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## "ONLY WAITING"

There's an old hymn I used to play on the organ. I've lost it. I don't know where it has gone to. Maybe Alfie has thrown it away in "cleaning up" the organ bench. But the first two lines of that old hymn went something like this---"only waiting till the shadows have a little closer drawn". As I entered my study this afternoon, for some unexplainable reason, the first two lines of this hymn kept going through my mind. "Only waiting, till the shadows have a little closer drawn".

I wonder why those two lines keep running through my mind. Perhaps it's because I am going through a period of "shadows" just now. It seems as if I am having a lot of "shadows" these days. The biggest shadow of them all being the death of my close friend Bill Borah, as we call him here in Idaho. That is a real shadow. And it will not pass from over me for some time.

A few months ago, I lost another friend by the name of Bill. I had not known that Bill as long as I have known Senator Borah. But I knew him well enough. I wish I had known him a few years back. For I loved, and still love those two Bills. Then, as I write this, my little Florence is in the Swedish Hospital in Seattle, and while she will be perfectly all right, it's a shadow nevertheless.

Then, two of our best employees are leaving us, and that is a sort of a shadow I suppose, too. The world is full of shadows today. It's terrible. But there is one redeeming feature to shadows. There has to be a sun to cast a shadow. Were there no shadows, there would be no sun. And in the middle of all this desperation, this wholesale killing of human beings, in the midst of all of those shadows, we know the sun is shining somewhere--don't we.

You know--beloved whom I have never seen but on whom I have learned to depend so much---I'm thinking of you all today. I'm in a sort of introspective mood. The seriousness of world shadows is affecting me. I want to do so much to help---yet I must wait. I want to help dispel the shadows with the glorious light of the Spirit of God--yet I must wait. Why?---I do not know. But more has been accomplished by men who knew how to wait, than by those who rush headlong in where others would not dare to tread.

Perhaps we must wait until the shadows which surround us have drawn a bit closer. Perhaps, grown deeper. For that is the end of the line I have been misquoting--it is this--"only waiting till the shadows have a little DEEPER GROWN" That's it. Perhaps these earthly shadows must grow deeper. I know they must. I know the horrible slaughter of men and women by men gone stark raving mad, must continue to grow worse for a little while. But it will only be for a little while. For things are so shaping themselves that the earth and its inhabitants are getting more and more ready to accept the coming of the Power of the Spirit of God. I know that.

Writing to me a few days ago, a valued Student in Seattle said--"why is it so many more lives must be lost--why so many more homes blasted--why cannot the Light break now?". I wish I knew. I wish I knew. Maybe I do know. But these shadows--they are becoming darker. And the darker they become, the closer must be the dawn. The closer must be the Sun of Righteousness which is the Spirit of the Life--God.



I think I know why we must wait until the shadows have grown a bit darker. You see---there still is on the earth, those who think they can get along without God. They are mistaken. But they think that in their own power they can bring in a system of civilization which leaves God out of the system. They are mistaken again. But this condition must go on until the common people themselves, in these war-torn lands, decide for themselves that they are going to take the matter of war, etc., into their own hands. When that happens, these so-called "leaders" will run for the sticks, taking what few dollars they can take with them. What a fantastic picture! How dark grow the shadows!

I cannot tell you every move which will be made before God takes over. But I can tell you that the shadows must become much darker. I can tell you HOW God will take over. I can tell you WHY God will take over. He will take over the reins of government on this earth through some human being bringing to the earth for the first time, perhaps, the actual truths of God. That is HOW God will take over. Now WHY will God take over? Well simply because man without God isn't any man at all. The completeness of God lies in the perfection of man, and vice-versa.

Man cannot exist without God, He does not exist without God. But man has not yet known to what degree God can manifest in his life. In the day when God takes over, he will know that. But the shadows must deepen first. I think that day, there will be no supernatural displays from heaven and the "angels" or anything on that order. But man will know God in himself, to the fullest extent. And the fullness of God in man, will complete the picture. For all God now is, man will then be. And he will be that because God and man will at last be reunited.

They were united once before. Then something happened. It has been symbolized by traditional religious writers as "satan in the heavens disputing with God". But it was not that complex. It was nothing so daring as that. It was something much simpler. If you look upon the curious picture of Satan and call his name "doubt" or "unbelief" you will come close to the truth.

But these shadows I don't like them. Yet I must face them. I must be there when the sun begins to dispel them. And 'twill not be long now. So then, shall you and I "only wait". Is not that the only thing we can do? And while we are waiting till the shadows have a little deeper grown, shall we not be preparing for the shining of the sun? I think so. I know I shall. For I never was more convinced in my life that God is about to take over, than I am now. With the vision comes the responsibility.

So then, shall we, while waiting for the Sun to shine, make ready to welcome that Sun, and, in our little way, let us do our part in bringing that day in.