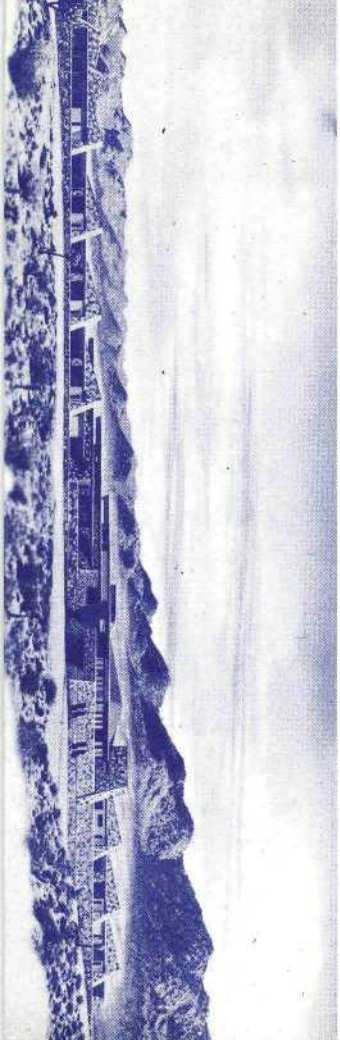

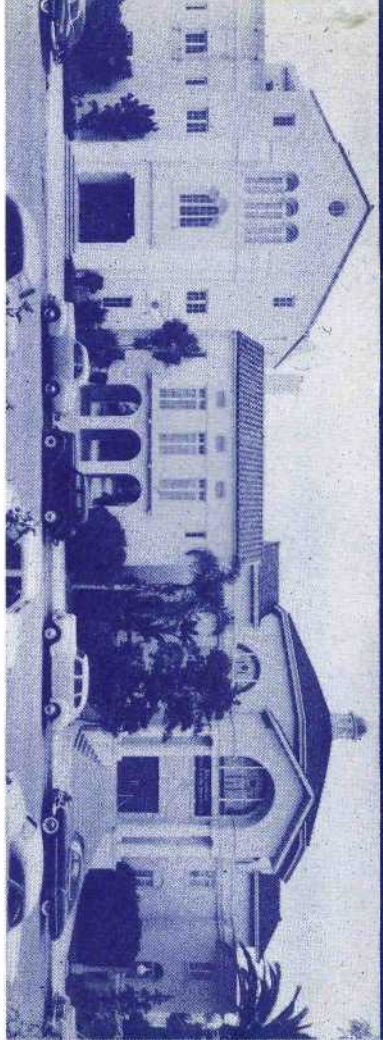

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INTRODUCTION

Civilization today is passing through a tremendous crisis, and standards, aims and institutions which were accepted less than a generation ago are challenged, are rapidly changing. The mind of the human race is tragically conscious of uncertainty, fear, dissatisfaction with existing economic and social conditions. There is an unconscious yearning among all people for a new order which is not realized, and while there is no dearth of ideals there is no blueprint for the future. Confusion of thought exists among individuals in every nation, yet, while what is called the United Nations seems to be tend-

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ing to function as one organism, its supposed outer uniformity has by no means resulted in an inner unity of spirit, mind or action.

By a large number of people modern science is regarded as the chief factor in this world unsettlement. Its pace of progress, they say, is too fast and its range too wide for quick adaptation. People seem unconsciously to declare that, with all the marvels of science and invention, they are taught to fly in the air like birds, to swim in the water like fish, but how to live on the earth in freedom of spirit inherent to all true men they do not know. The world is not of one mind. The period of provincial civilizations is rapidly drawing towards its close. Dissolution is in the air. Old forms of faith are tottering. Thoughtful men of every creed and country look wistful and expectant for a true spiritual renaissance that does not come. Men know not where to look for solace or enlightenment. Human living in peace and harmony becomes an increasing enigma for countless human beings. The cause?—no one seems to know. The effect?—upon this there is wild conjecture, and no one has the final word.

I am one of those who believe that the reason for all this unrest and discontent and strife is not the result of the advance of science and technological advancement, not the result of over-population and economic disbalance, indeed, not the result of any one or more exterior factors in human progress. The basis of it all is Man's ignorance of LAW—God's Law: ignorance of his own true nature: ignorance of Universal Principle, in which he lives and

moves and has his being. The need in the world today is, as I see it (in our own country, at all events) for a great revolution in **thinking.** We do not think enough about thinking, and most of the confusion in our own country and in all countries is the result of age-old illusions in regard to Man himself. Mind is all that a man is. Yet the very process of thinking is a mystery to ninety-nine human beings out of a hundred. To that other one per cent Man's mind and how he thinks is not quite so great a mystery, yet of that one per cent an extraordinarily small number are masters of their life and conditions that confront them. So few men succeed; so many men fail. Why? Simply because they know nothing about the science of thinking and, consequently, little about the art of living. Yet the thinker has but to ponder but a moment to intellectually acknowledge that what he calls God, and God's Works (the Universe), is MIND, the Mind that is Universal. All is Mind, call It what you will; the Universe Itself and all that's in It is simply one great, vibrating thinking thing.

Mind—Universal Mind—and your own knowledge of it, how you cooperate with it and draw from Its Absolute Infinity, makes you what you are and your life what it is. Poverty or wealth?—happiness or misery?—health or disease?—literally life or death? . . . you have the answers within you, for as you seek the power of Universal Mind, so you find It. And as you **use** It (or are used by it) so does your life, your world, your own universe, become. All the result of your own thinking. If your thinking be

right, and the consequent result in your life (action, work and so on) be right, you gradually emerge, do you not, into increasing similarity and correspondence with MIND—God's Mind, Universal Mind, the THING THAT IS.

In this sixth of the "Fifty Little Books"—which has for its title "Man—the Monarch of the Universe"—my hope is that you who read may be led into a Truth so sublime that you may be started on a journey to completely revolutionize your life and make of it precisely what you have always dreamed.

PART I: MAN IS THE HIGHEST PRODUCT OF HIS OWN HISTORY—THE GLORY OF THE HUMAN KINGDOM

Instead of succumbing to the pessimism of the times, all thinkers should realize that Man has at his command all knowledge—the ALL, indeed, of what God is. To the person who does not think, such a statement would go above his head; but it is true nonetheless. You and I have the power here and now to make of our lives exactly what we with all our hearts desire—we have to learn the way, then work and do the Will. Similarly, with the whole human race. Earth may become Heaven itself—and will—when all men learn the way and their work becomes the Will. Take atomic power—probably the greatest unfoldment of God's Wisdom to Man throughout his whole history: the changes that would come over the world with the advent of cheap and abundant atomic energy would be enormous. Who owned the coal mines and the oil

fields of the world would offer you little concern. All that you and I would be called upon to do, probably, would be to fill up our car at long intervals with "water," and our automobiles would run continuously, and we would have no thought of how much gasoline we used. Airplanes could make non-stop flights around the earth and stay aloft for months if necessary. Man will gradually come into the knowledge that he IS MIND; if not eventually, why not NOW? Man is Mind **Now.** Whatever is (call IT what you will), Man is **now!** . . . YOU ARE—I AM! Man is in Heaven now, but will not realize the fact.

So far in these Little Books, we have taken a general and symbolic view of the Kingdoms of Life far below the Human Kingdom, into which you and I have evolved.* We investigated the **Ethereal Kingdom,** which might be called the Great Beginning and God's first cycle of expression; we then entered the **Sidereal Kingdom,** the Kingdom of Light and God's second cycle of expression; then on into the **Mineral Kingdom,** the Kingdom of Forms, God's third cycle of expression; further on into the **Vegetable Kingdom,** the First Sacrifice—God's fourth cycle of expression, in which we showed that until Man learns the first sacrifice, the **"making sacred"** of all Life, he cannot hope to make true spiritual progress. In these previous volumes, we were impressed by the ignorance of Man concerning what is called Nature, and I feel the same remark can be made regarding The Human Kingdom, God's sixth cycle of expression. Few know much of the divine evolutionary action at work in all the seven kingdoms, yet it is obvious

to you, a thinker, that until men learn that all the principles embodied in all the subhuman Kingdoms are embodied in Man he cannot expect to be the master of his own life conditions and learn the Secret of Victorious living.

(a) The Human Kingdom—the First Conquest

Tens of millions of years, as we measure "time," lie between or separate these various kingdoms. The interval represents Man's struggle and progress from prehistoric eras to the dawn of history. Science has even been, and still is, vigorous in its speculation about **how** Man has evolved, but the glorious **fact** of Man's evolution into the divine "Image" is established within the consciousness of all thinking men. **Even in the Human Kingdom we see the difference of millions of years' evolvement between the dullard, the dissolute, and the highly evolved and initiated soul whose whole existence is for the benefit of the whole human race.**

There are naturally people whose experience is still in the kindergarten state who do not comprehend how God's Universe is created, sustained and evolved. They disagree upon or shrink from an intelligent study of Man's evolution. To them it is incongruous to think of a Shakespeare, a Bacon, an Einstein, or a Beethoven as having come upward from the ape that bears no comparison whatever in intellect, understanding or ability. But it is incontrovertible that there is an amazing difference between a man

like Plato and the savage from the forests of the Congo, a great difference between the average scientific worker in General Motors or the Ford factories and the average worker of even a century ago. Yet the whole human race was once lower than the Congo savage.

But the whole Universe is, and always was and always will be, through evolution, in a state of "becoming," and when you fully comprehend this truth you readily understand that the mental evolution from a lowly savage to a human genius is in complete conformity with what might be called God's eternal plan. To anti-evolutionists, of course, this makes no sense. They are not to be criticized nor condemned. You must admit that you have to work hard to possess the power to allow your mind to rest upon "time" in terms of millions of years to see that what is called the "lifetime" of Man is truly but a breath. **Think in terms of millions of years instead of single days, as most people do, and "God's Way" staggers the mind.**

(b) Man's Evolution Is Very Slow!

When you speak of "man" twenty million years ago, you have the whole weight of modern geological authority behind you—it is true! Throughout that long period you are able to trace how Man has ascended in knowledge and in power, so that today you can see that he is well on his way to the promised dominion that he shall have over all things. Members of no other Kingdom can make that claim, because they have not similar power, or any-

thing nearly approaching it. In the **Human Kingdom alone** we find the first **conquest.** The meaning of the word "conquest," as you know is

> **"The act of conquering, of overcoming, of vanquishing; victory, subjugation, triumph, mastery, reduction, subjection, achievement; the act of gaining or regaining by effort."**

In the Human Kingdom, perhaps more than in any of the other kingdoms, you can see that God **(All That There Is)** has unfolded through Man into His Own Image.

In God's first cycle of expression—the Ethereal Kingdom—we find (as was revealed in the first of the "Fifty Little Books") **ALL That There Is** embodied in primordial equilibrium, the great root from which all life-expressions come. Then comes Light in the next kingdom (the Sidereal), where there is corresponding activity to the Light; then on through the Mineral Kingdom (the first kingdom of forms); on through the Animal Kingdom (the first real quest of forms); on through into the Human Kingdom, where Eternal Wisdom has evolved an entity which potentially embodies All That God Is—the First Custodian. Man is the highest evolved being in **form,** and his next step—in the CELESTIAL Kingdom—is formless; he again becomes pure spirit.

(c) The Wise Man "Walks With God" by Habit

In your progress, you gradually learn that all manifestations of Life Itself emerge and evolve from and through

what you might call the Great Mean, or Equilibrium, or Silence (of which the Ethereal Kingdom is the symbol). I repeat that ALL manifestations thus uniformly emerge. All Life, all life-forms, all life-expressions, all that you can possibly comprehend or imagine of Life, comes from the same one root; and men call it "God." Therefore you see that Man is what the **ALL** is, Man is what **God** is, Man is embodied in wisdom—the wisdom of the All (God). Wisdom, not material substance, is the abstract of all the past. The wise man by habit "walks with God;" in other words, does not depart from his primordial nature in the All. He sees that all that is written in the seven kingdoms, or the seven chapters, of God's Book of Life is actually what MAN is.

Now, I admit it may not be easy for you to think like this, and that naturally presupposes a great deal of willing and happy study, so that you may come into understanding.

The wise man sees all that is written in the seven chapters of God's Book of Life, and knows that unless he constantly cultivates harmony with God's Life—as he sees it gradually unfolding from the Ethereal Kingdom to the Celestial Kingdom—he cannot hope ever to truly become God in truth—cannot hope to gain his lost sovereignty into the Celestial Kingdom, which is his true home as a part of God's Eternal Spirit. You know, of course, what I mean when I use the word "God." I have in mind the One Thing—the Creative Spirit—ALL That There Is—the First Cause — the mathematically exact Universal Mind — the Creator. I do not have in mind the anthropomorphic God,

as you know. I have in mind the Father-Mother-God, the **ALL** THAT THERE IS. . . . The wise man, moreover, knows that it is by **'his works'** alone (that is, **God's works expressed through his own life)** that he can enter the Kingdom of God. Therefore, the wise man has learned to stand firm. He turns neither to the left nor to the right—he has learned to accord, to live in accord, with the course of the 'Mean,' which is Wisdom. Though he may be unknown and unregarded by the world, he knows no regrets—he rests secretly in Wisdom. And this is really all that we human beings have to learn . . . to rest in the LAW . . . to remain in the MEAN . . . to allow the Living, Moving Spirit of Creation within us to **reveal itself** to us, and never to disturb its shining through us to others, keeping us strong in its essence of purity, and gradually, as it shines, to awaken others to its beauty. The hawk flies up to the heavens, the fish leap in the deep—here you have examples of how universal is God's wisdom, you find it in everything that is . . . 'as above—so below.' You may call it the Christ-Spirit, if you will. The Christ-Spirit is everywhere, but is not **manifest** in every person. It would benefit very little a blind person to know of the light merely by hearsay. It would be cruel to inform a blind person, who had no deeper intuition than you, of the light. It would do him no good to hear of the light by hearsay.

(d) The Wise Man and "His Works"

Man generally does not know or admit—perhaps you

who are now reading do not admit—**that every thought** we think is the result of the light that shines in the center of our own being; your thoughts are to you the parallel of the constellation of stars in the firmament of heaven. We have to learn this, of course.

Hearsay information, whilst highly entertaining, has no power; it is only knowledge that has power and to gain knowledge we must practice. Yes, we must learn these secrets if we are to lead ourselves into Victorious Living—and it is, obviously, that only as we learn to know what God's Wisdom truly is that we gain Knowledge.

In Mentalphysics we teach that Man, of himself, is naught! Man is because God is in him. The Christ is God in Man—the Christ is Divinity in Humanity. There is no other Redeemer. Man cannot be saved from mortality in any other way than in becoming immortal—he has to allow GOD to become ALL to him. That, you know, is grand doctrine; and, moreover it is true. But it is of little value for you to **talk about it.** What you have to do is to learn the way **to do it,** then obviously you become what you do. "Wise people, after they have listened to the Law, become serene, like a deep, smooth, and still lake." That is an Oriental proverb.

(e) Man Is What He Is Because GOD IS ALL

Even the fool who knows his foolishness is wise, at least so far (he recognizes it); but a fool who thinks himself wise is a fool indeed. Earnestness in the pursuit of knowl-

edge is your best and very highest jewel, and mine also—let us earnestly pursue true knowledge together!

What is the Universe? What makes it, how is it sustained, how does it develop, and what is the whole purport of it? The veriest dullard can at once see that the outer Universe, in all its endless complications, was perfect at what we might call its "beginning." The Universe is the "works of God," the result, if you wish, of God's Thought. You, as a wise man, know that you, too, are the result of your own thought, and your whole world is founded on your thought.

We can all see that. All That There Is, whether it be a man or a mouse, whether it be a grain of sand or a blade of grass, **ascends** through the form or the state or the quality that it finds itself in, to something higher, and it simply cannot retrogress—it must progress. Retrogression is safeguarded and avoided by virtue of the fact that all life-forms continuously rise from their present low point to their future higher point. You have come to the point where you now are—a Human Being. Your thought, your consciousness, disturbs your progress or accelerates your progress; but you have come to the point that you now are, and you may remain at that point, stationary, for any length of "time," for any number of what we call "life-times," unless you do something about it. If you do something about it, you progress from the lower to the next higher, to the next higher, and so on, up to and into that which you are in potentiality. **And that which you are in potentiality is the full quality and nature of That which IS . . . GOD.** And what **IS?** The only thing that IS is **God.**

(f) The One Secret of Man's Divinity

And so in the Science of Mentalphysics we commence in our practices and learning of The LAW where the great majority of philosophers and religionists end. The great majority of religions and philosophies teach that we have to go through this life, this vale of tears—"A few more years shall roll, a few more seasons come," and then at last we shall be "in Heaven." That, to us, is nonsense; but we would not interfere with the faith of any who do not share our belief. We say, that **all Is**—it **IS!** It is the constant, eternal, present moment; it is **now!** And there is no time, there is no present, there is no past, there is no future, as such; **there is but "my mind" for me, "your mind" for you.** And the full comprehension of all that you can comprehend comes to you through your mind, as the interpreter, but not as the creator. God's Moving Wisdom, God's Infinite Knowledge, is ever-moving. Through the divine faculty of thought with which we are endowed, It contacts me; It contacts you. Then **Its** work is done.

My work begins at the contact, to interpret for my own self (my self being a differentiated part of the eternal whole of God); so that I, through right interpretation, may engage in right expression, and the engaging in right expression automatically keeps pure the moving Wisdom of Life in which I live, and, so I become more and more like God.

Put in another way: " I " (the differentiated particle of God) become so surrendered, and quiescent, and at peace, and in contact, with **THAT** (God) in which I live and move and have my being, that no thought or action or feeling of "mine" can disturb God's perfect and full expression through "me" . . . so I become more and more like God . . . so I become God in Human Form, doing the Will of the Father.

(g) Doing the Will of the Father—What Is This?

I repeat "doing the Will of the Father." What does that mean? In a word, it means YOUR LABOR—WHAT YOU DO IN LIFE.

First, you will admit that you and I are differentiated parts of God, the Creative Spirit. We are in our present form as human beings—in Mentalphysics we claim that you and I, human beings, are God in Human Form. This is profound Truth, and you would not be reading these lines unless you were vitally interested in yourself—in short, if you did not wish to make more of your life . . . to be more, to do more, to have more.

But the average man says, "Well, yes, I'm a human being. I look like you. I've got a head. I've got eyes. I've got ears. I've got hands. I've got legs. I've got all the organs that you have and all the muscles. Looks are pretty much the same. I do what a lot of human beings do. I have an alarm clock that wakes me up when I don't want to wake up. I have to go to work when I don't want

to go. I have to do things, mainly—well, I have to get by, I have a family. I have to pay my bills. I get very tired, I don't know what it's all about. But still we have a pretty good time, three square meals a day and we go to a show now and again. Well, it's one thing after another, but we are happy enough." That is the way many human beings reason. The very great majority of human beings seem to live like that.

(h) Importance of What You Call Your Labor

YOU are not like that. Why? Well, because you have learned something of the Truth of your existence. **How** have you learned? In the only way that we can learn, and that is by experience. You can't learn out of a book—only the One Book, the Book of Life. But you have learned, have you not, that there is a Plan . . . that there is a great and beautiful and faultless tapestry which is the key to Life Itself? Not only the key to your life—indeed, the more you know, the more you wonder how, what is called "your" life, so insignificant as it appears, can be included in this great glorious, faultless beauty of the great Eternal Tapestry of Life. You know that Life is cause and effect, that effects become causes, causes again bring their effects. And you can see, that as you have progressed up through that very broken mountain of Life, you have at last come to a sort of anti-climax in the Human Kingdom. To some

***The Seven Kingdoms (in evolutionary order) are quoted on the second page of the cover of this little volume.**

it may seem that this is the climax, because what is more beautiful than a human being? What is more beautiful than to be alive, to be able to do, to be able to have, to be able to think, to be able to re-create anything of which Man has had previous experience and gained previous knowledge? But how few people know the beauty of human living. The reason for this? Is it not because so few know the secret of ordering their life to conform with Universal Principle and Universal Intelligence. When we learn this, we DO what we should do—and that is all that can be said. When we DO what we SHOULD DO, our LABOR, then all is well; because we come to know that the net purport of our life is fulfilled . . . we do the "Will of the Father."

PART II: YOUR LABOR IS THE TRUTH OF YOU!

How You May Learn the Right Understanding, Manifestation and Living of Truth

"O rich and various Man!—thou palace of sight and sound, carrying in thy senses the morning and the night, and the unfathomable galaxy; in thy brain, the geometry of the city of God; in thy heart, the power of love and the realms of right and wrong. An individual man is a fruit which it cost all the foregoing ages to form and ripen. He is strong, not to do, but to live; not in his arms, but in his heart; not as an agent, but as a fact."—Emerson.

"Man was born for two things -thinking and acting." -Cicero

I am sure you will agree with me that changes in the future will not be caused entirely by our ability to control our environment—this is putting the cart before the horse. Control of MAN HIMSELF will play even a more important part.

(i) Our Labor Is Our Only Redeemer

Man—you and I—grows by what he does. The labor of Man is the eternal redeemer. Therefore, what I shall have to say now is a direct message to all of us who labor —I visualize myself speaking to all members of all trade unions, to men who labor in, we will say, General Motors, Ford's great automobile enterprise, Chrysler's and other great automobile plants, the wonderful Railroad brotherhood, the efficient electrical plants such as Edison and General Electric, and to all the men in the surpassingly organized factories of the United States, to our miners, to our courteous telephone people, to all who labor on ships, to all men and women everywhere who make our great industrial country the very envy of the world by their labor. Also to those who may think they only stand and wait.

I believe that every worker, no matter in what kind of work (and we are all workers), will be given much encouragement, and may receive enlightenment, by the careful reading of what follows. This is my fervent hope.

(j) Labor—Truth—the Millenium

At no time in the annals of Man has LABOR been recognized as such a force as it is today. When LABOR becomes TRUTH, the millenium will be here. May I repeat that sentence—**"When LABOR becomes TRUTH, the millenium will be here."** You will, I feel sure, agree with me that the Truth of a man is his Labor, and finally all that any man can teach and learn is simply that his **Labor** is all that a man is and has to offer to Life as collateral for all Life's blessings. The imparting of Truth (that a man's Labor is the Truth of his life, the Truth of Life within him) is Man's most important and divine privilege, and Truth (Labor) is the most sublime, the most simple, the most difficult, and yet the most natural thing in all existence. **The love of Truth (labor) for Truth's sake is the eternal bliss of all human beings.**

We have a very profound and beautiful idea if we agree together that a man's **Labor** is the **Truth** of him. **The love of Truth (Labor) for Truth's sake is the eternal bliss of all human beings,** and he who seeks the Truth (Labor) of Life—he who offers and achieves his Labor—is above all narrow patriotism, above all creed, above all color, above all superstition—he attests, by his own research, his Oneness with the Eternal Father of All—**HE who doeth all things well** . . . the Living Law of Life.

We may say that God is known by His Perfect Work; you and I are known by our perfect work—**by what we do, and how we do it.** I am working in my study, you may be

tightening a bolt in a factory—we are both known by our excellence of labor.

The correct measure of Man is not in what he says, but is seen in **what he does:** God is known by His Perfect Work—Man is known by his perfect work, by what he does.

Indeed, in God's eternal fiat—**"Let There Be Light!"**—God commanded men to **labor;** work is God's command as truly as prayer—work **is** prayer.

(k) Labor Is the Truth of Ourselves

And what then can we say of Labor in the light of that definition, that Labor is the Truth of ourselves?

Labor conquers all things, for labor is the basis of happiness; when a man is happy, he labors happily. Where he labors happily, he is happy. **Unless a man is happy, his labor brings no inspiration that can uplift him.** Labor exalts a man, humanizes a man, leads a man from the ordinary in him to the genius in him, and the fruit derived from his labor is the sweetest of all his pleasures.

Without labor, nothing prospers, though many people vainly imagine to the contrary. No, to **labor** nothing can be denied, and **nothing whatever of value can be attained without it,** and the fruit you derive from your labor—not from mine—is the sweetest of your pleasures.

The enlightened person knows **Labor** to be the divine law of his existence, for he recognizes that Labor, in all its variety, physical and mental, is the natural God-appointed method for the natural development of all Man's powers—

God's power in Man—under the direction and control **of** Man's own will. None enjoy themselves so little, and **are** such burdens to themselves, as those who have nothing to do; miserable indeed is he who slumbers in his idleness. On the other hand, in **labor** there is a perennial nobleness __rightly proud is the man who rightly labors; his **Labor** __the Truth of him—is his own and only contribution to Life.

He who does not comprehend the beauty of allowing God's Truth, God's Will, God's Power, God's Labor, to issue forth from him in his own Labor is not yet awakened or enlightened.

If men gather themselves together to protect actually the work of their hands and minds, **Labor** will eventually prove itself to be the crown of Man's life and the scepter of his noblest sovereignty.

(l) Man Is Only What His Labor Is!

Man indeed has naught but his labor; all else he seems to possess is illusory; and foolish will he be if, in endeavoring to safeguard his own rights in his own labor, he is deceived by his leaders in the dictation of his own political and social opinions. Such a condition, to be watched by every self-respecting man, would eventually take from Man the dignified right to work and reduce his **labor** to mere slavery, stripping his labor of all that it actually is—the gateway to his own divinity—and leaving him bereft

of the greatest of all blessings, which is his own freedom to labor freely in Truth.

If I were a member of a labor union—and I am—I would strive that my union be kept free and untrammeled by any adventures into politics. Not alone in our own country, but in all countries, Labor has never benefited itself by interference with politics as such, and as far as my own observation and calculation inform me, I have never seen politics, always unstable, permanently benefit Labor. When Labor began to organize itself for its own protection, it was done by groups of men who were proud to be efficient artificers—never politicians; and that, I am of the firm belief, is the attitude that Labor should adopt and jealously safeguard. But it cannot be done if there is interference in politics purely as such; politics has always led Labor astray. Beware of labor union leaders when they become politicians. If you will think that through and view Labor from its very highest and its **true** aspects, you will admit that we are right in that conclusion.

(m) Excellence of His Labor Is Man's Fixed Capital

A man's fixed capital, moreover, of which none can rob him, is the excellence of his labor.

Labor is a great good, but not until the word "labor" can be rightly interpreted in our vocabulary as not to mean "toil" will Man honor his labor. The life of the true laboring man should embrace much alternation of employment, so diversified as to call the whole man—intellect, heart,

imagination and predisposition—into action. A **wise** laboring man—and who of us does not labor?—should so honor his craft and delight in honorable labor that the fruits of his labor should fit him for leisure to pursue his spiritual inclinations; but this he will not do until his "labor" ceases to be "toil" and the sole means of gathering the wherewithal to satisfy purely physical as against spiritual appetites and inclinations. This is the secret: never to feel that our labor is drudgery or "work," but to know that our "labor" is the genius that changes the world from ugliness to beauty, and one's own consciousness from that of earth to Heaven.

There is no such thing, for the honest man, as unskilled labor, for no man can work without thinking. Great thoughts hallow any labor, no matter what it is. As Thoreau once wrote: "If the ditcher muse the while how he may live uprightly, the ditching spade and turf knife may be engraved on the coat-of-arms of his posterity." And if there be any security at all for Man on his road to Heaven on earth, it surely is his Labor, for by his works alone is he known—and by his works will he be remembered.

Truth (labor) wounds only its enemies, those who try to oppose it. Woodrow Wilson once said that "Truth is the most robust and indestructible and formidable thing in the world"—which is true. Why? What Truth? Your truth, my truth, is the **labor** of us! And, having thought it through, you may hold up your head in dignity as a true laboring man or woman.

Truth is the Labor of true men. And these, I think, are the final words of Truth: I take them from a very ancient, classical poem, **The Bhagavad Gita:**

> **"Those meats ye crave**
> **The gods will grant to Labor, when it pays**
> **Tithes in the altar-flame. But if one eats**
> **Fruits of the earth, rendering to kindly Heaven**
> **No gift of toil, that thief steals from his world."**

(n) Happiness Depends Upon How We Labor

Nature—the world—the Universe—what men call God and God's Law—are not incoherent. MAN is ignorant. The moral and spiritual evolution of Man is only at the beginning, and, that being so, he cannot yet fully comprehend that God's Law is already completed, the Book of Life's Law is already written. If Man is to bring about perfection in his life, if there is ever to be an ideal human society on this earth, it can come only through the obedience in Man's life to God's immutable LAW. There can be no other way. Those words, I grant, sound prosaic and everyday, but I have no better words with which to frame the idea.

The happiness of an individual or the masses can only be obtained by high and noble discipline, not only freely accepted, but fully understood—living by LAW in Labor (Truth). We very rarely attain to that which we fight for. Rather, should we rest in the ever-moving Law. The Law is greater than you or me. In the very act of fighting, no

matter on how great or small a scale, we disturb the Law that can alone bring us our own heart's desire. . . . The happiness of the individual or the masses can only be obtained by high and noble discipline—what do these words mean? It seems to me that they mean not only by freely accepting discipline, but by fully understanding discipline—the word "discipline" being used in the sense of the Law of Life.

(o) Would You Change Places With a Millionaire?

Basing my opinions on observations over many years, I cannot see how we can ever build up an ideal society, by what is called Labor, by what is called Capital. I have never yet—and I do not think you have, either—met anybody, any laborer, so-called, who would not change places with the capitalist, so-called. I personally believe that if I could be what I am, and if I could also be another person at the same time, I would like to change places with a millionaire today, with a multimillionaire! I would like to change places with the richest man or woman on this earth! Why? Do I want millions? God forbid, and I do not want the personal anguish that goes with great possessions. But I could rightly use the wealth of the millionaire. I can see, and I know you can see, that it is the **USE TO WHICH WE PUT THE PRODUCTS OF THE EARTH THAT MATTERS.** I have the greatest respect for any man or woman who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before. I may be wrong—although I am

not wrong for myself, however—but my observation leads me to think that the people who mostly talk about doing things, the people who mostly tell others what to do and how to do it, are greatly on the increase, and the people who really DO something, take a pride in building the Cathedral of their own Spirit, are on the decrease.

(p) You and I Are Known Alone by Our Works.

A man's measure is alone in what he does. It is not in what he hopes for, talks about, thus wasting his energy; but alone in what he accomplishes. This is the final word of Wisdom. A man is known by his works. Thinking men realize how much there is to do, how little there is done, to cause God's Law to be lived by men on this earth—that Heaven may come down. Today mankind expects every man to do his duty. When all men do their duty toward all men, God must through men do the rest. The very heart of every one of us rebels at the condition of the world today. Is it because the Laws of God, the Laws of Nature, the Laws of all that seems to be natural—is it that it is all incoherent, chaotic, unstable? Is what we call the Law of God changed? What we call the immovable, categorical, immutable, everlasting, ever-the-same, greater than all the laws of what we call our own science—is it because **that** Law has changed? No! It is all because of Man's ignorance of Universal Law.

We know that a little knowledge is dangerous; a little knowledge dresses itself up, makes much noise, vainly

gilds itself and dangerously sends out untruths, half-truths. Man does not thus know the Law in which he lives.

(q) Sad Commentary on Man in His Ignorance.

Man's ignorance is simply amazing; men do not—generally speaking—know **why** they are where they are. The average unthinking man does not know **how** he came here. He knows remarkably little about the great, eternal, Everlasting Law that carries him along. And he does not know, for he never thinks, that his sole purpose of being, the sole power of his own thinking, is gradually, increasingly, **to understand** that Law—which he is, and in which he lives. He lamentably lives very largely outside of that Law. The great masses of people, though they do not declare it in words, show by the truth of themselves (their labor) that they believe that Life (their lives) has very few purposes—to eat, to drink, to enjoy themselves, to procreate, and so on. Their ideals are not yet formed; they do not see the purpose of their coming, or being, and one day is very much like all days. If, on a rare occasion, they do creatively accomplish something, they feel a great inner satisfaction and inspiration, but because of habit they find great difficulty in causing that one seed of accomplishment to grow; and so they go on living a life that is generally dull and purposeless. Year after year they regret and fear that they get older; year after year it is a natural corollary in their lives to suffer from something—disease, operations—negation with a thousand eyes. They see

their bodies, even, "wearing out," and so on and so on—I need not expand upon such things. We see it all around us. And, sadly, we have all been like that.

But now we in Mentalphysics see triumphantly—slowly and gradually, as "through a glass darkly"—that Life's Law is ALL THAT THERE IS. And we come to see that we live m that Law.

(r) Education the True Weapon of Progress.

Men call God "God," but usually the more they use the word, the less they know of what God is, because it is extremely difficult to get to know what God is. **Who** is there, the greatest mind, no matter who . . . **how** can a mere human understand God? We can only finally come to know God in what "we" appear to do, through "our" labor. But it is, in Truth, not "our" labor at all; it is God who labors through us. God is ALL—we are naught. When we know that it is God within us that does the work, then we come finally to see that Life is glorious, that Life is creative, Life is real . . . that upon the face of Life there is the unspeakable sheen of the Eternal Spirit . . . that Life is a great, scintillating adventure . . . that Life is never creatively the same two breaths together. God's magic shines out through God laboring in and through us! A new idea? Yes, it is! Think about jt! Who are "you" if not God in Human Form? Yes, it is only then that we come to see that Man is not what he appears to be any more than anything in the Universe is what it appears to be.

We look on anything whatever, and even the very little that we know of the Law shows us that everything is constantly changing. Changing, how? Changing backward? No, ever changing evolutionarily **upward** and **forward**—a boy becomes a man, a girl becomes a glorious woman. Education—getting to know—changes mankind and causes its progress. Education is the weapon of progress, one of the weapons of human evolution. The only history that makes any sense is universal history . . . and the only fact of universal history is that Man is divine. We shall all come to see, finally, that Man is God in Human Form.

(s) All Unions Are the Union of the Eternal Spirit.

Then what is a Labor Union unless it be the Union of the Eternal Spirit, running like a thread of purest gold right through Humanity?

But ask some of the men whose names are familiar to you, they who have the power in their right hand to sign their name, involving millions of unthinking workers. Ask them! They know so little—but are we to criticize them? No, rather should we criticize the unthinking human sheep who put them into their important office.

But let us have no fear! The collective inspiration, the collective love, if you wish, the collective ability, the collective intellectuality, the collective energy—Labor will eventually redeem mankind, for the simple reason that Man has naught whatever to offer to Life's Law but his labor.

When **Labor** becomes **Love**—when all that we do with our minds and our hands and our hearts becomes a **Labor of Love,** how grand life will be!

We should not be afraid of soiling our hands. How dignified is a man with calloused hands who has done the work of a God! Do you remember the story of three men chipping stones? One was asked, "What are you doing?" "Well, I am in the union, and I have a job just chipping stones. I have a dollar an hour. The best job that I ever had in my life." And he goes on just chipping stones. You pass by him to the next man. "What are you doing?" "Oh," he says, "I am just chipping some stones." He does not want to talk; he goes on with his work. And you go to the next one; he wipes the honest sweat from his brow, and he looks upward to Heaven and he says, "I am building a Cathedral!" What a difference!

Life is watching you and me! It is for Life that we work! We do not work for so much per hour, so much per day! We are not working for a salary or wages! **We, are the progenitors of the Will of God in Labor, which is Truth!**

CONCLUSION: READ THIS CAREFULLY

As you have read the foregoing, you may be so spiritually informed as to understand and endorse all that I have written—and also all that I have not written. But you have not been listening alone to my voice—you have, I trust with all my heart, been listening to another Voice . . . the Voice of your own Highest Self, the Voice of your own

divine nature, the Voice of what you may term God within you.

It so, continue to listen.

"Yea, listen to Me, that you may learn of Me and my Eternal Way in you. You desire to learn of My mysteries? Then, fear not, and My mystery in what you call 'your life' will be revealed to you, if you truly wish to know.

"Who am I? I am YOU, I am Your Divine Self, I am the Master within you. I am that part of You Who IS—the same yesterday, today, tomorrow, forever—I am the KNOWER within you, your True SELF, your Teacher, your God. It is I who sit within you that you now hear. I always await my opportunity to speak, for it is I who directs your thought, your feelings, your actions and all your ways.

"It is I who have been with you always, through all your joys and heartaches, your successes and achievements—also your mistakes.

"It is I who have been with you through all your evil-doing, your back-sliding, your wanton ways, your crimes against your brother and against God.

"No matter where you went—onward, backward—upward, downward—straying helplessly from the Path you knew you should have trod, it was I who brought you through. And I shall continue to stand by and show you how to do all the things you wish to do, for your own eternal growth or even for your own undoing.

"I am your Innermost One. I am the Cause of your Being, and the Root of all that you are. I am Infinite. The Universe is My Body. I am All Intelligence, All Love, All Power, All That There Is. I am You—I am the Dweller in You. You know Me, and sometimes incline yourself to listen to what I say.

"All the sub-human existences of Me and My Cosmos exist for the purpose of your observing, being still, not saying, 'See how great I am,' but submerging, effacing thyself that thou may'st recognize Me in thyself I am YOU.

"If you will recognize Me in you, the 'Little Book' in your hand will bring you Truth. Follow after Me if you wish to be wise, and heed My instruction. Rest, and feel ME thinking through you, and as I think in you, so shall you become. Fail not in this instruction. Peace be in your heart forevermore!"