

MAKING CONTACT WITH OUR INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE



“Those who learn and practise this art and science of right thinking find, in course of time, that the thorns and briars of failure, poverty, discord, hate, sickness, unhappiness and needless suffering give place to true success, achievement, prosperity, harmony, love, happiness, health. The Prophet Isaiah’s words, when reduced to plain, ordinary language, clearly indicate that those who think and act in harmony with God, instead of against Him, shall enjoy, here in this life, harmony, peace, abundance, health and happiness.”

-HT Hamblin, The Little Book of Right Thinking, page 6

Introduction

According to St Paul, we live and move and have our being in God. According to the Lord Jesus, God is Spirit – not a spirit, but Spirit. Therefore, we live and move and have our being in Spirit. God is immanent, omnipresent, closer than breathing. The presence is always with us. God is both immanent and transcendent, but we are principally concerned here with the nearness and presence of God, the Holy (whole, complete, perfect, all-sufficient) Spirit.

Immersed in Spirit

Just as a fish in the sea is immersed in water, and just as we are immersed in the air, so also are we immersed in God-Spirit. One can say just as truly “God is here,” or “Presence is here,” as we can say “the air is here.”

The invisible Spirit all around us is the only true substance. From this substance all things that appear have their origin. Everything comes originally from Spirit, the creative substance which takes form according to thought. If divine thought found free expression, nothing but beauty and harmony would manifest. Alas, on this physical plane much is marred by ‘wrong thinking’. Humankind has been given free will and, in ignorance, misuses it.

The cause of life's disorder

Our thoughts go out into the invisible and, if they violate the law of love, create grave disorder, which brings anguish and suffering in its train. Every thought that is not in correspondence with the divine order, every thought that is not in harmony with absolute justice and equity, every thought of fear, produces disorder and suffering.

In the inner realm of Spirit, perfect order reigns, and the perfect divine idea is for ever held in ideal. In this realm exists a perfect and true ideation of everything created, visible and invisible.

Our life is perfect

Strange though it may sound to you, it is true that the life of each one of us is perfect as it exists in this perfect creation of the Spirit. This truth is simply stated in the following words: “Your life is perfect as it is imaged in the divine mind.” Our life exists in perfection, free from all disorder, just as God meant and means it to be. It must be understood that behind all form there is an idea, or ideal. This is the cause and reality. It is the same with our life.

The ideal life

This exists in the ideal, in perfection, in harmony, in divine order. The object of this teaching is to help men and women to penetrate to the inner perfection of ideation, and thus get into harmony with it. It must be clearly understood that perfection has not to be created, but already is. All that we have to do is to get into harmony with it.

.A wrong method

The practice of visualising our human desires and causing them, by concentration and willpower, to take objective form, is wrong. It may bring temporary, apparent success, but it leads to greatly increased disorder. We can, however, reach out into the invisible in order to come into harmony with the divine ideal, to become channels of God's perfect life, health, wholeness, abundance and power.

We do not, therefore, reach out into the invisible in order to force our will upon life, thus compelling our earth-born desires to find fruition.

The divine idea of health

The divine idea concerning us is not one of sickness, lack, poverty, misery, worry and care – but of health, wholeness, abundance, beauty, happiness, joy, freedom from care and peace to the soul. If we are not experiencing these, then we are not expressing, on this plane, God's idea of us – we are out of harmony with the interior divine order.

The inner world of perfect ideation

When we have found this inner world of perfect ideation (where God's idea concerning us and our life for ever is), by keeping our thoughts, mind and attention on it, then our thoughts, desires and ideas (all those parts of us which are creative) become attuned to the divine harmony and produce order in the external life.

If we first learn how to do this, then practise it until we become proficient, and afterwards apply it perseveringly and persistently, the difficulties and limitations of life become a great help to us instead of a drawback. They become stepping-stones instead of hindrances, helping us in our journey towards a richer and fuller life.

The overcoming of poverty

If our trouble is poverty or financial anxiety, for example, we turn our thoughts, mind and attention to the divine source of all things, both visible and invisible. We lose all thoughts of our limitation in meditating upon the inexhaustible riches of the Spirit. We realise and affirm that we are forever established in the divine bounty.

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By practice and perseverance an inner awareness or understanding is reached, whereby the soul knows, through illumination, the truth of that which is declared. This is not as easy as concentrating upon money or wealth for so many minutes each day. The latter practice, however, while it may be apparently successful at first, increases the disorder of life instead of reducing it.

Even if it did not do so, the results could never be permanent, for they are the product of a false or pseudo creation.

The result, however, of working in the way recommended here is to liberate the life for ever from all care about temporal supply. One becomes eternally established in the consciousness of God's inexhaustible nature. It is like dipping into a mighty river for a drink. No matter how much we might drink, there could never be any diminution of supply. The supply of the Spirit is just like the river, except that it is infinite.

Making stepping-stones of difficulties

So you see, poverty, lack, restricted means, financial care, can all be made stepping-stones to a richer, fuller life of freedom, liberty and joy. In the same way, if our trouble be sickness or unhappiness or grief, the result is the same if we follow the plan laid down in this teaching.

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