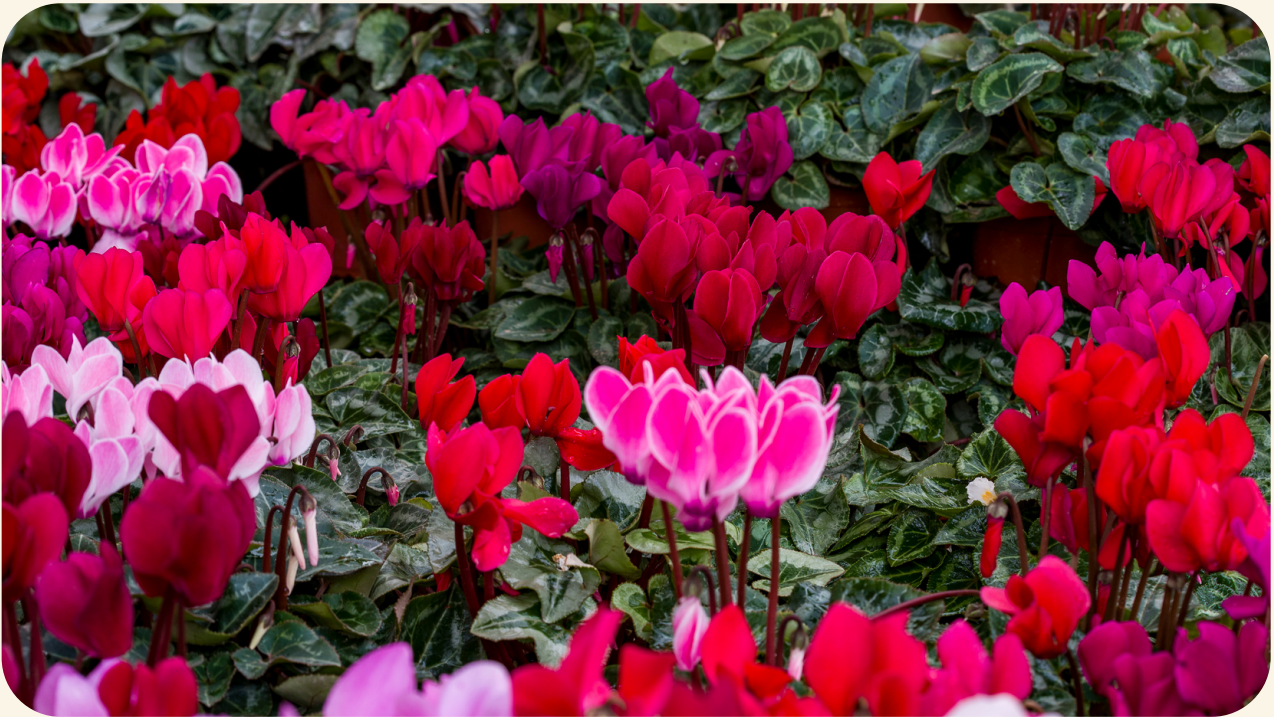


OUR HERITAGE OF ABUNDANCE



“As I gaze at the wealth of blossoms before me, my heart goes out in love and gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. As I observe their rich and delicate colourings and exquisite workmanship, I realise how bounteous is the Father’s hand. As I continue to gaze at them, I seem to hear a silvery voice saying:

‘See fellow mortal, creature of a day, gaze upon me and see how beautifully I am arrayed. I am an expression of the Father’s love and beauty. All my needs are supplied, food and drink and air and sunshine, all these come to me at their proper time, all minister to my life, all hasten to minister to my joy. I reveal to you the richness of the Father’s love, the beauty of His mind, the abundance of His everlasting supplies. As he has clothed and fed me, so also will He clothe and feed you: as He remembers me so will He remember you’.”

HT Hamblin
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Introduction

We each express the life of the Infinite. It is as though each one of us were the channel of a stream of life energy. This energy is essentially good, but it becomes expressed in the form of our thoughts. Just as a pipe determines the shape or form of the water passing through it, so do we give form to this wonderful life stream, either as good or evil, abundance or poverty, happiness or misery, beauty of life and circumstances, or otherwise.

Slaves to erroneous beliefs

If we think that we are subject to poverty and lack, and if we think that only material means and human efforts can save us from these distressing conditions, then we are slaves to them. They are real to us, and it is impossible for us to escape from them. By our thoughts and beliefs, we bind ourselves to negative conditions. But it is all a terrible error

Slaves to only our thoughts

We are not slaves to material conditions, in reality, except for our thoughts and erroneous beliefs. We are spiritual sons and daughters of God, living in a spiritual universe, and all our wants are supplied by the Spirit. As spiritual sons and daughters, God shares with us His infinite abundance. All the riches of the universe are merely a thought or idea in Divine Mind. God never lacks ideas. His mind is inexhaustible; therefore, our supply is inexhaustible.

Our only limitation is our thought

So long as we think and believe that our supply is limited by bad trade, that poverty and lack can affect us, and that only bank balances and investments can save us from hard times, we remain in bondage. Not only are we then liable to be limited, or even stricken by poverty, but our wealth, if we possess any, is a burden and source of anxiety to us.

Divine riches – their enduring nature

There is a higher law of supply than we realise on the material plane. In the higher Spiritual realm, there is no such thing as lack or insufficiency. If this Divine sufficiency is not reflected into our life, it is because our thought-life is wrong. So long as we acknowledge the power and supremacy of material limitation, and so long as we think from this standpoint, we are slaves to our environment, and nothing can set us free.

Liberty through the understanding of higher law

When, however, we make contact with the higher spiritual plane (refusing to acknowledge material limitations), calling and relying entirely on the Spirit, higher laws are brought into action. These higher laws transcend those of the sense plane, and, because of this, the apparently impossible comes to pass.

The carefree life

Some students seem to have little difficulty in thinking in harmony with Divine plenty, and in relying entirely upon the Spirit for supply. They quickly enter into liberty and freedom such as cannot be described. Their life becomes entirely carefree, as far as supply is concerned. They know that their supply is just as certain as the rising of the sun, and yet at the same time they are entirely free from the care and vexation of earthly riches. They are effectively and completely liberated from anxiety concerning financial matters, simply because they KNOW.

Supply as certain as the rising of the sun

Such people are no more anxious about the supply of their daily needs than ordinary people are about the rising of the sun. No one lies awake all night through being consumed with anxiety concerning the fate of the sun. They go to sleep and think nothing whatever about it, for we KNOW. They know that we live in a universe of perfect order, governed by perfect laws, and that the sun must rise, so why worry?

Knowledge banishes care

In just the same way the spiritually illumined KNOW that their supply will manifest just as the rising of the sun; therefore, why worry? This is the only carefree life, the life of complete dependence upon God.

The way of liberty

All, however, do not attain to this higher state of thinking and living as easily as this. Most readers will say that to do so requires a great faith and that very few people possess such a faith. True; it does need faith and a sense of “knowing”, but these come to us as a result of right thinking. If we refuse to be limited by our environment, and, instead look to Spirit for our supply, affirming that God is our One Source of all good, provision and bounty, persisting in so doing in the face of all sense evidence to the contrary, then we are bound to win through, although we may be severely tested before finally conquering.

Developing faith

When we find that we always do win through, if we persist in relying on the Spirit, and in refusing to be restricted by material limitations, we develop KNOWING and FAITH. We begin to be certain, for we find that we are dealing with absolute law. When this takes place, we become more and more free from care and financial anxiety. It does not matter whether we are in what are called humble circumstances, with but small financial responsibilities, or whether we are placed in high office with very great and pressing responsibilities, the effect is the same – always constant supply – always freedom from all care.

Small beginnings

We all have to make a commencement, and we cannot attain to complete liberation all at once. At first, we have to be satisfied with small beginnings. In order to direct the thoughts in the right direction, definite statements of Truth should be made, repeatedly and persistently. When the thought comes to us of monetary engagements that have to be met in the near future, we should not let them alarm us, neither should we dismiss them, merely hoping for the best.

Overcoming wrong thoughts

Instead, we should turn to God, or the inner realm of spirit and say: God's supply which is infinite will meet all my needs, or some words of a similar character.

How to overcome

Again, when fears of the future assail, fears of old age, diminished earning powers, and so on, the thoughts should again be reversed by saying: "I am for ever established in the Divine Bounty and Care; therefore, my wants will always be supplied. A helpful affirmation is "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want".

By continually raising the thoughts in this way a new thought-habit is formed, which moulds the life, correspondingly reflecting into the environment the Divine Harmony, Beauty and Abundance.

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