to material riches.

Again. If you are anxious. Or worried. About your health. Realize it is possible. For you. To attain. Perfect health. So that you may have. Strength sufficient. For all that you wish to do and more. That Intelligence. Which stands ready. To give you wealth. And mental. And spiritual power. Will rejoice. To give you. Health also. Perfect health. Is yours. For the asking. If you. Will only obey. The simple laws. Of life. And live aright. Conquer ill health. And

cast out fear. But it is not enough. To rise above. Financial. And physical anxiety. And worry. You must rise above. Moral evil-doing as well. Sound your inner consciousness now. For the motives. That actuate you. And make sure. They are right. You must cast out lust. And cease to be ruled by appetite. And you must begin. To govern. Appetite. You must eat only to satisfy hunger. Never for gluttonous pleasure. And in all things. You must make the flesh. Obey the spirit.

You must lay aside greed. Have no unworthy motive. In your desire. To become rich. And powerful. It is legitimate. And right. To desire riches. If you want them. For the sake. Of the soul. But not. If you desire them. For the lusts. Of the flesh.

Cast out pride and vanity. Have no thought. Of trying. To rule over others. Or of outdoing them. This is a vital point. There is no

temptation. So insidious. As the selfish desire.  
To rule over others.

Nothing so appeals. To the average man or  
woman. As to sit. In the uppermost places. At  
feasts. To be respectfully saluted. In the  
market place. And to be called Rabbi. Master.

To exercise some sort of control. Over others. Is  
the secret motive. Of every selfish person. The  
struggle for power over others. Is the battle. Of  
the competitive world. And you must rise above  
that world. And its motives. And aspirations.  
And seek only for life. Cast out envy. You can  
have all that you want. And you need not envy.  
Any man. What he has. Above all things. See to  
it. That you do not hold malice. Or enmity.  
Toward any one. To do. So cuts you off. From  
the mind. Whose treasures. You seek. To make  
your own. "He that loves not his brother. Loves  
not God."

Lay aside all narrow personal ambition. And determine. To seek. The highest good. And to be swayed. By no unworthy selfishness.

Go over all the foregoing. And set these moral temptations. Out of your heart. One by one. Determine. To keep them out. Then resolve that you. Will not only abandon all evil thought. But that you will forsake all deeds. Habits. And courses of action. Which do not commend themselves. To your noblest ideals. This is supremely important. Make this resolution. With all the power. Of your soul. And you are ready for the next step toward greatness. Which is explained. In the following chapter.

## Chapter 6: The Social Point of View.

WITHOUT faith it is impossible to please God,”  
And without faith. It is impossible. For you to  
become great. The distinguishing  
characteristic. Of all really great men. And  
women. Is an unwavering faith. We see this in  
Lincoln. During the dark days. Of the war. We  
see it. In Washington. At Valley Forge. We see  
it in Livingstone. The crippled missionary.  
Threading the mazes. Of the dark continent.  
His soul aflame. With the determination. To let  
in the light. Upon the accursed slave trade.  
Which his soul abhorred. We see it in Luther.  
And in Frances Willard. In every man. And  
woman. Who has attained. A place on the  
muster roll. Of the great ones. Of the world.  
Faith-not. A faith in one's self. Or in one's own  
powers. But faith in principle. In the Something  
Great. Which upholds right. And which may be  
relied upon. To give us. The victory. In due  
time. Without this faith. It is not possible. For

any one. To rise to real greatness. The man who has no faith. In principle. Will always. Be. A small man. Whether you have this faith. Or not. Depends. Upon your point. Of view. You must learn. To see. The world as being produced by evolution. As a something. That is evolving. And becoming. Not as a finished work. Millions of years ago. God worked with very low. And crude forms of life. Low and crude. Yet each perfect after its kind. Higher and more complex organisms. Animal. And vegetable. Appeared through the successive ages. The earth passed through stage after stage. In its unfolding. Each stage. Perfect in itself. And to be succeeded. By a higher one. What I wish you to note. Is that the so-called “lower organisms” are as perfect. After their kind. As the higher ones. That the world. In the Eocene period was perfect. For that period. It was perfect. But God’s work was not finished. This is true of the world today. Physically. Socially. And industrially. It is all good. And it is

all perfect. It is not complete anywhere. Or in any part. But so far as. The handiwork of God has gone. It is perfect.

THIS MUST BE YOUR POINT OF VIEW: THAT THE WORLD AND ALL IT CONTAINS IS PERFECT. THOUGH NOT COMPLETED.

“All’s right with the world.” That is the great fact. There is nothing wrong with anything. There is nothing wrong with anybody.

All the facts. Of life. You must contemplate from this standpoint.

There is nothing wrong. With nature. Nature is a great advancing presence. Working beneficently. For the happiness of all. All things in Nature are good. She has no evil. She is not completed. For creation is still unfinished. But she is going on. To give to man. Even more bountifully. Than she has given to him. In the past. Nature is a partial expression. Of God.



And God is love. She is perfect. But not complete.

So it is of human society. And government. What though there are trusts. And combinations. Of capital. And strikes. And lockouts and so on. All these things are part of the forward movement. They are. Incidental. To the evolutionary process. Of completing society. When it is complete. There will be harmony. But it cannot be completed. Without them. J P. Morgan is as necessary. To the coming social order. As the strange animals. Of the age. Of reptiles were to the life. Of the succeeding period. And just as these animals were perfect after their kind. So Morgan is perfect after his kind.

Behold it is all very good. See government. And industry. As being perfect now. And as advancing rapidly. Toward being complete. Then you will understand. That there is nothing to fear. No cause for anxiety. Nothing to worry

about. Never complain. Of any of these things. They are perfect. This is the very best possible world. For the stage. Of development. Man has reached.

This will sound like rank folly. To many. Perhaps to most people. "What!" they will say, "are not child labor. And the exploitation. Of men. And women. In filthy and unsanitary factories evil things? Aren't saloons evil? Do you mean to say. That we shall accept all these and call them good?"

Child labor. And similar things. Are no more evil. Than the way. Of living. And the habits. And practices. Of the cave dweller were evil. His ways were those. Of the savage stage. Of man's growth. And for that stage. They were perfect. Our Industrial practices. Are those. Of the savage stage. Of industrial development. And they are also perfect.

Nothing better. Is possible. Until we cease. To be mental savages. In industry. And business. And become. Men and women. This can only come about. By the rise. Of the whole race. To a higher viewpoint. And this can only come about. By the rise. Of such individuals. Here and there. As are ready. For the higher viewpoint. The cure. For all this inharmoniousness. Lies not with the politicians. Or employers. But with the workers themselves. Whenever they reach a higher viewpoint. Whenever they shall desire. To do so. They can establish. Complete brotherhood. And harmony. In Industry. They have the numbers. And the power. They are getting now what they desire. Whenever they desire more in the way. Of a higher. Purer. More harmonious life. They will receive more. True. They want more now. But they only want more. Of the things. That make for animal enjoyment. And so industry. Remains in the savage. Brutal. Animal stage. When the workers. Begin to rise. To the mental plane. Of

living. And ask. For more. Of the things that make. For the life. Of the mind and soul. Industry will at once be raised above the plane. Of savagery. And brutality. But it is perfect now. Upon its plane. Behold. In fact. It is. All very good. So it is true of pubs and dens of vice. If the majority. Of the people desire these things. It is right. And necessary. That they should have them. When the majority desires a world. Without such discords. They will create such a world. So long as men and women. Are on the plane. Of bestial thought. So long. The social order will be in part disorder. And will show bestial manifestations. The people make society what it is. And as the people rise. Above the bestial thought. Society will rise above. The beastly in its manifestations. But a society. Which thinks. In a bestial way. Must have pubs and dives. It is perfect after its kind. As the world was in the Eocene period. And very good.

All this. Does not prevent. You from working. For better things.

You can work. To complete. An unfinished society. Instead. Of to renovate a decaying one. And you can work. With a better heart. And a more hopeful spirit. It will make an immense difference. With your faith. And spirit. Whether you look upon civilization. As a good thing. That is becoming better. Or as a bad and evil thing. That is decaying. One viewpoint. Gives you. An advancing. And expanding mind. And the other gives you. A descending. And decreasing mind.

One viewpoint. Will make you grow greater. And the other. Will inevitably. Cause you. To grow smaller. One will enable you. To work. For the eternal things. To do. Large works. In a great way. Toward the completing. Of all. That is incomplete. And inharmonious. And the other. Will make you. A mere patchwork reformer. Working almost. Without hope. To save. A few lost souls. From what you will grow. To consider. A lost. And doomed world. So you see. It makes. A vast difference to you. This matter. Of the social viewpoint. "All's right

with the world. Nothing can possibly. Be wrong.  
But my personal attitude. And I will make that  
right. I will see the facts. Of nature. And all the  
events. Circumstances. And conditions. Of  
society. Politics. Government. And industry.  
From the highest viewpoint. It is all perfect.  
Though incomplete. It is all the handiwork. Of  
God. Behold. It is all very good.”

## Chapter 7 The Individual Point of View

IMPORTANT as the matter. Of your point. Of view. For the facts. Of social life. Is. It is of less moment. Than your viewpoint. For your fellow men. For your acquaintances. Friends.

Relatives. Your immediate family. And. Most of all. Yourself. You must learn. Not to look upon the world. As a lost. And decaying thing. But as a something perfect. And glorious. Which is going on. To a. Most beautiful completeness.

And you must learn. To see men. And women. Not as lost and accursed things. But as perfect beings advancing. To become complete. There are no "bad" or "evil" people. An engine.

Which is on the rails. Pulling a heavy train. Is perfect after its kind. And it is good. The power. Which drives it. Is good. Let a broken rail throw the engine into the ditch. And it does not become bad. Or evil. By being so displaced. It is a perfectly good engine. But off the track.

The power. That drives it into the ditch. And wrecks it. Is not evil. But a perfectly good power. So that which is misplaced. Or applied. In an incomplete. Or partial way. Is not evil. There are no evil people. There are perfectly good people. Who are off the track. But they do not need condemnation. Or punishment. They only need. To get upon the rails again.

That which is undeveloped. Or incomplete. Often appears to us. As evil. Because. Of the way we have trained ourselves to think. The root of a bulb. That shall produce. A white lily. Is an unsightly thing. One might look upon it. With disgust. But how foolish. We should be. To condemn. The bulb. For its appearance. When we know the lily. Is within it. The root is perfect. After its kind. It is a perfect. But incomplete lily. And so we must learn to look upon. Every man. And woman. No matter how unlovely in outward manifestation. They are perfect. In their stage. Of being. And they are becoming complete.



Behold. It is all. Very good.

Once we come into. A comprehension. Of this fact. And arrive. At this point. Of view. We lose all desire. To find fault with people. To judge them. Criticize them. Or condemn them. We no longer work. As those. Who are saving lost souls. But as those. Who are among the angels. Working out the completion. Of a glorious heaven. We are born. Of the spirit. And we see. The kingdom of God. We no longer see men. As trees walking. But our vision. Is complete. We have nothing. But good words. To say. It is all good. A great. And glorious humanity. Coming to completeness. And in our association with men. This puts us. Into an expansive. And enlarging attitude. Of mind. We see them. As great beings. And we begin to deal with them. And their affairs. In a great way. But if we fall. To the other point. Of view. And see a lost. And degenerate race. We shrink. Into the contracting mind. And our dealings. With men. And their affairs. Will be. In a small. And

contracted way. Remember to hold steadily. To this point of view. If you do. You cannot fail. To begin at once. To deal with your acquaintances. And neighbors. And with your own family. As a great personality. Deals with men. This same viewpoint. Must be the one. From which. You regard yourself. You must always see yourself. As a great advancing soul. Learn to say: "There is THAT in me. Of which I am made. Which knows. No imperfection. Weakness. Or sickness. The world is incomplete. But God in my own consciousness. Is both perfect. And complete. Nothing can be wrong. But my own personal attitude. And my own personal attitude. Can be wrong. Only when I disobey. THAT which is within. I am a perfect manifestation. Of God so far. As I have gone. And I will press on. To be complete. I will trust. And not be afraid." When you are able. To say. This. Understandingly. You will have lost all fear. And you will be far advanced. Upon the road. To the development. Of a great. And powerful. Personality.

## Chapter 8 Consecration

HAVING attained. To the viewpoint. That puts you. Into the right relations. With the world. And with your fellow men. The next step. Is consecration. And consecration. In its true sense. Simply means. Obedience to the soul. You have that within you. That which is always impelling. You toward the upward. And advancing way. And that impelling something. Is the divine Principle of Power. You must obey it. Without question. No one will deny. The statement. That if you are to be great. The greatness. Must be a manifestation. Of something within. Nor can you question. That this something. Must be the very greatest. And highest. That is within. It is not the mind. Or the intellect. Or the reason. You cannot be great. If you go no farther back. For principle. Than to your reasoning power. Reason knows. Neither. Principle. Nor morality. Your reason is like a lawyer. In that it. Will argue for either side. The intellect. Of a thief. Will plan

robbery. And murder. As readily. As the intellect. Of a saint. Will plan. A great philanthropy. Intellect helps us. To see the best means. And manner. Of doing the right thing. But intellect never shows us. The right thing. Intellect. And reason. Serve the selfish man. For his selfish ends. As readily. As they serve. The unselfish man. For his unselfish ends. Use intellect and reason. Without regard to principle. And you may become known. As a very able person. But you will never become known. As a person. Whose life. Shows the power of real greatness.

There is too much training. Of the intellect. And reasoning powers. And too little training. In obedience. To the soul. This is the only thing. That can be wrong. With your personal attitude. When it fails. To be one. Of obedience. To the Principle of Power.

By going back to your own center. You can always find. The pure idea. Of right for every

relationship. To be great. And to have power. It is only necessary. To conform your life. To the pure idea. As you find it in the GREAT WITHIN. Every compromise. On this point. Is made. At the expense. Of a loss. Of power. This you must remember. There are many ideas in your mind. That you have outgrown. And which. From force of habit. You still permit. To dictate the actions. Of your life. Cease all this. Abandon everything you have outgrown. There are many ignoble customs. Social. And other. Which you still follow. Although you know they tend. To dwarf. And belittle you. And keep you. Acting in a small. Way. Rise above all this. I do not say. That you should. Absolutely disregard conventionalities. Or the commonly accepted standards. Of right. And wrong. You cannot do this. But you can deliver. Your soul. From most. Of the narrow restrictions. That bind the majority. Of your fellow men. Do not give your time. And strength. To the support. Of obsolete institutions. Religious. Or otherwise. Do not be

bound. By creeds. In which. You do not believe.  
Be free. You have perhaps. Formed some.  
Sensual habits. Of mind. Or body. Abandon  
them. You still indulge. In distrustful fears.  
That things will go wrong. Or that people. Will  
betray you. Or mistreat you. Get above. All of  
them. You still act selfishly in many ways. And  
on many occasions. Cease. To do so. Abandon  
all these. And in place of them. Put the best  
actions. You can form. A conception. Of in your  
mind. If you desire to advance. And you are not  
doing so. Remember that it. Can be only.  
Because your thought is better. Than your  
practice. You must do. As well as you think.

Let your thoughts. Be ruled by principle. And  
then live up. To your thoughts. Let your  
attitude. In business. In politics. In  
neighborhood affairs. And in your own home. Be  
the expression. Of the best thoughts. You can  
think. Let your manner toward all men. And  
women. Great and small. And especially. To  
your own family circle. Always be the most

kindly. Gracious. And courteous. You can picture. In your imagination. Remember your viewpoint. You are a god. In the company. Of gods. And must conduct yourself accordingly.

The steps. To complete consecration. Are few and simple. You cannot be ruled. From below. If you are to be great. You must rule. From above. Therefore you. Cannot be governed. By physical impulses. You must bring your body. Into subjection. To the mind. But your mind. Without principle. May lead you. Into selfishness. And immoral ways. You must put the mind. Into subjection. To the soul. And your soul. Is limited. By the boundaries. Of your knowledge. You must put it. Into subjection. To that Our soul. Which needs no searching. Of the understanding. But before whose eye. All things. Are spread. That constitutes consecration. Say: "I surrender my body. To be ruled by my mind. I surrender my mind. To be governed. By my soul. And I surrender my soul. To the guidance. Of God." Make this

consecration. Complete. And thorough. And you  
have taken the second great step. In the way.  
Of greatness. And power.



## Chapter 9 Identification

HAVING recognized God. As the advancing presence. In nature. Society. And your fellow men. And harmonized yourself. With all these. And having consecrated. Your self. To that within you. Which impels. Toward. The greatest. And the highest. The next step. Is to become aware. Of. And recognize fully. The fact. That the Principle of Power within you. Is God Himself. You must consciously. Identify yourself. With the Highest. This is not some false. Or untrue position. To be assumed. It is a fact. To be. Recognized. You are already one with God. You want. To become. Consciously aware of it. There is one substance. The source. Of all things. And this substance. Has within itself. The power. That creates all things. All power. Is inherent. In it. This substance. Is conscious. And thinks. It works. With perfect understanding. And intelligence. You know that this is so. Because you know. That substance exists. And that consciousness

exists. And that it must be substance. That is conscious. Man is conscious. And thinks. Man is substance. He must be substance. Else he is nothing. And does not exist. At all. If man is substance. And thinks. And is conscious. Then he is Conscious Substance. It is not conceivable. That there should be. More than one. Conscious Substance. So man. Is the original substance. The source. Of all life. And power. Embodied. In a physical form. Man cannot. Be something different. From God. Intelligence is one. And the same everywhere. And must be everywhere. An attribute. Of the same substance. There cannot. Be one kind. Of intelligence. In God. And another kind of intelligence in man. Intelligence. Can only. Be in. Intelligent substance. And Intelligent Substance is God. Man is of one. And the same stuff. With God. And so all the talents. Powers. And possibilities. That are in God. Are in man. Not just. In a few exceptional men. But in everyone. "All power. Is given to man. In

heaven. And on earth.” “Is it not written. Ye are gods?” The Principle of Power. In man. Is man himself. And man himself. Is God. But while man is original substance. And has within him. All power. And possibilities. His consciousness. Is limited. He does not know. All there is to know. And so. He is liable. To. Error. And mistake. To save himself from these. He must unite. His mind. To that outside him. Which does know all. He must become consciously. One with God. There is a Mind surrounding him. On every side. Closer. Than breathing. Nearer than hands. And feet. And in this mind. Is. The memory. Of all that has ever happened. From the greatest convulsions. Of nature. In prehistoric days. To the fall. Of a sparrow. In this present time. And all that is in existence now. As well. Held in this Mind. Is. The great purpose. That is behind all nature. And so it knows. What is going to be. Man is surrounded. By a Mind. That knows. All there is to know. Past. Present. And to come.

Everything. That men have said. Or done. Or written. Is present there. Man is of the same one identical stuff. With this Mind. He proceeded. From it. And he can so identify himself. With it. That he may know what it knows. "My Father is greater than I," said Jesus, "I come from him." "I and my Father are one. He shows the son all things." "The spirit shall guide you. Into all truth." Your identification. Of yourself. With the Infinite. Must be accomplished by conscious recognition. On your part. Recognizing it as a fact. That there is only God. And that. All intelligence. Is in the one substance. You must affirm. Some what after this wise: "There is only one. And that one is everywhere. I surrender myself to conscious unity. With the highest. Not I. But the Father. I will to be one. With the Supreme. And to lead. The divine life. I am one with infinite consciousness. There is but one mind. And I am that mind. I that speak unto you. Am he."

If you have been thorough. In the work. As outlined. In the preceding chapters. If you have attained. To the true viewpoint. And if your consecration. Is complete. You will not find. Conscious identification. Hard to attain. And once it is attained. The power you seek. Is yours. For you have made yourself. One with all the power there is.

# Chapter 10 Idealization

YOU are a thinking center. In original substance. And the thoughts of original substance have creative power. Whatever. Is formed. In its thought. And held. As a thought-form. Must come into existence. As a visible. And so-called material form. And a thought-form. Held in thinking substance. Is a reality. It is a real thing. Whether it has yet. Become visible. To mortal eye. Or not. This is a fact. That you should impress upon. Your understanding. That a thought held. In thinking substance. Is a real thing. A form. And has actual existence. Although it is not visible. To you. You internally. Take the form. In which. You think of your self. And you surround yourself. With the invisible forms. Of those things. With which you. Associate in your thoughts.

If you desire a thing. Picture it clearly. And hold the picture steadily. In mind. Until it

becomes a definite thought-form. And if your practices. Are not such. As to separate you. From God. The thing. You want. Will come to you. In material form. It must do so. In obedience. To the law. By which. The universe. Was created.

Make no thought-form. Of yourself. In connection. With disease. Or sickness. But form. A conception. Of health. Make a thought-form. Of yourself as strong. And hearty. And perfectly well. Impress this thought-form. On creative intelligence. And if your practices. Are not in violation. Of the laws. By which the physical body. Is built. Your thought-form will become manifest. In your flesh. This also. Is certain. It comes by obedience to law.

Make a thought-form. Of yourself. As you desire to be. And set your ideal. As near to perfection. As your imagination. Is capable. Of forming the conception. Let me illustrate: If a young law student. Wishes to become great. Let him

picture himself (while attending to the viewpoint. Consecration. And identification. As previously directed). As a great lawyer. Pleading his case. With matchless eloquence. And power. Before the judge. And jury. As having. An unlimited command. Of truth. Of knowledge. And of wisdom. Let him picture himself. As the great lawyer. In every possible situation. And contingency. While he is still only the student. In all circumstances. Let him never forget. Or fail. To be the great lawyer in his. Thought-form. Of himself. As the thought-form. Grows more definite. And habitual in his mind. The creative energies. Both within. And without. Are set at work. He begins. To manifest. The form from within. And all the essentials without. Which go into the picture. Begin. To be impelled. Toward him. He makes himself. Into the image. And God works with him. Nothing can prevent him. From becoming. What he wishes to be.



In the same general way. The musical student. Pictures himself. As performing perfect harmonies. And as delighting vast audiences. The actor. Forms the highest conception. He is capable. Of in regard. To his art. And applies this conception. To himself. The farmer. And the mechanic. Do exactly the same thing. Fix upon your ideal. Of what you wish. To make. Of yourself. Consider well. And be sure. You make the right choice. That is. The one that will be. The most satisfactory. To you in a general way. Do not pay. Too much. Attention to. The advice. Or suggestions. Of those around you. Do not believe. That any one can know. Better than yourself. What is right for you. Listen to what others. Have to say. But always. Form. Your own. Conclusions.

DO NOT LET OTHER PEOPLE DECIDE. WHAT YOU ARE TO BE. BE WHAT YOU FEEL. THAT YOU WANT TO BE.

Do not be misled. By a false notion. Of obligation. Or duty. You can owe no possible obligation. Or duty. To others. That should prevent you. From making the most. Of yourself. Be true to yourself. And you cannot. Then be false. To any man. When you have fully decided. What thing. You want to be. Form the highest conception. Of that thing. That you are. Capable. Of imagining. And make that conception. A thought-form. Hold that thought-form. As a fact. As the real truth. About yourself. And believe. In it.

Close your ears. To all adverse suggestions. Never mind. If people call you a fool. And a dreamer. Dream on. Remember that Bonaparte. The half-starved lieutenant. Always saw himself. As the general. Of armies. And the master of France. And he became. In outward realization. What he held himself to be in mind. So likewise will you. Attend carefully to all. That has been said. In the preceding chapters.

And act. As directed. In the following ones. And  
you will become. What you want to be.

# Chapter 11 Realization

IF you were. To stop. With the close. Of the last chapter. However. You would never become great. You would be indeed. A mere dreamer. Of dreams. A castle-builder. Too many do stop there. They do not. Understand. The necessity. For present action. In realizing. The vision. And bringing. The thought-form. Into manifestation. Two things are necessary. Firstly. The making. Of the thought-form. And secondly. The actual appropriation. To yourself. Of all. That goes into. And around. The thought-form. We have discussed the first. Now we will proceed. To give directions. For the second. When you have made your thought-form. You are already. In your interior. What you want to be. Next you. Must become externally. What you want. To be. You are already great within. But you are not yet doing. The great things without. You cannot begin. On the instant. To do the great things. You cannot be. Before the world the great actor. Or

lawyer. Or musician. Or personality you know yourself. To be. No one. Will. Entrust great things. To you. As yet. For you. Have not made yourself. Known. But you can always begin. To do small things. In a great way.

Here lies the whole secret. You can begin. To be great today. In your own home. In your store or office. On the street. Everywhere. You can begin. To make yourself. Known. As great. And you can do this. By doing everything. You do. In a great way. You must put the whole power. Of your great soul. In to every act. However small. And commonplace. And so reveal. To your family. Your friends. And neighbors. What you really are. Do not brag. Or boast. Of yourself. Do not go. About. Telling people. What a great personage. You are. Simply live in a great way. No one will believe you. If you tell him. You are a great man. But no one can doubt. Your greatness. If you show it. In your actions. In your domestic circle. Be so just. So generous. So courteous. And kindly. That your family.

Your wife. Husband. Children. Brothers. And sisters. Shall know. That you are a great. And noble soul. In all your relations. With men be great. Just. Generous. Courteous. And kindly. The great. Are never otherwise. This is your attitude.

Next. And most important. You must have. Absolute faith. In your own perceptions. Of truth. Never act in haste. Or hurry. Be deliberate. In everything. Wait until. You feel. That you know. The true way. And when you do feel. That you know. The true way. Be guided by your own faith. Though the entire world. Shall disagree. With you. If you do not believe what God tells you. In little things. You will never draw. Upon his wisdom. And knowledge in larger things. When you feel deeply. That a certain act. Is the right act. Do it. And have perfect faith. That the consequences. Will be good. When you are deeply impressed. That a certain thing. Is true. No matter. What the appearances. To the contrary. May be. Accept

that thing. As true. And act accordingly. The one way. To develop. A perception. Of truth. In large things. Is to trust absolutely. To your present perception. Of Truth. In small things. Remember. That you are. Seeking. To develop. This very power. Or faculty - the perception. Of truth. You are learning. To read the thoughts. Of God. Nothing is great. And nothing is small. In the sight. Of Omnipotence. He holds the sun. In its place. But he also notes a sparrow's fall. And numbers. The hairs. Of your head.

God is as much interested. In the little matters. Of everyday life. As he is. In the affairs. Of nations. You can perceive truth. About family. And neighborhood affairs. As well. As about matters. Of statecraft. And the way. To begin. Is to have perfect faith. In the truth. In these small matters. As it is revealed. To you. From day to day. When you feel deeply impelled. To take a course. That seems contrary. To all reason. And worldly judgment. Take that course. Listen to the suggestions. And advice.

Of others. But always do. What you feel deeply.  
In the within. To be. The true thing. To do.  
Rely with absolute faith. At all times. On your  
own perception. Of truth. But be sure. That you  
listen. To God - that you do not act. In haste.  
Fear. Or anxiety.

Rely upon your perception. Of truth. In all the  
facts. And circumstances. Of life. If you deeply  
feel. That a certain man. Will be in a certain  
place. On a certain day. Go there with perfect  
faith. To meet him. He will be there. No  
matter. How unlikely. It may seem. If you feel  
sure. That certain people. Are making. Certain  
combinations. Or doing certain things. Act in  
the faith. That they are doing those things. If  
you feel sure. Of the truth. Of any  
circumstance. Or happening. Near or distant.  
Past. Present. Or to come. Trust in your  
perception. You may make occasional mistakes.  
At first. Because. Of your imperfect  
understanding. Of the within. But you will soon  
be guided. Almost invariably right. Soon your



family. And friends. Will begin. To defer. More and more. To your judgment. And to be guided by you. Soon your neighbors. And townsmen. Will be coming to you. For counsel. And advice. Soon you will be recognized. As one. Who is great. In small things. And you will be called upon. More and more. To take charge. Of larger things. All that is necessary is. To be guided. Absolutely. In all things. By your inner light. Your perception. Of truth. Obey your soul. Have perfect faith. In yourself. Never think. Of yourself. With doubt. Or distrust. Or as one. Who makes mistakes. “If I judge. My judgment is just. For I seek not honor from men. But from the Father only.”

## Chapter 12 Hurry and Habit

NO doubt. You have. Many problems. Domestic. Social. Physical. And financial. Which seem to you. To be pressing. For instant solution.

You have debts. That must be paid. Or other obligations. That must be met. You are unhappily. Or inharmoniously placed. And feel. That something. Must be done. At once. Do not get into a hurry. And act from superficial impulses. You can trust God for the solution of all your personal riddles. There is no hurry. There is only God. And all is well. With the world.

There is an invincible power in you. And the same power. Is in the things you want. It is bringing them. To you. And bringing you to them. This is a thought. That you must grasp. And hold continuously. That the same intelligence. That is in you. Is in the things. You desire. They are impelled. Toward you. As

strongly. And decidedly. As your desire impels you. Toward them. The tendency. Therefore. Of a steadily held thought. Must be. To bring the things. You desire. To you. And to group them. Around you. So long as you. Hold your thought. And your faith right. All must go well. Nothing can be wrong. But your own personal attitude. And that will not. Be wrong. If you trust. And are not afraid. Hurry is a manifestation. Of fear. He who fears not. Has plenty. Of time. If you act. With perfect faith in your own perceptions. Of truth. You will. Never be too late. Or too early. And nothing will go wrong. If things appear. To be going wrong. Do not get disturbed. In mind. It is only in appearance. Nothing can go wrong. In this world. But yourself. And you can go wrong. Only by getting. Into the wrong. Mental attitude. Whenever you find yourself getting excited. Worried. Or into the mental attitude. Of hurry. Sit down. And think it over. Play a game. Of some kind. Or take a vacation. Go on

a trip. And all will be right. When you return. So surely. As you find yourself. In the mental attitude. Of haste. Just so surely may you know. That you are out. Of the mental attitude. Of greatness. Hurry. And fear. Will instantly. Cut your connection. With the universal mind. You will get no power. No wisdom. And no information. Until you are calm. And to fall into the attitude. Of hurry. Will check. The action. Of the Principle of Power. Within you. Fear turns strength. To weakness.

Remember that poise. And power. Are inseparably. Associated.

The calm. And balanced mind. Is the strong. And great mind. The hurried. And agitated mind. Is the weak one. Whenever. You fall. Into the mental state. Of hurry. You may know that you. Have lost the right viewpoint. You are beginning. To look upon the world. Or some part of it. As going wrong. At such times. Read

Chapter Six. Of this book. Consider the fact. That this work is perfect. Now. With all. That it contains. Nothing is going wrong. Nothing can be wrong. Be poised. Be calm. Be cheerful. Have faith in God.

Next as to habit. It is probable. That your greatest difficulty. Will be. To overcome. Your old habitual ways. Of thought. And to form new habits. The world is ruled by habit. Kings. Tyrants. Masters. And plutocrats. Hold their positions solely. Because the people. Have come. To habitually accept them. Things are as they are. Only because people have formed. The habit. Of accepting them. As they are. When the people change. Their habitual thought. About governmental. Social. And industrial institutions. They will change the institutions.

Habit rules us all.

You have formed. Perhaps. The habit. Of thinking. Of yourself. As a common person. As one. Of a limited ability. Or as being. More or less. Of a failure. Whatever you habitually think yourself to be. That you are. You must form now. A greater. And better habit. You must form. A conception. Of yourself. As a being. Of limitless power. And habitually. Think that you. Are that being. It is the habitual. Not the periodical thought. That decides your destiny. It will avail you nothing. To sit apart. For a few moments. Several times. A day. To affirm. That you are great. If during all the balance. Of the day. While you are about your regular vocation. You think of yourself as not great. No amount of praying. Or affirmation. Will make you. Great. If you still habitually. Regard yourself. As being. Small.

The use of prayer. And affirmation. Is to change your habit. Of thought. Any act. Mental. Or physical. Often repeated. Becomes a habit. The purpose. Of mental exercises. Is to repeat.

Certain thoughts. Over and over. Until the thinking. Of those thoughts. Becomes constant. And habitual. The thoughts. We continually repeat. Become convictions. What you must do. Is to repeat. The new thought. Of yourself. Until it is. The only way. In which you think. Of yourself. Habitual thought. And not environment. Or circumstance. Has made you. What you are. Every person. Has some central idea. Or thought-form. Of himself. And by. This idea. He classifies. And arranges. All his facts. And external relationships. You are classifying. Your facts. Either according. To the idea. That you are a great. And strong personality. Or according. To the idea. That you are limited. Common. Or weak. If the latter. Is the case. You must change. Your central idea.

Get a new mental picture. Of yourself. Do not try. To become. Great. By repeating mere strings. Of words. Or superficial formulas. But repeat. Over and over. The THOUGHT. Of your own power. And ability. Until you classify

external facts. And decide your place  
everywhere. By this idea. In another chapter.  
Will be found. An illustrative. Mental exercise.  
And further directions. On this point.



## Chapter 13 Thought

GREATNESS is only attained. By the constant thinking. Of great thoughts. No man can become great in outward personality. Until he is great internally. And no man. Can be great internally. Until he THINKS. No amount of education. Reading. Or study. Can make you great. Without thought. But thought. Can make you great. With very little study. There are altogether. Too many people. Who are trying. To make. Something of themselves. By reading books. Without thinking. All such. Will fail. You are not mentally developed. By what you read. But by what you think about. What you read.

Thinking is the hardest. And most exhausting. Of all labor. And hence. Many people shrink from it. God has so formed us. That we are continuously impelled. To thought. We must. Either think. Or engage. In some activity. To escape thought. The headlong. Continuous chase for pleasure. In which. Most people

spend. All their leisure time. Is only an effort. To escape thought. If they are alone. Or if they have nothing. Amusing to take their attention. As a novel. To read. Or a show. To see. They must think. And to escape from thinking. They resort. To novels. Shows. Movies. And all the endless devices. Of the purveyors. Of amusement. Most people spend the greater part. Of their leisure time. Running away from thought. Hence they are where they are. We never move forward. Until we begin. To think.

Read less and think more. Read about great things. And think about great questions. And issues. We have at the present time. Few really great figures. In the political life. Of our country. Our politicians. Are a petty lot. There is no Lincoln. No Webster. No Clay. Calhoun. Or Jackson. Why? Because our present statesmen deal. Only. With sordid. And petty issues. Questions. Of dollars. And cents. Of expediency. And party success. Of material prosperity. Without regard. To ethical right.

Thinking along these lines. Does not call forth.  
Great souls. The statesmen of Lincoln's time.  
And previous times. Dealt with. Questions. Of  
eternal truth. Of human rights. And justice.  
Men thought upon great themes. They thought  
great thoughts. And they became great men.

Thinking. Not mere knowledge. Or information.  
Makes personality. Thinking is growth. You  
cannot think. Without growing.

Every thought engenders. Another thought.  
Write one idea. And others will follow. Until  
you have written a page. You cannot fathom.  
Your own mind. It has neither bottom. Nor  
boundaries. Your first thoughts may be crude.  
But as you go on thinking. You will use more.  
And more. Of yourself. You will quicken. New  
brain cells. Into activity. And you will develop.  
New faculties. Heredity. Environment.  
Circumstances. All things. Must give way.  
Before you. If you practice sustained. And  
continuous thought. But. On the other hand, if

you neglect to think for yourself and only use other people's thought, you will never know what you are capable of; and you will end by being incapable of anything.

There can be no real greatness. Without original thought. All that a man does outwardly. Is the expression. And completion. Of his inward thinking. No action. Is possible. Without thought. And no great action. Is possible. Until a great thought. Has preceded it. Action is the second form. Of thought. And personality. Is the materialization. Of thought. Environment. Is the result. Of thought. Things group themselves. Or arrange themselves. Around you. According to your thought. There is. As Emerson says. Some central idea. Or conception. Of yourself. By which. All the facts. Of your life. Are arranged. And Classified. Change this central idea. And you change. The arrangement. Or classification. Of all the facts.

And circumstances. Of your life. You are what you are. Because you think. As you do. You are where you are. Because. You think as you do.

You see then. The immense importance. Of thinking. About the great essentials. Set forth. In the preceding chapters. You must not accept them. In any superficial way. You must think about them. Until. They are a part. Of your central idea. Go back to the matter. Of the point. Of view. And consider. In all its bearings. The tremendous thought. That you live in a perfect world. Among perfect people. And that nothing. Can possibly be wrong with you. But your own personal attitude. Think about all this. Until you fully realize. All that it means. To you. Consider that this is God's world. And that it is the best. Of all possible worlds. That he has brought it. Thus far. Toward completion. By the processes. Of organic. Social. And industrial evolution. And that. It is going on to greater. Completeness. And harmony. Consider that there is one great. Perfect. Intelligent

Principle of Life and Power. Causing all the changing phenomena. Of the cosmos. Think about all this. Until you see that it is true. And until you comprehend. How you should live. And act. As a citizen. Of such a perfect whole.

Next. Think of the wonderful truth. That this great Intelligence is in you. It is your own intelligence. It is an Inner Light. Impelling you. Toward the right thing. And the best thing. The greatest act. And the highest happiness. It is a Principle of Power in you. Giving you. All the ability. And genius. There is. It will infallibly. Guide you. To the best. If you will submit. To it. And walk in the light. Consider what is meant. By your consecration. Of yourself. When you say: "I will obey my soul." This is a sentence. Of tremendous meaning. It must revolutionize. The attitude. And behavior. Of the average person. Then think. Of your identification. With this Great Supreme. That all its knowledge. Is yours. And all its wisdom. Is yours. For the asking. You are a god. If you

think like a god. If you think like a god. You cannot fail. To act like a god. Divine thoughts. Will. Surely. Externalize themselves. In a divine life. Thoughts of power. Will end. In a life. Of power. Great thoughts will manifest. In a great personality.

Think well. Of all this. And then you are ready to act.

## Chapter 14 Action at home

DO not merely think. That you. Are going. To become great. Think that you are great now. Do not think that you. Will begin to act in a great way. At some future time. Begin now. Do not think. That you will act in a great way. When you reach a different environment. Act in a great way where you are now. Do not think. That you will begin. To act in a great way. When you begin to deal with great things. Begin to deal in a great way. With small things. Do not think. That you. Will begin. To be great. When you get among more intelligent people. Or among people. Who understand you better. Begin now. To deal. In a great way with the people around you.

If you are not in an environment. Where there is scope. For your best powers. And talents. You can move in due time. But meanwhile. You can. Be great. Where you are. Lincoln was as great. When he was a backwoods lawyer. As when he



was President. As a backwoods lawyer. He did common things. In a great way. And that made him President. Had he waited. Until he reached Washington. To begin. To be great. He would have remained unknown. You are not made great. By the location. In which you happen to be. Nor by the things. With which. You may. Surround yourself. You are not made great. By what you receive from others. And you can never manifest greatness. So long. As you. Depend on others. You will manifest greatness. Only when you begin. To stand alone. Dismiss all thought. Of. Reliance. On externals. Whether things. Books or people. As Emerson said, "Shakespeare will never be made by the study of Shakespeare." Shakespeare will be made by the thinking. Of Shakespearean thoughts.

Never mind. How the people around you. Including those. Of your own household. May treat you. That has nothing at all. To do. With your being great. That is. It cannot hinder you.

From being great. People may neglect you. And be unthankful. And unkind. In their attitude toward you. Does that prevent you. From being great. In your manner. And attitude. Toward them? "Your Father," said Jesus, "is kind to the unthankful and the evil." Would God be great. If he should go away. And sulk. Because people were unthankful. And did not appreciate him? Treat the unthankful. And the evil. In a great. And perfectly kind way. Just as God does. Do not talk about your greatness. You are really. In essential nature. No greater. Than those around you. You may have entered. Upon a way. Of living. And thinking. Which they have not yet found. But they are perfect. On their own plane. Of thought. And action. You are entitled to. No special honor. Or consideration. For your greatness.

You are a god. But you are among gods. You will fall. Into the boastful attitude. If you see other people's shortcomings. And failures. And. Compare them. With your own virtues. And

successes. And if you fall. Into the boastful attitude. Of mind. You will cease. To be. Great. And become small. Think of yourself. As a perfect being. Among perfect beings. And meet every person as an equal. Not as either superior. Or an inferior. Give yourself. No airs. Great people never do.

Ask no honors. And seek. For no recognition. Honors. And recognition. Will come fast enough. If you. Are entitled. To them.

Begin at home. It is a great person. Who can always. Be poised. Assured. Calm. And perfectly kind. And considerate at home. If your manner. And attitude. In your own family are always the best. You can think. You will soon become. The one. On whom. All the others will rely. You will be a tower. Of strength. And a support. In time. Of trouble. You will be loved. And appreciated. At the same time. Do not. Make. The mistake. Of throwing yourself away. In the service. Of others. The great

person respects himself. He serves. And helps. But he is never. Slavishly servile. You cannot help. Your family. By being a slave to them. Or by doing for them. Those things. That by right. They should do. For themselves. You do a person an injury. When you wait. On him too much. The selfish. And exacting. Are a great deal better off. If their exactions. Are denied. The ideal world. Is not one where. There are a lot of people. Being waited on. By other people. It is a world. Where. Everybody. Waits on himself. Meet all demands. Selfish. And otherwise. With perfect kindness. And consideration. But do not allow yourself. To be. Made a slave. To the whims. Caprices. Exactions. Or slavish desires. Of any member. Of your family. To do so. Is not great. And it works. An injury. To the other party.

Do not become uneasy. Over the failures. Or mistakes. Of any member. Of your family. And feel that you must interfere. Do not be disturbed. If others seem. To be going wrong.

And feel that you. Must step in. And set them.  
Right. Remember. That every person is perfect.  
On his own plane. You cannot improve. On the  
work. Of God. Do not meddle. With the  
personal habits. And practices. Of others.  
Though they are your nearest. And dearest.  
These things. Are none. Of your business.  
Nothing can be wrong. But your own personal  
attitude. Make that right. And you will know.  
That all else is right. You are. A truly. Great  
soul. When you can live. With those. Who do  
things. That you do not do. And yet refrain.  
From either criticism. Or interference.

Do the things. That are right for you to do. And  
believe. That every member. Of your family. Is  
doing. The things. That are right. For him.

Nothing is wrong. With anybody. Or anything.  
Behold. It is all very good. Do not be enslaved.  
By any one else. But be just as careful. That  
you do not enslave. Any one else to your own  
notions. Of what is right. Think. And think

deeply. And continuously. Be perfect in your  
kindness. And consideration. Let your attitude.  
Be that. Of a god. Among gods. And not that. Of  
a god. Among inferior beings. This is the way.  
To be great. In your own home.

## Chapter 15 Action Abroad

THE rules that apply. To your action. At home.  
Must apply. To your action everywhere. Never  
forget. For an instant. That this is a perfect  
world. And that you. Are a god. Among gods.  
You are as great. As the greatest. But all are  
your equals.

Rely absolutely. On your perception. Of truth.  
Trust. To the inner light. Rather than. To  
reason. But be sure. That your perception.  
Comes from the inner light. Act in poise. And  
calmness. Be still. And attend on God. Your  
identification. Of yourself. With the All-Mind.  
Will give you all the knowledge. You need. For  
guidance. In any contingency. That may arise.  
In your own life. Or in the lives. Of others. It is  
only necessary. That you should be supremely  
calm. And rely. Upon the eternal wisdom. That  
is within you. If you act. In poise'. And faith.  
Your judgment. Will always. Be right. And you  
will always know. Exactly what to do. Do not

hurry. Or worry. Remember Lincoln. In the dark days. Of the war. James Freeman Clarke relates. That after the battle. Of Fredericksburg. Lincoln alone furnished. A supply. Of faith. And hope. For the nation. Hundreds. Of leading men. From all parts. Of the country. Went sadly into his room. And came out cheerful. And hopeful. They had stood face to face. With the Highest. And had seen God. In this lank. Ungainly. Patient man. Although they knew it not.

Have perfect faith. In yourself. And in your. Own ability. To cope. With any combination. Of circumstances. That may arise. Do not be disturbed. If you are alone. If you need friends. They will be brought. To you. At the right time. Do not be disturbed. If you feel. That you are ignorant. The information. That you need. Will be furnished you. When it is time. For you to have it. That which is in you. Impelling you forward. Is in the things. And people. You need. Impelling them toward you. If there is a



particular man. You need to know. He will be introduced to you. If there is a particular book. You need to read. It will be placed in your hands. At the right time. All the knowledge. You need. Is coming to you. From both external. And internal sources. Your information. And your talents. Will always be equal. To the requirements. Of the occasion. Remember that Jesus. Told his disciples. Not to worry. As to what they should say. When brought before the judges. He knew. That the power. In them. Would be sufficient. For the needs. Of the hour. As soon as you awaken. And begin. To use your faculties. In a great way. You will apply power. To the development. Of your brain. New cells. Will be created. And dormant cells. Quickened into activity. And your brain. Will be qualified. As a perfect instrument. For your mind.

Do not try. To do great things. Until you are ready. To go about them. In a great way. If you undertake. To deal with great matters. In a

small way. That is. From a low viewpoint. Or with incomplete consecration. And wavering faith and courage. You will fail. Do not be in a hurry. To get. To the great things. Doing great things. Will not make you great. But becoming great. Will certainly lead you. To the doing. Of great things. Begin to be great. Where you are. And in the things. You do every day. Do not be in haste. To be found out. Or recognized. As a great personality. Do not be disappointed. If men do not nominate you for office. Within a month. After you begin. To practice. What you read. In this book. Great people. Never seek. For recognition. Or applause. They are not great. Because. They want. To be paid. For being so. Greatness. Is reward enough for itself. The joy. Of being something. And of knowing. That you are advancing. Is the greatest. Of all joys. Possible. To man.

If you begin. In your own family. As described. In the preceding chapter. And then assume the same mental attitude. With your neighbors.

Friends. And those you meet in business. You will soon find. That people. Are beginning. To depend on you. Your advice will be sought. And a constantly increasing number. Of people. Will look. To you. For strength. And inspiration. And rely. Upon your judgment.

Here. As in the home. You must avoid. Meddling with other people's affairs. Help all who come to you. But do not go about officiously. Endeavoring. To set other people right. Mind your own business. It is no part. Of your mission in life. To correct people's morals. Habits. Or practices. Lead a great life. Doing all things. With a great spirit. And in a great way. Give to him. That asks of you. As freely. As you have received. But do not force. Your help. Or your opinions. Upon any man. If your neighbor wishes. To smoke. Or drink. It is his business. It is none of yours. Until. He consults you. About it. If you lead a great life. And do no preaching. You will save a thousand times. As many souls.

As one who leads a small life. And preaches continuously.

If you hold. The right viewpoint. Of the world. Others will find it out. And be impressed. By it. Through your daily conversation. And practice. Do not try. To convert others. To your point of view. Except by holding it. And living accordingly. If your consecration is perfect. You do not need. To tell any one. It will speedily. Become apparent. To all. That you. Are guided. By a higher principle. Than the average man. Or woman. If your identification. With God is complete. You do not need. To explain the fact. To others. It will become self-evident. To become known. As a great personality. You have nothing to do. But to live. Do not imagine. That you must go charging. About the world. Like Don Quixote. Tilting at windmills. And overturning things in general. In order. To demonstrate. That you are somebody. Do not go hunting. For big things to do. Live a great life. Where you are. And in the daily work. You

have to do. And greater works. Will surely. Find you out. Big things will come. To you. Asking to be done.

Be so impressed. With the value. Of a man. That you treat even a beggar. Or the tramp. With the most distinguished consideration. All is God. Every man. And woman. Is perfect. Let your manner. Be that. Of a god. Addressing other gods. Do not save all your consideration. For the poor. The millionaire. Is as good. As the tramp. This is a perfectly good world. And there is not a person. Or thing in it. But is exactly right. Be sure. That you keep this in mind. In dealing with things. And men.

Form your mental vision. Of yourself with care. Make the thought-form. Of yourself. As you wish to be. And hold this. With the faith. That it is being realized. And with the purpose. To realize it. Completely. Do every common act. As a god should do it. Speak every word. As a god should speak it. Meet men. And women. Of

both low. And high estate. As a god meets.  
Other divine beings. Begin thus. And continue  
thus. And your unfolding. In ability and power.  
Will be great. And rapid.

## Chapter 16 Some Further Explanations

WE go back here. To the matter. Of the point. Of view. For. Besides being vitally important. It is the one that is likely. To give. The student the most trouble. We have been trained. Partly. By mistaken religious teachers. To look upon the world. As being like a wrecked ship. Storm-driven upon a rocky coast. Utter destruction is inevitable. At the end. And the most. That can be done. Is to rescue. Perhaps. A few. Of the crew. This view. Teaches us. To consider. The world. As essentially bad. And growing worse. And to believe. That existing discords. And inharmoniousness. Must continue. And intensify. Until. The end. It robs us. Of hope. For society. Government. And humanity. And gives us. A decreasing outlook. And contracting mind.

This is all wrong. The world is not wrecked. It is like a magnificent steamer. With the engines.

In place. And the machinery. In perfect order.  
The bunkers. Are full. Of coal. And the ship. Is  
amply provisioned. For the cruise. There is. No  
lack. Of any good thing. Every provision.  
Omniscience could devise. Has been made. For  
the safety. Comfort. And happiness. Of the  
crew. The steamer. Is out on the high seas.  
Tacking hither. And thither. Because no one.  
Has yet learned. The right course. To steer. We  
are learning. To steer. And in due time. Will  
come grandly. Into. The harbor. Of perfect  
harmony.

The world is good. And growing better. Existing  
discords. And inharmoniousness. Are but the  
pitching. Of the ship. Incidental. To our own  
imperfect steering. They will all be removed. In  
due time. This view. Gives us. An increasing  
outlook. And an expanding mind. It enables us.  
To think. Largely. Of society. And of ourselves.  
And to do things. In a great way.



Furthermore. We see. That nothing. Can be wrong. With such a world. Or with any part. Of it. Including. Our own affairs. If it is all moving on. Toward completion. Then it is. Not going wrong. And as our own personal affairs. Are a part. Of the whole. They are not going wrong. You. And all that you are concerned with. Are moving on. Toward. Completeness. Nothing can check this forward movement. But yourself. And you can only check it. By assuming. A mental attitude. That is at cross-purposes. With the mind. Of God. You have nothing. To keep right. But yourself. If you keep yourself right. Nothing can possibly go wrong with you. And you can have nothing. To fear. No business. Or other disaster. Can come upon you. If your personal attitude. Is right. For you are a part. Of that which is increasing. And advancing. And you must. Increase. And advance with it.

Moreover. Your thought-form. Will be mostly shaped. According. To your viewpoint. Of the cosmos. If you see the world. As a lost. And

ruined thing. You will see yourself. As a part of it. And as partaking. Of its sins. And weaknesses. If your outlook. For the world. As a whole. Is hopeless. Your outlook. For yourself cannot be hopeful. If you see the world. As declining. Toward its end. You cannot see yourself. As advancing. Unless you think well. Of all the works. Of God. You cannot really think well. Of yourself. And unless you think well of yourself. You can never become great.

I repeat. That your place in life. Including your material environment. Is determined. By the thought-form. You habitually hold. Of yourself. When you make. A thought-form of yourself. You can hardly fail. To form in your mind. A corresponding environment. If you think of yourself. As an incapable. Inefficient person. You will think. Of yourself. With poor. Or cheap surroundings. Unless you think well. Of yourself. You will. Be sure. To picture yourself. In a more or less. Poverty stricken environment. These thoughts. Habitually held. Become

invisible forms. In the surrounding mind-stuff. And are with you continually. In due time. By the regular action. Of the eternal creative energy. The invisible thought-forms. Are produced. In material stuff. And you are surrounded. By your own thoughts. Made into material things.

See nature. As a great living. And advancing presence. And see human society. In exactly. The same way. It is all one. Coming from one source. And it is all good. You yourself. Are made. Of the same stuff as God. All the constituents. Of God. Are parts of you. Every power. That God. Has. Is a constituent. Of man. You can move forward. As you see God doing. You have within yourself. The source. Of every power.

## Chapter 17 More About Thought

GIVE place here. To some further consideration. Of thought. You will never. Become great. Until your own thoughts. Make you great. And therefore. It is. Of the first importance. That you should. THINK.

You will never do great things. In the external world. Until. You think great things. In the internal world. And you will never. Think great things. Until. You think. About truth. About the verities. To think great things. You must be. Absolutely sincere. And to be sincere. You must know. That your intentions. Are right. Insincere. Or false thinking. Is never great. However logical. And brilliant. It may be.

The first. And most important step. Is to seek. The truth. About human relations. To know. What you ought. To be. To other men. And what they. Ought to be. To you. This brings you

back. To the search. For a right viewpoint. You should study organic. And social evolution.

Read Darwin. And Walter Thomas Mills. And when you read THINK. Think the whole matter over. Until you see. The world. Of things. And men. In the right way. THINK about. What God is doing. Until. You can SEE. What he is doing.

Your next step. Is to think yourself. Into the right personal attitude. Your viewpoint tells you. What the right attitude is. And obedience. To the soul. Puts you into it. It is only by making. A complete consecration. Of yourself. To the highest. That is within you. That you can attain. To sincere thinking. So long as you know. You. Are selfish. In your aims. Or dishonest. Or crooked. In any way. In your intentions. Or practices. Your thinking. Will be. False. And your thoughts. Will have no power. THINK about the way. You are doing things. About all your intentions. Purposes. And practices. Until you know. That they are right.

The fact. Of his own. Complete unity with God.  
Is one that no person. Can grasp. Without.  
Deep. And sustained thinking. Any one. Can  
accept the proposition. In a superficial way. But  
to feel. And realize. A vital comprehension. Of  
it. Is another matter. It is easy. To think. Of  
going outside. Of yourself. To meet God. But it  
is. Not so easy. To think. Of going inside  
yourself. To meet God. But God is there. And.  
In the holy. Of holies. Of your own soul. You  
may meet him. Face to face. It is a tremendous  
thing. This fact. That all you need. Is already  
within you. That you do not have. To consider.  
How to get. The power. To do. What you want  
to do. Or to make yourself. What you want to  
be.

You have only. To consider. How to use the  
power. You have. In the right way. And there is  
nothing. To do. But to begin. Use your  
perception. Of truth. You can see some truth  
today. Live fully. Up to that. And you will see  
more truth tomorrow.

To rid yourself. Of the old false ideas. You will have to think. A great deal. About the value. Of men-the greatness. And worth. Of a human soul. You must cease. From looking. At human mistakes. And look at successes. Cease from seeing faults. And see virtues. You can no longer. Look upon men. And women. As lost. And ruined beings. That are descending into hell. You must come to regard them. As shining souls. Who are ascending. Toward. Heaven. It will require. Some exercise. Of willpower. To do this. But this is. The legitimate use. Of the will. To decide. What you will think about. And how you will think.

The function. Of the will. Is to direct thought. Think about. The good side. Of men. The lovely. Attractive part. And exert your will. In refusing. To think. Of anything else. In connection. With them.

I know. Of no one. Who has. Attained. To so much. On this one point. As Eugene V. Debs.

Twice the Socialist candidate. For president. Of the United States. Mr. Debs. Reverences humanity. No appeal for help. Is ever made to him. In vain. No one receives. From him. An unkind. Or censorious word. You cannot. Come. Into his presence. Without. Being made sensible. Of his deep. And kindly. Personal interest. In you. Every person. Be he millionaire. Grimy workingman. Or toil worn woman. Receives. The radiant warmth. Of a brotherly affection. That is sincere. And true. No ragged child. Speaks to him. On the street. Without receiving. Instant. And tender recognition. Debs loves men. This has made him the leading figure. In a great movement. The beloved hero. Of a million hearts. And will give him. A deathless name. It is a great thing. To love men. So. And it is only achieved by thought. No thing can make you great. But thought.

“We may divide thinkers. Into those. Who think. For themselves. And those who think. Through



others. The latter. Are the rule. And the former. The exception. The first are original thinkers. In a double sense. And egotists. In the noblest meaning. Of the word.” -Schopenhauer.

“The key to every man. Is his thought. Sturdy and defiant. Though he look. He has a helm. Which he obeys. Which is. The idea after which. All his facts. Are classified. He can only be reformed. By showing him. A new idea. Which commands his own.” -Emerson.

“All truly wise thoughts. Have been thought. Already thousands. Of times. But to make them really ours. We must think them. Over again honestly. Till they take root. In our personal expression.” -Goethe.

“All that a man is outwardly. Is but the expression. And completion. Of his inward thought. To work effectively. He must think clearly. To act nobly. He must think nobly.” -Channing.

“Great men are they who see. That spirituality. Is stronger. Than any material force. That thoughts. Rule the world.” -Emerson.

“Some people study all their lives. And at their death. They have learned everything. Except to think.” -Domergue.

“It is the habitual thought. That frames itself. Into our life. It affects us. Even more. Than our intimate social relations do. Our confidential friends. Have not so much to do. In shaping our lives. As the thoughts have which we harbor?” - J. W. Teal.

“When God lets loose. A great thinker on this planet. Then all things are at risk. There is not a piece. Of science. But its flank. May be turned tomorrow. Nor any literary reputation. Or the so-called eternal names. Of fame. That may not be refused. And condemned.” - Emerson.

Think! Think!! THINK!!!

## Chapter 18 Jesus' Idea of Greatness

IN the twenty-third chapter. Of Matthew. Jesus makes a very plain distinction. Between. True and false greatness. And also points out. The one great danger. To all. Who wish. To become great. The most insidious of temptations. Which all must avoid. And fight unceasingly. Who desire. To really climb. In the world. Speaking to the multitude. And to his disciples. He bids them. Beware of adopting the principle. Of the Pharisees. He points out. That while the Pharisees. Are just. And righteous men. Honorable judges. True lawgivers. And upright. In their dealings with men. They “love the uppermost seats. At feasts. And greetings. In the market place. And to be called Master”. And in comparison with this principle, he says: “He that will be great among you. Let him serve.”

The average person's idea. Of a great man.  
Rather than. Of one. Who serves. Is of one. Who  
succeeds. In getting himself served. He gets  
himself. In a position. To command men. To  
exercise power over them. Making them obey  
his will. The exercise. Of dominion over other  
people. To most persons. Is a great thing.  
Nothing seems to be sweeter. To the selfish  
soul. Than this. You will always find. Every  
selfish. And undeveloped person. Trying to  
domineer over others. To exercise control. Over  
other men. Savage men. Were no sooner  
placed. Upon the earth. Than they began. To  
enslave one another. For ages the struggle in  
war. Diplomacy. Politics. And government. Has  
been. Aimed at. The securing. Of control. Over  
other men. Kings and princes. Have drenched  
the soil. Of the earth. In blood. And tears. In  
the effort. To extend. Their dominions. And  
their power. To rule more people.

The struggle. Of the business world today. Is  
the same. As that. On the battlefields. Of

Europe. A century ago. So far as. The ruling principle is concerned. Robert O. Ingersoll could not understand. Why men. Like Rockefeller. And Carnegie. Seek for more money. And make themselves slaves. To the business struggle. When they already. Have more. Than they. Can possibly use. He thought it. A kind. Of madness. And illustrated it as follows: "Suppose a man. Had fifty thousand pairs. Of pants. Seventy-five thousand vests. One hundred thousand coats. And one hundred. And fifty thousand neckties. What would you think. Of him. If he arose. In the morning. Before light. And worked. Until after it was dark. Every day. Rain or shine. In all kinds. Of weather. Merely to get another necktie?"

But it is not a good simile. The possession. Of neckties. Gives a man. No power over. Other men. While the possession. Of dollars does. Rockefeller. Carnegie. And their kind. are not after dollars. But power. It is the principle. Of the Pharisee. It is the struggle. For the high

place. It develops able men. Cunning men.  
Resourceful men. But not great men.

I want you. To contrast. These two ideas. Of greatness. Sharply in your minds. "He that will be great among you let him serve." Let me stand. Before the average American audience. And ask the name. Of the greatest American. And the majority. Will think. Of Abraham Lincoln. And is this not. Because. In Lincoln. Above all the other men who have served us in public life. We recognize. The spirit of service? Not servility. But service. Lincoln was a great man. Because he knew. How to be. A great servant. Napoleon. Able. Cold. Selfish. Seeking the high places. Was a brilliant man. Lincoln was great. Napoleon was not. The very moment. You begin to advance. And are recognized. As one who is doing things. In a great way. You will find yourself. In danger. The temptation. To patronize. Advise. Or take upon yourself. The direction. Of other people's affairs. Is sometimes almost irresistible. Avoid.

However. The opposite danger. Of falling into servility. Or of completely. Throwing yourself away. In the service. Of others. To do this. Has been the ideal. Of a great many people. The completely self-sacrificing life. Has been thought. To be the Christ-like life. Because. As I think. Of a complete misconception. Of the character. And teachings of Jesus. I have explained this misconception. In a little book. That I hope you may all sometime read. "A New Christ". Thousands. Of people imitating Jesus. As they suppose. Have belittled themselves. And given up all else. To go about. Doing good. Practicing an altruism. That is really. As morbid. And as far from great. As the rankest selfishness. The finer instincts. Which respond. To the cry. Of trouble. Or distress. Are not by any means. All of you. They are not necessarily. The best part of you. There are other things. You must do. Besides helping the unfortunate. Although. It is true. That. A large part. Of the life. And activities. Of every great person. Must

be given. To helping other people. As you begin. To advance. They will come to you. Do not turn them away. But do not make. The fatal error. Of supposing. That the life. Of complete self-abnegation. Is the way. Of greatness.

To make another point here. Let me refer. To the fact. That Swedenborg's classification. Of fundamental motives. Is exactly the same. As that of Jesus. He divides all men. Into two groups. Those who live in pure love. And those who live in. What he calls. The love. Of ruling. For the love of self. It will be seen. That this is exactly. The same. As the lust. For place. And power. Of the Pharisees. Swedenborg saw this selfish love. Of power. As the cause. Of all sin. It was the only evil desire. Of the human heart. From which all other evil desires sprang.

Over against this. He places pure love. He does not say. Love of God. Or love of man. But merely love. Nearly all religionists. Make more. Of love. And service. To God. Than they do. Of



love. And service. To man. But it is a fact. That  
love. To God. Is not sufficient. To save a man.  
From the lust for power. For some of the most  
ardent lovers. Of the Deity. Have been the  
worst. Of tyrants. Lovers of God. Are often  
tyrants. And lovers. Of men. Are often  
meddlesome. And officious.

## Chapter 19 A View of Evolution

BUT how shall we. Avoid. Throwing ourselves.  
Into altruistic work. If we are surrounded. By  
poverty. Ignorance. Suffering. And every  
appearance. Of misery. As very many people  
are? Those who live. Where the withered hand.  
Of want is. Thrust upon them. From every side.  
Appealingly for aid. Must find it hard. To  
refrain. From continuous giving. Again. There  
are social. And other irregularities. Injustices.  
Done. To the weak. Which fire generous souls.  
With an almost irresistible desire. To set things  
right. We want. To start. A crusade. We feel.  
That the wrongs. Will never be righted. Until  
we give ourselves. Wholly. To the task. In all  
this. We must fall back. Upon the point of view.  
We must remember. That this is not a bad  
world. But a good world. In the process. Of  
becoming.

Beyond all doubt. There was a time. When  
there was no life. Upon this earth. The

testimony. Of geology. To the fact. That. The globe. Was once. A ball. Of burning gas. And molten rock. Clothed about. With boiling vapors. Is indisputable. And we do not know. How life. Could. Have existed. Under such conditions. That seems impossible. Geology tells us. That later on. A crust formed. The globe cooled. And hardened. The vapors condensed. And became mist. Or fell in rain. The cooled surface. Crumbled into soil. Moisture accumulated. Ponds. And seas. Were gathered together. And. At last. Somewhere in the water. Or on the land. Appeared something. That was alive.

It is reasonable. To suppose. That this first life. Was in single-celled organisms. But behind these cells. Was the insistent. Urge of Spirit. The Great One Life. Seeking expression. And soon organisms. Having too much life. To express themselves. With one cell. Had two cells and then many. And still more life. Was poured into them.

Multiple-celled organisms. Were formed.  
Plants. Trees. Vertebrates. And mammals. Many  
of them. With strange shapes. But all. Were  
perfect after their kind. As everything. Is that  
God makes. No doubt. There were crude. And  
almost monstrous forms. Of both animal. And  
plant life. But everything filled. Its purpose. In  
its day. And it was all. Very good. Then another  
day came. The great day. Of the evolutionary  
process. A day. When the morning stars sang  
together. And the sons of God. Shouted for joy.  
To behold. The beginning. Of the end. For man.  
The object aimed at from the beginning. Had  
appeared. Upon the scene. An ape-like being.  
Little different. From the beasts around him. In  
appearance. But infinitely different capacity.  
For growth. And thought. Art and beauty.  
Architecture. And song. Poetry. And music. All  
these were unrealized. Possibilities. In that ape  
man's soul. And for his time. And kind. He was  
very good.

“It is God. That works in you. To will. And to do. Of his good pleasure,” says St. Paul. From the day. The first man appeared. God began to work. IN men. Putting more. And more. Of himself. Into each succeeding generation. Urging them on. To larger achievements. And to better conditions. Social. Governmental. And domestic. Those who. Looking back. Into ancient history. See the awful conditions. Which existed. The barbarities. Idolatries. And sufferings. And reading. About God. In connection. With these things. Are disposed. To feel. That. He was cruel. And unjust. To man. Should pause. To think. From the ape-man to the coming Christ man. The race. Has had. To rise. And it could only be accomplished. By the successive. Unfolding. Of the various powers. And possibilities latent. In the human brain.

God desired to express himself. To live in form. And not only that. But to live. In a form. Through which. He could express himself. On the highest moral. And spiritual plane. God

wanted. To evolve. A form. In which. He could  
live. As a god. And manifest himself. As a god.  
This was the aim. Of the evolutionary force.  
The ages of warfare. Bloodshed. Suffering.  
Injustice. And cruelty. Were tempered. In many  
ways. With love. And justice. As time advanced.  
And this was developing. The brain. Of man. To  
a point. Where it should be capable. Of giving  
full expression. To the love. And justice. Of  
God. The end is not yet. God aims not at the  
perfection. Of a few choice specimens. For  
exhibition. Like the large berries. At the top of  
the box. But at the glorification. Of the race.  
The time will come. When the Kingdom of God  
shall be established on earth. The time  
foreseen. By the dreamer. Of the Isle of  
Patmos. When there shall be. No more crying.  
Neither shall there be. Any more pain. For the  
former things. Are all passed away. And there  
shall be. No night there.

## Chapter 20 Serving GOD

I HAVE brought you thus far. Through the two preceding chapters. With a view. To finally. Settling. The question. Of duty. This is one. That puzzles. And perplexes. Very many people. Who are earnest. And sincere. And gives them. A great deal. Of difficulty. In its solution.

When they start out. To make something. Of themselves. And. To practice. The science. Of being. Great. They find themselves. Necessarily compelled. To rearrange. Many of their relationships. There are friends. Who perhaps. Must be alienated. There are relatives. Who misunderstand. And who feel. That. They are. In some way. Being slighted. The really great man. Is often considered selfish. By a large circle. Of people. Who are. Connected with him. And who feel. That he might. Bestow upon them. More benefits. Than he does. The question at the outset. Is: Is it. My duty. To

make. The most. Of myself. Regardless. Of everything else? Or shall I wait. Until. I can do so. Without any friction. Or without causing loss. To any one? This is the question. Of duty to self vs. Duty to others.

One's duty. To the world. Has been. Thoroughly discussed. In the preceding pages. And I give some consideration now. To the idea. Of duty. To God. An immense number. Of people. Have a great deal of uncertainty. Not to say anxiety. As to what they ought. To do. For God.

The amount. Of work. And service. That. Is done for him. In these United States. In the way. Of church work. And so on. Is enormous. An immense amount. Of human energy. Is expended. In what is called serving God. I propose. To consider briefly. What serving God is. And how. A man. May serve God best. And I think. I shall be able. To make plain. That the conventional idea. As to. What constitutes service. To God is all wrong.



When Moses went down into Egypt. To bring out the Hebrews. From bondage. His demand upon Pharaoh. In the name. Of the Deity. Was. "Let the people go that they may serve me." He led them out into the wilderness. And there instituted. A new form. Of worship. Which has led many people. To suppose. That worship. Constitutes. The service of God. Although later. God himself distinctly declared. That he cared nothing. For ceremonies. Burned offerings. Or oblation. And the teaching of Jesus. If rightly understood. Would do away. With organized. Temple worship. Altogether. God does not lack anything. That men may do. For him. With their hands. Or bodies. Or voices. Saint Paul points out. That man. Can do no thing for God. For God. Does not need anything.

The view. Of evolution. That we have taken. Shows God seeking expression. Through man. Through all the successive ages. In which. His spirit. Has urged man. Up the height. God has gone on. Seeking expression. Every generation.

Of men. Is more Godlike. Than the preceding generation. Every generation. Of men. Demands more. In the way. Of fine homes. Pleasant surroundings. Congenial work. Rest. Travel. And opportunity. For study. Than the preceding generation. I have heard. Some shortsighted economists argue. That. The working people. Of today. Ought surely. To be. Fully contented. Because their condition. Is so much better. Than that of the workingman. Two hundred years ago. Who slept. In a windowless hut. On a floor. Covered with rushes. In company with his pigs. If that man had all. That he was able to use. For the living. Of all the life. He knew how to live. He was perfectly content. And if he had lack. He was not contented. The man of today. Has a comfortable home. And very many things. Indeed. That were unknown. A short period back. In the past. And if he has all. That he can use. For the living. Of all the life he can imagine. He will be content. But he is not content. God has lifted the race so far. That

any common man. Can picture a better. And more desirable life. Than he is able to live under. Existing conditions. And so. Long as this is true. So long. As a man. Can think. And clearly picture. To himself. A more desirable life. He will be discontented. With the life. He has to live. And rightly so. That discontent. Is the Spirit of God. Urging men on. To more desirable conditions. It is God who seeks expression. In the race. "He works in us. To will. And to do." The only service. You can render God. Is to give expression. To what he is trying to give the world. Through you. The only service you can render God. Is to make the very most of yourself. In order. That God may live in you. To the utmost. Of your possibilities. In a former work of this series (The Science of Getting Rich). I refer to the little boy. At the piano. The music in whose soul. Could not find expression. Through his untrained hands. This is a good illustration. Of the way. The Spirit of God. Is over. About. Around. And in all of us.

Seeking. To do great things with us. So soon as.  
We will train our hands and feet. Our minds.  
Brains. And bodies. To do his service.

Your first duty to God. To yourself. And to the  
world. Is to make yourself. As great a  
personality. In every way. As you possibly can.  
And that. It seems to me. Disposes. Of the  
question. Of duty. There are one or two other  
things. That might be disposed of. In closing  
this chapter. I have written. Of opportunity. In  
a preceding chapter. I have said. In a general  
way. That it is within the power. Of every man.  
To become great. Just as in “The Science of  
Getting Rich”. I declared. That it is within the  
power. Of every man. To become rich. But  
these sweeping generalizations need qualifying.  
There are men. Who have such materialistic  
minds. That they. Are. Absolutely incapable. Of  
comprehending the philosophy set forth. In  
these books. There is. A great mass. Of men.  
And women. Who have lived. And worked. Until  
they are practically incapable. Of thought along

these lines. And they cannot receive the message. Something may be done. For them. By demonstration. That is. By living the life. Before them. But that. Is. The only way. They can be aroused. The world needs. Demonstration. More than it needs teaching. For this mass. Of people. Our duty. Is to become. As great in personality. As possible. In order that they may see. And desire. To do likewise. It is our duty. To make ourselves great. For their sakes. So that we may help prepare. The world. That the next generation. Shall have better conditions. For thought.

One other point. I am frequently written to. By people who wish. To make something. Of themselves. And to move out. Into the world. But who are hampered. By home ties. Having others. More or less. Dependent upon them. Whom they fear. Would suffer. If left alone. In general. I advise such people. To move out fearlessly. And to make. The most. Of themselves. If there is a loss. At home. It will

be. Only temporary. And apparent. For in a little while. If you follow the leading of Spirit. You will be able. To take better care. Of your dependents. Than you have ever done before.

## Chapter 21 A Mental Exercise

THE purpose. Of mental exercises. Must not be. Misunderstood. There is no virtue. In charms. Or formulated. Strings. Of words. There is no short cut. To development. By repeating prayers. Or incantations. A mental exercise. Is an exercise. Not in repeating words. But in the thinking. Of certain thoughts. The phrases. That we repeatedly hear. Become convictions. As Goethe says. And the thoughts. That we repeatedly think. Become. Habitual. And make us what we are. The purpose in taking. A mental exercise. Is that you may think. Certain thoughts repeatedly. Until you form a habit. Of thinking them. Then they will be your thoughts all the time. Taken in the right way. And with. An understanding. Of their purpose. Mental exercises. Are of great value. But taken. As most people take them. They are worse than useless.

The thoughts embodied. In the following exercise. Are the ones. You want to think. You should take the exercise. Once. Or twice daily. But you should think the thoughts continuously. That is. Do not think them. Twice a day. For a stated time. And then forget them. Until it is time to take. The exercise again. The exercise. Is to impress you. With the material. For continuous thought.

Take a time. When you can have from twenty minutes. To half an hour. Secure from interruption. And proceed. First. To make yourself physically comfortable. Lie at ease in a Morris chair. Or on a couch. Or in bed. It is best to lie flat on your back. If you have no other time. Take the exercise. On going to bed at night. And before rising. In the morning.

First. Let your attention travel over your body. From the crown. Of your head. To the soles of your feet. Relaxing every muscle as you go.



Relax completely. And next. Get physical. And other ills. Off your mind. Let the attention pass down the spinal cord. And out over the nerves. To the extremities. And as you do so. Think: - “My nerves are in perfect order. All over my body. They obey my will. And I have great nerve force.” Next bring your attention. To the lungs. And think: -

“I am breathing deeply. And quietly. And the air goes into every cell. Of my lungs. Which are in perfect condition. My blood is purified and made clean.” Next. To the heart: - “My heart. Is beating strongly. And steadily. And my circulation is perfect. Even to the extremities.’ Next. To the digestive system: - “My stomach. And bowels. Perform their work. Perfectly. My food is digested. And assimilated. And my body rebuilt. And nourished. My liver. Kidneys. And bladder. Each perform their several functions. Without pain or strain. I am perfectly well. My body is resting. My mind is quiet. And my soul. Is at peace.

“I have no anxiety. About financial. Or other matters. God. Who is. Within me. Is also in all things I want. Impelling them toward me. All that I want. Is already given. To me. I have no anxiety about my health. For I am perfectly well. I have no worry. Or fear whatever.

“I rise above all temptation. To moral evil. I cast out. All greed. Selfishness. And narrow personal ambition. I do not hold envy. Malice. Or enmity. Toward any living soul. I will follow no course. Of action. Which is not in accord. “With my highest ideals. I am right. And I will do right.”

## VIEWPOINT

All is right with the world. It is perfect. And advancing. To completion. I will contemplate the facts. Of social. Political. And industrial life. Only from this high viewpoint. Behold. It is all very good. I will see all human beings. All my acquaintances. Friends. Neighbors. And the

members. Of my own household. In the same way. They are all good. Nothing is wrong. With the universe. Nothing can be wrong. But my own personal attitude. And henceforth. I keep that right. My whole trust is in God.

## CONSECRATION

I will obey my soul. And be true. To that within me. That is highest. I will search within. For the pure idea. Of right in all things. And when I find it. I will express it. In my outward life. I will abandon everything. I have outgrown. For the best I can think. I will have the highest thoughts. Concerning all my relationships. And my manner. And action shall express. These thoughts. I surrender my body. To be ruled by my mind. I yield my mind. To the dominion. Of my soul. And I give my soul. To the guidance. Of God.

## IDENTIFICATION

There is but one substance. And source. And of that. I am made. And with it. I am one. It is my Father. I proceeded forth. And came from it. My Father and I are one. And my Father is greater than I. And I do His will. I surrender myself. To conscious unity. With Pure Spirit. There is but one. And that one is everywhere. I am one. With the Eternal Consciousness.

## IDEALIZATION

Form a mental picture. Of yourself. As you want to be. And at the greatest height. Your imagination can picture. Dwell upon this. For some little time. Holding the thought: "This is what I really am. It is a picture. Of my own perfect. And advancing. To completion. I will contemplate. The facts. Of social. Political. And industrial life. Only from this high viewpoint. Behold. It is all very good. I will see all human beings. All my acquaintances.

Friends. Neighbors. And the members. Of my own household. In the same way. They are all good.

Nothing is wrong with the universe. Nothing can be wrong. But my own personal attitude. And henceforth. I keep that right. My whole trust. Is in God.

## REALIZATION

I appropriate. To myself. The power. To become. What I want to be. And to do. What I want to do. I exercise creative energy. All the power there is. Is mine. I will arise. And go forth. With power. And perfect confidence. I will do mighty works. In the strength. Of the Lord. My God. I will trust. And not fear. For God is with me.

# Chapter 22 A Summary of The Science of Being Great

ALL men. Are made. Of the one intelligent substance. And therefore. All contain. The same essential powers. And possibilities. Greatness is equally inherent in all. And may be manifested by all. Every person. May become great. Every constituent. Of God is a constituent. Of man.

Man may overcome. Both heredity. And circumstances. By exercising. The inherent creative power. Of the soul. If he is to become great. The soul must act. And must rule. The mind. And the body.

Man's knowledge is limited. And he falls. Into error through ignorance. To avoid this. He must connect his soul. With Universal Spirit. Universal Spirit. Is the intelligent substance

from which all things come. It is in and through all things. All things are known. To this universal mind. And man. Can so unite himself. With it. As to enter. Into all knowledge.

To do this. Man must cast out of himself. Everything. That separates him. From God. He must will. To live the divine life. And he must rise above. All moral temptations. He must forsake. Every course of action. That is not in accord. With his highest ideals.

He must reach the right viewpoint. Recognizing. That God is all. In all. And that there is nothing wrong. He must see. That nature. Society. Government. And industry. Are perfect. In their present stage. And advancing. Toward completion. And that all men. And women everywhere. Are good. And perfect. He must know. That all is right. With the world. And unite. With God for the completion. Of the perfect work. It is only. As man sees God. As

the Great Advancing Presence in all. And good in all. That he can rise. To real greatness.

He must consecrate himself. To the service. Of the highest. That is within himself. Obeying the voice. Of the soul. There is an Inner Light. In every man. That continuously. Impels him. Toward the highest. And he must be. Guided by this light. If he would become great.

He must recognize the fact. That he is one with the Father. And consciously affirm this unity. For himself. And for all others. He must know himself. To be. A god among gods. And act accordingly. He must have absolute faith. In his own perceptions. Of truth. And begin. At home. To act. Upon these perceptions. As he sees the true. And right course in small things. He must take. That course. He must cease. To act. Unthinkingly. And begin to think. And he must be sincere in his thought.



He must form. A mental conception. Of himself. At the highest. And hold this conception until. It is his habitual thought-form. Of himself. This thought-form. He must keep. Continuously. In view. He must outwardly. Realize. And express that thought-form. In his actions. He must do everything. That he does. In a great way. In dealing with. His family. His neighbors. Acquaintances. And friends. He must make every act. An expression. Of his ideal. The man who reaches. The right viewpoint. And makes. Full consecration. And who fully idealizes. Himself. As great. And who. Makes every act. However trivial. An expression. Of the ideal. Has already attained. To greatness. Everything he does. Will be done. In a great way. He will make himself known. And will be recognized. As a personality. Of power. He will receive knowledge by inspiration. And will know all. That he. Needs to know. He will receive all the material wealth. He forms. In his thoughts. And will not lack. For any good thing. He will be

given ability. To deal with. Any combination. Of  
circumstances. That may arise. And his growth.  
And progress. Will be. Continuous. And rapid.

Great works. Will seek him out. And all men.  
Will delight. To do him honor. Because of its  
peculiar value. To the student. Of the Science  
of Being Great, I close this book. By giving a  
portion. Of Emerson's essay on. The  
"Oversoul." This great essay. Is fundamental.  
Showing the foundation principles. Of monism.  
And the science. Of greatness. I recommend the  
student. To study it. Most carefully. In  
connection. With this book.

What is the universal sense. Of want. And  
ignorance. But. The fine innuendo. By which.  
The great soul. Makes its enormous claim? Why  
do men feel. That the natural history. Of man.  
Has never been written. But always. He is  
leaving behind. What you have said of him. And  
it becomes old. And books. Of metaphysics  
worthless? The philosophy of six thousand

years. Has not searched. The chambers. And  
magazines. Of the soul. In its experiments.  
There has always remained. In the last analysis.  
A residuum. It could not resolve. Man is a  
stream. Whose source is hidden. Always our  
being. Is descending into us. From we know not  
whence. The most exact calculator. Has no  
prescience. That somewhat incalculable. May  
not balk the very next moment. I am  
constrained. Every moment. To acknowledge. A  
higher origin. For events. Than the will. I call  
mine.

As with events. So it is with thoughts. When I  
watch. That flowing river. Which. Out of  
regions. I see not. Pours for a season. Its  
streams into me. I see that I am a pensioner.  
Not a cause. But a surprised spectator. Of this  
ethereal water. That I desire. And look up. And  
put myself. In the attitude. For reception. But  
from some alien energy. The visions come.

The Supreme Critic. On all the errors. Of the past. And present. And the only prophet. Of that. Which must be. Is that great nature. In which we rest. As the earth lies. In the soft arms. Of the atmosphere. That Unity. That Oversoul. With which. Every man's particular being. Is contained. And made one. With all other. That common heart. Of which all sincere conversation. Is the worship. To which. All right action. Is submission. That overpowering reality. Which confutes. Our tricks. And talents. And constrains. Every one. To pass. For what he is. And to speak. From his character. And not from his tongue. And which evermore. Tends. And aims. To pass. Into. Our thought. And hand. And become wisdom. And virtue. And power. And beauty. We live in succession. In division. In parts. In particles.

Meantime within man. Is the soul. Of the whole. The wise silence. The universal beauty. To which. Every part. And particle. Is equally related. The eternal One. And this deep power.

In which we exist. And whose beatitude. Is all-  
accessible to us. Is not only self sufficing. And  
perfect. In every hour. But the act. Of seeing.  
And the thing seen. The seer and the spectacle.  
The subject. And the object. Are one. We see  
the world. Piece by piece. As the sun. The  
moon. The animal. The tree. But the whole. Of  
which these are. The shining parts. Is the soul.  
It is only by the vision. Of that Wisdom. That  
the horoscope. Of the ages. Can be read. And it  
is only by falling back. On our better thoughts.  
By yielding. To the spirit. Of prophecy. Which is  
innate. In every man. That we know. What it  
saith. Every mans words. Who speaks from that  
life. Must sound vain. To those. Who do not  
dwell. In the same thought. On their own part. I  
dare not speak for it.

My words. Do not carry its august sense. They  
fall short. And cold. Only itself. Can inspire  
whom it will. And behold! Their speech shall be  
lyrical. And sweet. And universal as the rising.  
Of the wind.

Yet I desire. Even by profane words. If sacred. I  
may not use. To indicate. The heaven. Of this  
deity. And to report. What hints. I have  
collected. Of the transcendent simplicity. And  
energy. Of the Highest Law.

If we consider what happens. In conversation.  
In reveries. In remorse. In times of passion. In  
surprises. In the instruction. Of dreams wherein  
often we see ourselves. In masquerade. The  
droll disguises. Only magnifying. And  
enhancing. A real element. And forcing it. On  
our distinct notice. We shall catch. Many hints.  
That will broaden. And lighten. Into knowledge.  
Of the secret. Of nature. All goes. To show.  
That the soul. In man is not an organ. But.  
Animates and exercises. All the organs. Is not a  
function. Like the power. Of memory. Of  
calculation. Of comparison. But uses these. As  
hands. And feet. Is not a faculty. But a light. Is  
not the intellect. Or the will. But the master.  
Of the intellect. And the will. Is the vast  
background. Of our being. In which they lie. An

immensity. Not possessed. And that cannot be possessed. From within. Or from behind. A light shines through us. Upon things. And makes us. Aware that we are nothing. But the light is all. A man. Is the facade. Of a temple. Wherein. All wisdom. And all good abide. What we commonly call man. The eating. Drinking. Planting. Counting man. Does not. As we know him. Represent himself. But misrepresents himself. Him we do not respect. But the soul. Whose organ he is. Would he let it appear. Through his action. Would make our knees bend. When it breathes. Through his intellect. It is genius. When it flows through his affection. It is love. After its own law. And not by arithmetic. Is the rate. Of its progress. To be computed. The soul's advances. Are not made. By gradation. Such as can be represented. By motion. In a straight line. But rather. By ascension. Of state. Such as can be. Represented. By metamorphosis. From the egg. To the worm. From the worm. To the fly. The

growths of genius. Are of a certain total character. That does not advance. The elect individual first over John. Then Adam. Then Richard. And give. To each. The pain. Of discovered inferiority. But by every thought. Of growth. The man expands there. Where he works. Passing. At each pulsation. Classes. Populations of men. With each divine impulse the mind rends. The thin rinds. Of the visible. And finite. And comes out. Into eternity. And inspires. And expires its air.

This is the law. Of moral. And of mental gain. The simple rise. As by specific levity. Not into a particular virtue. But into the region. Of all the virtues. They are in the spirit. That contains. Them all. The soul is superior. To all. The particulars of merit. The soul requires purity. But purity is not it. It requires justice. but justice is not that. It requires beneficence. but is somewhat better. So that. There is a kind of descent. And accommodation. Felt when we leave speaking. Of moral nature. To urge a



virtue. Which it enjoins. For. To the soul. In her  
pure action. All the virtues. Are natural. And  
not painfully acquired. Speak to his heart. And  
the man. Becomes suddenly virtuous. Within  
the same sentiment. Is the germ. Of  
intellectual growth. Which obeys the same law.  
Those who are capable. Of humility. Of justice.  
Of love. Of aspiration. Are already. On a  
platform. That commands. The sciences and  
arts. Speech. And poetry. Action. And grace.  
For whoso dwells. In this mortal beatitude.  
Does already anticipate. Those special powers.  
Which men prize so highly. Just as love. Does  
justice to all. The gifts. Of the object beloved.  
The lover has no talent. No skill. Which passes.  
For quite nothing. With his enamored maiden.  
However little she may possess. Of related  
faculty. And the heart. That abandons. Itself to  
the Supreme Mind. Finds itself. Related. To all  
its works. And will travel. A royal road. To  
particular knowledge. And powers. For. In  
ascending to this primary. And aboriginal

sentiment. We have come. From our remote station. On the circumference. Instantaneously. To the center. Of the world. Where. As in the closet of God. We see. Causes. And anticipate the universe. Which is. But a slow effect.

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