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Thank God for our diversities. It would be a woeful world if all of us had to go goose-stepping through life like the legions of Hitler. Men are not made to march together at the beat of a drum; man is made to express his infinite variety of differences to the clear tunes of the flute, to the mad whirl of wheels, and to the dulcet chiming of bells. Anyone who forgets this is destined to failure, be he philosopher, politician, clergyman, or industrialist. Diversities are common to man, and we should thank God for them.

God made people that way. Aren't you glad? I am. I do not have to act nor be like the Joneses, do I? My destiny is not determined by despots, and the circles in which I move can be thrillingly different to suit my moods, fancies, ideals, hopes, and abilities. That is what makes life so interesting to me.

I want you to think with me of the diversities that make up this interesting life. And then I would confront us with a staggering question: How can these diversities ever be unified to give to living both purpose and satisfaction? There must be a way; and I think I have found it. Many of you have found the way, too, but we shall help each other by testifying to its verity in many personal ways. Remember, though, to thank God for the very diversities which are everywhere around us; acknowledging this is the very key to deepest satisfactions for every-day affairs. So that, if you are "different" from others, do not be concerned; let not the social pressure snuff out that candle of uniqueness. We have to learn to be ourselves, at what-

ever cost, and without getting into other people's way who are trying to be themselves. But that makes for interesting living.

What, then, about all of the diversities we find in our world of living? Let us examine some briefly, as a background for a wonderful conclusion that startled me when first I realized it clearly.

(1) Look at our human bodies. No two alike. Think of all the blue, black, green, hazel and other colored eyes. Think of the colors of our skins. Think of the kinds of hair we have, and of the varieties of complexions. Some are tall and skinny; others are stocky and fat. Our facial expressions, our beauty or lack of it, in physical form--consider how different we are, male and female, child and adult. Consider, and laugh, for that is the way God made us. (2) Look at our temperaments, and our likes and dislikes in music, poetry, painting, decorative schemes for our kitchens, construction of our houses, and the divergence that we are prone to let run into deep grooves that separate people wrongly. (3) Look at where we live; city, country, town, hill, valley, beside the ocean or lake, near glaciers, isolated on Fifth Avenue, or somewhere else.

(4) Consider what we think: about religion--and God pity us for our bitterness and our bickering and our back-biting remarks about our fellows. Or, what we think about politics--anyone sitting in the councils of the United Nations, or even being close to the press, will testify at once to the fiery clashes of ideas here. Or, ponder what we think about business

methods, and sales techniques; and, on and on without end. The significant thing is not that we are different; but that we do come to some agreement, or can come to some agreement, despite or because of such a wide variety of diversities that make up our lives.

Let me repeat myself at this point again; this divergence is what makes life interesting, it is God-given, and it speaks wondrous things for our amazement. Take courage, my friend, and stop fretting because you are *not* like another; the very thing that makes you different is the very spark of life that saves the day from despair.

Is there a way that produces deep satisfactions in all of this diversity? I have found it so. I would like, first, to deny the teaching and the implications of the Roman Catholic Church wherein it says openly, and implies indirectly, that its hierarchy is the **ONLY** unifying force in the whole world of which God can give complete approval. I deny that the Pope has the keys of heaven and hell in his hands as the Vicar of God. I deny that there is much value in the vaunted glory of the Roman church when it boasts that one can go into any of its chapels around the world and find peace because of the identical Roman service being conducted there in a sense of universality and unification. Because some priest can chant a prayer, or some choir boys can sing a chorale in Latin, and on any one day around the world the same can be observed--this, I say freely, is an erroneous "harmonizer" of life and a "unifier" of mankind's divergencies. There is something much deeper than that.

Among the Protestants, with all of their various interpretations of the Holy Scriptures as the guide of living and as the ground of conduct, centered in Jesus, there is much greater nearness to the truth. So it seems to me. And yet, even here there is not emphasized enough what it is that really picks up the divergencies of men and unites them into a glorious unity of which both the men themselves and God can be completely proud. There must be an answer that picks up *every true believer*, no matter what his religious background, Roman or Greek Catholic, Protestant, Free-Thinker, Mystic,--as long as he is a firm believer in God. I mean the One and Only God, as He is thought to be ethical, moral, eternal, Creator, Sustainer, and **SPIRIT** who is over, in, and through all of His works.

I hold that this one powerful answer

can be worded something like this: the supreme end of man is to glorify God and then enjoy Him. To "glorify" means to enhance, adore, exalt, give radiance to. "Enjoyment" is not misunderstood by us all. We know when we are "enjoying" a dinner, a show, a life. The word is in our vocabulary, commonly so. I heard someone say the other day: "Boy, O Boy, but I did enjoy that drink!" Since I knew he was drinking lemonade I did not demur. I knew what he meant.

Let us look together at this simply wonderful discovery that has within itself the power to unite diversified mankind. Here it is, worded differently. Start with yourself, whoever you are. God created you; you belong to Him, and you are his child. That relationship is never to be surrendered by God, the Father, even though you sometime may want to leave, as did the Prodigal Son.

Well, then, having started with yourself, just as you are (and certainly thankful for being **YOURSELF** and not your neighbor) you are to conceive of God's Spirit as being within you and around you to make life a unity. That Spirit is so powerful that he will illumine you with light for the darkest road, and will open the way through any wilderness wherein you are entangled. *You and the Spirit of God are now concerned together about living*, and everything you do is significantly done in that light. Which means that your day after day activities get to be zestful as you set out with design to "glorify" the Spirit resident within you and evidenced all about you.

I know a family on a chicken ranch which meets the situation in this way beautifully. They have become chicken fanciers, and they have prospered by reason of their hard work, plus their faith in practicing the very power of the living God. The parents attend different churches, but I have talked to them, and have learned that together out among the brooders and chicken houses, and in the fields where grain is grown, and among the dealers who trade with them, and through the children who work with and for them, and by expressions of kindness to puppies, kittens, calves, pigs, and all live things--I say, I have learned that together these in the family have achieved a distinction known to only a few, the distinction of "glorifying" God. I think every rooster that crows in the dawn is singing God's praises. And would you not

agree that the song of the hen after laying an egg, is equally consecrated?

I know another family who take their religion seriously enough to let it make a difference in their table conversation, in their conduct on Sunday, in their business actions, and in their treatment of their neighbors. Here live a father, mother, and daughter in her mid-twenties. Their Scriptures are known and frequently are quoted. They have a light shining in their eyes that is not born of this earth. They walk some high road with God. They have truly found a faith. If you were to ask them about their chief purpose in life, you might not get their answer worded as I word it when I say that it is to "glorify God and always enjoy him," but they would leave no doubt in your mind about their happiness in their faith.

In Mrs. Runbeck's novel entitled "Hope of Earth" there are some quotations which I should like to use here. The main characters of that book, man and wife, are Amoret and Stephen. The wife has found a faith that is potent for her every-day sustenance. Stephen has fought it, and (page 499) the author says: "He had fought it; but the reason was because he had never been indifferent to God. Other people didn't bother much. But he had fought, because he had known that once he gave in, he would turn himself over completely to God's wills and ways. Underneath the hostility and the anger was a great unaccepted unwelcome love of which he had been afraid." It seems to me here we have the chief problem of most of us--in that we are conscious of God in our world and in us, but we do not want to "glorify" Him, or to "give ourselves over" to Him and His purposes. What we fear I do not know, but there is some resistance which needs to be overcome. And when it is overcome, there is nothing comparable anywhere else in the world to the happiness that gets into a person's being and unites him with this throbbing and interesting world because of its diversity--mind you, unites him BECAUSE of that diversity and not in spite of that diversity. The very differences of life are what the Spirit of God works upon to make living serene and united.

I hope you have not been wearied in reading this; because now we have come to the two simple results of this kind of a faith. The first result is that we have a religion that we can enjoy. We no longer are dour-faced. Ours is a radiance not of

the earth. We have proved ourselves successful. We set out to conquer. We are not downcast any longer. We have got hold of God and He has got hold of us. And life is happy and filled with pleasure and delight. In the same Runbeck story above mentioned, when Amoret and Stephen arrived on their westward trek at a bleak homesite where a poor pioneer family was struggling to live, and where they were invited to dine and spend the night, a Bible was thrust into Amoret's hand for reading before the evening meal. Somewhat confused she managed to find this passage from Nehemiah which she read: "Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord; neither be ye sorry, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Upon hearing which, the host, Mrs. Larsen, said: "And ENJOY it. That's the part I like. Seems God is always askin' His children to ENJOY themselves. To take what he gives 'em and enjoy it. Don't it seem like?"

The first result of such a living is this kind of a deep delight. And a second closely follows: we have inward peace. The divergencies of all of our complex living are melted into one. We do not need to give God the glory except with our own hands, minds, feet, and hearts. But when we do we find ourselves akin with all others, and God's blessed peace comes to be ours. And that is enough to last us all our lives. I like to think of the lines of G. A. S. Kennedy:

"Peace does not mean the end of all
our striving,
Joy does not mean the drying of our
tears;
Peace is the power that comes to souls
arriving
Up to the light where God Himself
appears.
Joy is the wine that God is ever pour-
ing
Into the souls of those who strive with
Him,
Light'ning their hearts in visioning
and adoring,
Strengthening their arms in warfare
glad and grim."

In conclusion, therefore, let me repeat:
Do not be dismayed at the differences among
people. For yourself set out to enjoy God

and His power within you, and you will find yourself suddenly united with others as life comes to have meaning and unity. Then you will find joy and peace, apart from which none could live long and satisfactorily. I believe that the "hope of earth," as well as the "hope of heaven" is in setting out to glorify God and to enjoy Him always. Is this your experience, too?

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Those Who Walk With God

MATERIAL SUPPLY

We have all been told at one time or another that it is wrong to try to gain material abundance as such, and that we should go without certain things because it is "God's will." At this point I pose the question, "Is it wrong to strive for those material things which we need for our basic living, and which would give us a measure of satisfaction and security?" Certainly to try to make a million dollars just to have it laying around the house is senseless. But material gains which we need to make the load easier on ourselves should be strived for. Maybe we need a few dollars more each month the better to feed our family --- maybe a person could do better if he had a car --- and certainly we need to have adequate clothing to protect us against the inclemencies of the weather. I am not talking here of the necessities of life, but of those material goods which we earnestly desire for the betterment of ourselves and those around us. It is not wrong to have a desire for these gains, notwithstanding arguments to the contrary.

In Lesson No. I of the Primary Series we find this passage in Dr. Robinson's own words. Listen carefully:

"For over forty years I was tossed like a piece of driftwood on the stormy ocean of life, vainly trying to achieve something worthwhile. First I tried this, and then I tried that --- and tried hard, too. But ever it seemed I was relentlessly pursued by this demon of poverty. I had no peace of mind, no security, no hope of success, no sense of my own worth. I usually had good health but never was really happy. I do not think it is possible for people to be happy when they are denied the very things which lead to happiness.

So I know whereof I speak when I say to you that there is a Law operating here and now, which is abundantly able to provide you with everything you can possibly need to make your life abundantly happy, abundantly healthy, and abundantly successful."

Psychiana teaches that to strive for material betterment is not wrong but entirely desirable, as one necessarily sheds certain fears and misgivings about future security through his material gains, and thereby can improve his stature spiritually by the removal of any fears which would tend to hinder his spiritual progress. Again I speak of those material goods which are *earnestly desired and earnestly sought*, and which will not put a person in the classification of "money mad."

And exactly how does Psychiana teach that material gains are to be acquired? What process is thrown into play for the attaining of material supply? There are three vital steps which are necessary to the acquisition of material supply.

I. RECOGNITION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOD-LAW AND IT'S OPERATIONS

There can now be no doubt in your mind as to the existence of an Intelligent Law operating in this universe. We see it in the rain which falls that vegetation might live and grow --- we see it in others, they being a mirror through which the Spirit of God is reflected (whether they are conscious of this Power or not) --- we see it in a mother's love for her children which is what we call the maternal instinct and with which all mothers have been imbued for countless centuries --- the Laws of

Gravity and Electricity also exhibit the operations of the mighty God-Law. No, there can be no doubt as to It's existence.

Understanding of this Law can come only through experience and subjective study. Of course, we do not know at the present time many phases of the God-Law's operation because our finite minds certainly cannot grasp in totality the Infinite Intelligence behind this marvelous scheme of things. Maybe we will never know; but we can observe and can apply the part of the God-Law governing material supply *to our own individual circumstances!* Through the affirmations given to you in your lessons you will become conscious of the great Power at your disposal -- here and now -- and will gradually develop your faith in God and learn to solve your most difficult problems through your daily communion periods. The God-Law is silent but ever so sure in It's operations.

II. AN EARNEST DESIRE AND NEED FOR MATERIAL SUPPLY

A recent letter we received from one of our students illustrates this point impressively. He wrote:

"I just want to take this, the first opportunity, to tell you my one great desire has materialized. It is now over a year since I first learned of your great teaching and took the study course. Last week my wife and family moved with me into our home. While not a new house by any means we are satisfied with location to schools, church, friends and the district in general. Above all, we are not very distant from the old folks who are largely responsible for bringing this house to realization.

Now I know that God has indeed complied with my great desire. For years we have paid rent and could not afford a home. For the past two years I have received an ever-increasing salary,

and now I can hardly wait to see what comes next.

Every opportunity I have I thank God for having heard me. Indeed at this time of year His Presence can be felt everywhere."

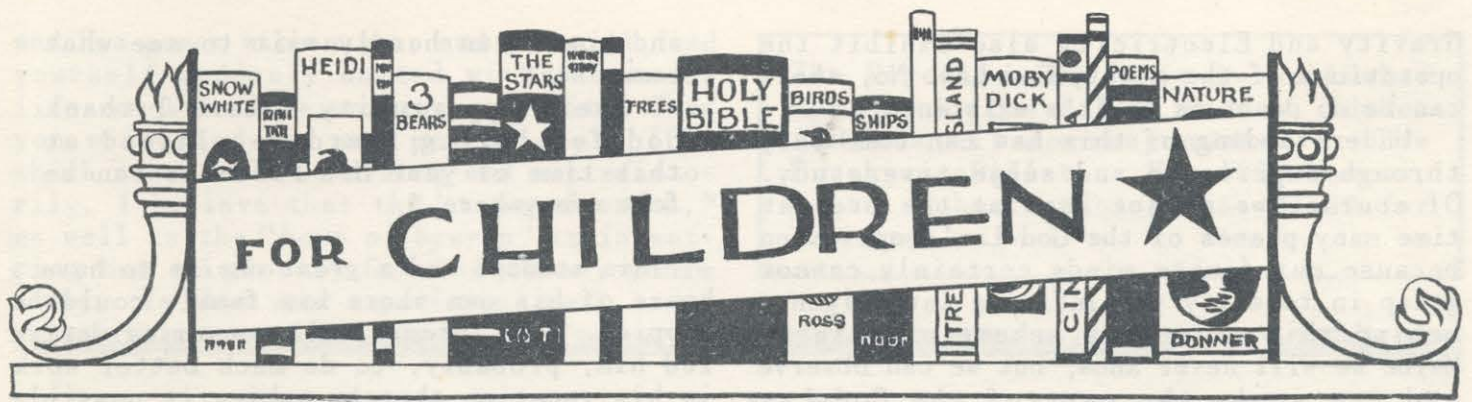
This student had a *great desire* to have a house of his own where his family could be happier. That intense, all-consuming desire led him, probably, to do much better work in his vocation thereby making it possible for him to make an additional amount of money, with which he bought his own home and realized his earnest desire.

III. ACTION, THROUGH DESIRE, TO OBTAIN MATERIAL SUPPLY PLUS AN UNWAVERING FAITH

I spoke briefly of this student's action to do better work whereby obtaining a raise in pay, but, together with this action, an unwavering faith in the God-Law to provide for him his new home was one of the most important steps in our formula. If this person had at any time said to himself, "I'll try to get that house, but I don't really think I can," he probably would have been defeated and discouraged. *But this was not the case.* He knew he *needed and wanted* that house in the worst way, and he didn't let doubts and fears interfere with the goal he had set for himself. *He had faith in God!*

No, it makes no difference who you are or what you do. *You can obtain the material supply which you earnestly desire and need,* so have no fear of being upbraided by anyone simply because you have set about to improve your particular conditions in life --- *here and now!* You will know in your own heart and through your "Talks with God" whether you will be doing the right and best thing or not. You and God can work your material supply problems out and come to the right solution, because the Law of God is sure. With God as your partner, how can you fail?





The Thompson Family at the Lake

By

Sally Brightside



"Don't make so much noise or Mother and Father will know we're up and getting breakfast ready," warned Nora.

"I am trying to be quiet, but the stove is noisy," answered Alice.

"The table is all set," whispered Tom. "Bob says if we are going to get in any good fishing this morning we had better wake Mom and Dad."

"Who is going to wake them?" asked Nora. Just then Alice dropped the

lid to the stove and the clatter brought Mother and Father running.

"We were just going to draw straws to see who would have the pleasure of waking you two," explained Bob, "but Alice saved us that bother."

"How come everyone looks so wide awake?" Father wanted to know.

"I have a feeling they are up to something," said Mother.

"Anyway it is a nice something," said Nora.

"We have breakfast ready and the boys set the table," added Alice.

"It smells so good and looks so good lets not waste any time getting started," suggested Father.

"Where did you find those pretty flowers for the table?" asked Mother.

"I went down to take a look at the lake the first thing I got up and found them on my way back. I remember there were some like that last year so I looked for them," answered Bob.

"Did you see anything of the fish I didn't catch last year, while you were down at the lake?" asked Father.

"I not only saw him, but warned him you were back and out to get him," answered Bob.

"Fine thing," grunted Father, "is that why you got up so early?"

"I'm betting on Father," said Nora.

"Just to make it interesting, I'll bet on the fish," said Mother.

"Oh, you will?" asked Father. "Just for that I'll agree to wash dishes every night if I don't catch him," boasted Father.

"You must be sure this time," said Nora.

"He was sure last time, too," said Alice.

Father looked very determined when they went down to the boat. "As long as Tom was about the only one who seemed to think I might catch that fish, I'm going to take him with me," said Father. "The rest of you can go in the other boat and watch from it."

"This is the most fun of the whole vacation," said Bob. "I don't know what chance that fish has, but I'm going to keep close to Dad's boat."

"Don't tell me he has a strike already!" exclaimed Mother.

"He surely has," said Nora.

"I hope he lands it," said Alice. "Father hates to do dishes."

"He landed it all right," laughed Bob, "but just see what it is."

A very red faced Father was busy taking a long string of weeds from his line.

"He's changing his bait," reported Tom. "This time he's going to get that big fellow for sure."

"Keep your fingers crossed," called Father.

"My goodness, he has another strike," said Mother. "It must be a big one because he's giving it more line."

"I thought you were betting on the fish,"

said Bob.

"That was only so Father would try real hard," said Alice.

"I guess you answered that one for me, Alice," laughed Mother.

"This is the one," called Tom. From the other boat Father was holding up a big fish that certainly looked like the one he had talked about losing last year.

"Now what do some people think about bets made at the breakfast table?" asked Father.

"If you mean me," said Mother, "I knew all along that the fish didn't stand a chance."

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"That was the best dinner I ever ate," said Father.

"That is because you caught the fish and don't have to do dishes," said Alice.

"Because I bet on the fish I suppose it's up to me to do the dishes," said Mother.

"Let's each do our own," suggested Father.

"I have a better idea," said Nora. "We girls will do the dishes if you boys will get wood for a fire on the shore before we go to bed."

"That is a wonderful idea," said Tom. "There's going to be a moon and we can all howl at it."

"I prefer to say we'll sing, but I guess it's all the same," said Bob.

"Come along," said Father, "that offer is too good to pass up."

After the girls joined them the boys started the fire. The moon was coming up over the lake and it was very still. "Somehow the only song that seems to say what I feel tonight is 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow,'" said Father, "shall we all sing that?"

When they had finished singing the song there was silence for awhile. Tom broke it by saying, "I feel like Alice did up at the farm. I'd say I'm glad God planned a world with families and vacations and lakes and fires."

"I most certainly agree," said Mother, "only I'd add the moon, too. It is so beautiful tonight."

"This has been a wonderful day," said Nora. Everybody agreed.

In the September

issue of

"The Way"



which will be off the press and ready for mailing on August 25th, will be found the second in the four-article series by *The Wayfarer*, entitled **THE ANSWER WHEN THE GOING GETS ROUGH**. *The Wayfarer* says:

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QUESTIONS



& ANSWERS.



Question: Does Psychiana conduct classes at Moscow?

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Question: What is the real name of *The Wayfarer*?

Answer: Sorry, but *The Wayfarer* desires to remain anonymous due to the fact that he would, in all probability, receive a tremendous amount of mail which his usual occupation would prohibit him from answering. I will say that he was a very good friend of Dr. Robinson, and has done a great deal of writing and lecturing in his lifetime about the Spiritual Realm, this Creation, and those that inhabit it.

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