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Frank B. Robinson...

The Secret Place



THERE'S a secret place in this Realm of God where you can get and stay. You can hide there for all time. By this I mean that your whole life may be lived in very close contact with the Great Life which is God. Under those circumstances then, you cannot be other than an overwhelming victor in whatever life puts before you. You may now be what some choose to call "down and out" or you may not be. But that is quite immaterial. Whosoever lives with God, lives in a "secret place." That one has, at his or her disposal, a source of great Power.

Such a one can use this Power, yet others may not know from whence the Power comes. I like living close to God. I like being alone with God. Because you see, when God and I are alone together, we are one. "I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE." And when we two get together, we can talk things over as we travel together along life's highway. If God is having a little trouble with me, then He can check me, or, perhaps, advise me.

Then on the other hand, if I get a bit discouraged or wor-

This Month's Thought to Remember . . .

"My thoughts are turned to my Creator each moment through His creation—and I see His handiwork in every living thing."

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ried, I can talk directly with God, and the correct answer is bound to come to me. Walking and talking with God along the

road is a happy thing. It's eternal life. That's what it amounts to. The loss of the body means nothing at all. And if I know God now, then I just simply continue to know God even after I have slipped away from this visible thing they call Frank B. Robinson.

Where then, does success lie? *In duplicating the works of God!* God made man in order that man might be like God. We are told that God created man in his own image. This being so, then is not true success to be found in doing what God wants us to do? I think it is.

Announcing---

Before the Dawn

by

FRANK B. ROBINSON

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Making the Most of God

GOD is around us and within us. That we know. But, how can I make the most of this wonderful Reality? Let me make a few suggestions.

I would help you to understand further about the nature of God—what He is essentially. That will help us, as *a first step*, to make the most of Him for our every-day living. (a) He is sovereign; that is, now and finally His purpose for the world is to be accomplished. His plan is the ultimate. None can withstand Him. He rules “from the rivers to the end of the world.” He is the Creator and Sustainer of all life, according to His good pleasure. (b) Being sovereign, He can be counted upon to be steadfast. He is not a God of caprice, who changes His mind at the slightest whim or fancy. His ways are eternal ways, and though they are “sometimes past finding out,” we can always bank on Him to be the same forever .

“Change and decay in all
around I see,

O thou, who changest not,
abide with me.”

(c) This God we worship is perfectly good. We keep repeating this over and over because so

many forget that and in their forgetting attribute to God all kinds of evil and wickedness. “In Him is no wickedness at all.” He is the pure and unadulterated Reality. He is the purest of the pure. That means that all of us who are aspiring to goodness can seek it in God and always will find it unsullied and perfect. This gives us a “vein of gold” worth mining and possessing for ourselves. (d) This God remembers that we are dust and sustains us in all goodness we set out to perform. He is consistently upon the side of the good. Evil flees from those who work His works and do His deeds. It has always been so; it will always be so. He reckons unto us for righteousness our high purpose toward noble endeavor, even though we fall far behind what He often has dreamed for us to achieve. And, finally, (e) this God of ours is limitless in His resources. Nothing is too great for Him to do; boundless are the reservoirs upon which mankind may draw—they will never be depleted.

The foregoing is the nature of the God we believe in with all of our hearts. Understanding at least this much about Him makes us ready for the second step to

take, in making the most of God.

This *second step* is to exercise complete confidence in this kind of a God. I promise you this is not easy to do, and does require a great effort on the part of each of us; but each of us, no matter where he now stands in His growth, can begin at once to move out in that supreme confidence of which I speak. Communion with God, in other words, is not a one-sided proposition; rather, it is a two-way fellowship. This God we know needs to be recognized and believed in by us humans who are struggling toward everything that God is. While it can be said that God is everywhere, both within and without us, it is also true that we must exert great effort to move out in that faith.

(a) We will need to learn to *relax* in that complete confidence in God. Ours is a nerve-tingling age. The pace we set as we live in our high-strung civilization is too fast for us. UNLESS we have learned to commit our way to God and to abide in Him sufficiently that we can relax. Men drop out of the busy world of ours at forty-five and fifty because of the strain—they have not relaxed daily—to say nothing about relaxing perpetually. Relaxation requires studious effort and there should be a period of at least fifteen minutes daily when we put forth conscious effort in that direction. Try it sometime, but try it in the simple formula (condensed) of one of our modern writers (Russell Dicks) who says:

"Now relax the whole body. Let it all go—completely free from tension; you are breathing easily—breathe in the good air—resting upon the bed—easily, it is the opposite of effort—it is easy to relax, for the bed supports you, and the floor supports the bed, and the hard ground supports the house, and GOD SUPPORTS THE GOOD EARTH. (Caps mine.) He is its sure support."

(b) Ask for God's strength to do your work. Being relaxed in mind and in body you are a fitting receptacle for God's strength; or, changing the figure, you have cleared the main line for the Streamliner which comes from God Himself. Freight and baggage cars are on the sidings; the line is clear and the signals are green. You will be surprised what happens if you ask for this special Streamliner to come into your station with its promise of everything. But you have to ask for it to come, and you have to prepare for its stopping, and you have to be on hand, uninhibited, to greet it and its impact upon you. That is why you need, as I said, first to relax, and then to expect.

(c) It does seem unnecessary to state the third step here, it seems so simple. But you are now to CLAIM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR YOURSELF. A parachutist leaps from the plane and trusts the laws of God in air resistance and of gravity to land safely; but he leaps by faith. A man putting up a high triple-extension ladder to climb to some height has faith in the stability of the earth, and in the strength of his muscles to hold

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Living Thoughts for Better Living



"Where there is no vision the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

1.

A number of standards have been developed for measuring a "true prophet." The most common requirements are: 1) He should bring a message of universal significance; 2) He should be willing to suffer or die for what he believes; 3) He should give to humanity a group of inspired writings; 4) He should bring to the world a new moral or ethical concept; 5) He should inspire a new type of architecture; 6) He should be a man of vision who sees *into* and *beyond* his time.

I doubt whether many of us aspire to prophethood. We are not interested in being immortalized or in fulfilling requirements for being counted among those few who have blazed messianic trails across this old world. Most of us just want to learn how to make the most of what we have and how to do the best with what life has in store for us. We know that prophets must have followers, too, or of what good

is all their attainment and sacrifice.

But the last point mentioned in the list of prerequisites, the matter of *vision*, the business of seeing *into* and *beyond* our time, is something that belongs to those who *follow* as well as to those who *lead*. Vision is an important ingredient in the life of every man. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

2.

Vision implies clarity and projection; clarity to distinguish rightly that which is near, projection to discern correctly that which is afar off. The distortion of either view is frustrating. The absence of either kind of vision is deadly. In the realm of the spiritual man, no less than in the physical, the goal is 20/20 vision.

I know a man whose greatest difficulty is his lack of vision of the far. He sees his life only in the light of the "near." Everything is tragic and weigh-

ty and full of concern because he has no vision of the "distant things." He will never admit that in the eternal plan of every life, circumstances always lead somewhere; they do not end. They are not final. There is meaning beyond. The law of causality is an immutable law. Success and failure are matters of cause and effect. Call it karma. Say it is the working of the old axiom, "As you sow so shall you reap." It matters not what you call it, our tomorrows are the extension of our todays. The man is the extension of the boy. The future is the extension of the present. The far is an extension of the near. Life is made up of cycles of experiences.

B. J. Palmer, whose name will go down among the rare and great personalities of our time, put some vital thoughts on vision into a book which he titled, "Up from below the bottom." He tells the story of how he literally pulled himself up from that bottom by keeping his eyes on the far when the near was trying desperately to hold him back. He had every reason to fail and every obstacle to overcome in order to succeed. There was a time in his life when he was ridiculed, ignored, persecuted. He took every sequence in stride because he kept looking up and out and over the near into the far.

Had he seen only himself he would never have made it. He saw a power within himself which he called Innate. Had he thought only of the present, he would have had no future. Had

he seen only the *near*, he would never have realized the reward of the *far*. Without vision he would have perished. No wonder that he writes,

"That man has lost himself who buries himself in his illusions and refuses to dig out.

"That man has found himself who climbs up on his vision, and helps lift others to become masters of men.

"Where there is vision, the people live, for no man dies whose ideals exist!"

3.

Cultivate a vision of a better tomorrow. In so doing you make any unpleasant event of today simply part of the passing experience in the cycle of life.

Develop a sense of hope. It is a device by which you are enabled to cope with any circumstance and conquer any problem. It is vision that carries you across the gulfs of trouble and despair. Vision is the bridge. Vision is the highway.

The Book of Proverbs which gives us this living thought also tells us in another place that "the path of the just is as a forward shining light, leading more and more unto the perfect day." What a motto! What a creed to live by! Lift your eyes in vision, lift your soul in justice, and you will see that forward shining light. You will be strengthened by the realization that there is a Power which watches over your life, guides you along the

way, and has great and wonderful things in store for you.

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Next month! Marcus Bach continues his thoughts on VISION and tells us of an unforgettable statement of Frank B. Robinson.

Questions & Answers

(This section is devoted to questions which have been sent to us by our students. If you have a question, the answer to which you feel would be of interest to other students as well as yourself, send it in to us. We reserve the right to choose those questions which are published.)

Sometimes my worries and problems seem to get the best of me. What can I do to straighten out this mental road-block?

A personal friend of mine has a little plaque hanging on his office wall. Written upon it are these words:

"I complained because I had no shoes—until I met a man who had no feet."

The cares and troubles of everyday living can get us down

if we let them. But there is one sure way to minimize these "mental road-blocks," as you so rightly called them. The first step is this: If you have a problem, then this problem *must* have a solution. And since God created not only this universe but you also, *then the solution to your particular problem lies in the Realm of the Creator!*

But certainly, magnifying the problem does not solve it. Thus the second step is to take your problem to God, as that is where the eventual answer lies. Take it to God and leave it with Him, being secure in the fact that a solution will be forthcoming sooner or later. Then, instead of turning your thoughts constantly toward this negative situation, turn your thoughts to God's creation all about you; for, if you have placed your problem with God with the faith that it will be solved, then by fusing your thoughts or turning your thinking moments to God's creation, you will bring to your troubled mind the assurance that God will provide the solution.

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Consult Him in All Thy Ways

A number of years ago the Biblical admonition—"Acknowledge Him in all thy ways, and He shall direct thy paths" came again and again to my mind, but in a puzzling sort of way. The "acknowledging" seemed like a thank-you made *after* one received a gift, letter, or favor. Whereas I wanted His help at the outset of situations, and His direction right straight through them!

With the advent of World War II, I suddenly found myself deluged with a series of trying and unhappy problems. And, coincidentally, this particular Bible verse seemed to leave me temporarily while I floundered about prayerfully, so to speak, in an attempt to right things.

One particular morning as I sat down to meditate, I followed the impulse to write out a most serious problem in the form of a letter, hoping thereby to clarify it. I dated the page and began the missive "Dear God:" Then I listed the only solutions (unsatisfactory though they seemed) which came to mind, and asked Him if there were other ways to handle the matter. If so, HOW, Dear Father? I ended the letter as I would if

writing to any lawyer or friend for counsel, thanking Him for His wisdom and guidance.

I held the letter in my hands prayerfully for quite some moments, then hid the paper away so that no other eyes would see it. A feeling of relief came over me, *as though the problem had already been taken care of*, and I proceeded about my daily household tasks.

Within a few days that very problem worked itself out, with little effort on my part. When I subsequently brought out the "letter" concerning it, I was amazed to find that the solutions I had jotted down had entirely slipped by mind, as a new and *right* way had come forth.

To close the affair, I wrote the words "Thank you God" several times across the face of the letter, then burned it, as a transaction forever finished.

Fast on the heels of that procedure, I began to write brief notes to God about other issues that confronted me almost daily, asking Him what to do about this, or that. For this purpose I used little scratch pads about 3 by 5 inches, purchased at the ten cent stores. These "prayer-

notes" often accumulated until I would have an inch thick bunch of them in process of development.

To illustrate: We have made our home in a nice, but modest apartment house for the past ten years. The location, elevator service and other conveniences just seemed to meet our particular needs. However, the building has been sold and resold several times during our tenancy. And each new owner would re-arrange things so that he could boost the rent, such as stripping the furnished apartments, and furnishing others, or doing

meagre refurnishing. Some of the rentals sky-rocketed so that tenants had to move out in self-defense, while there were those who stayed and paid the unjust demands.

One day when things became real disturbing, I sat down and wrote the following note:

Saturday, Sept. 11, 1948

Dear God: Please preserve and keep us concerning the rental of our apartment. Please guide all concerned aright, and help us to stay on here *as long as we need*
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Letters

FROM MEMBERS

New Hampshire
August 1, 1951

Psychiana
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Sirs:

As we have at last come home to stay will you please send our Bulletin to us here?

We are reading *Your God Power* and our lives are blessed with a great peace and harmony. Many good things have come to us lately. The love and esteem of

the people with whom we come in contact. We seem to sense some people reaching out to us across our ways and find so many fine people here. Life seems to have taken on a new meaning. We do not talk much about Psychiana to our friends, but just *live* it as best we can.

Everyday we thank God for finding the true Way, through the great Prophet, Dr. Robinson.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. H. H. R.



Those who walk with God

AS I was eating breakfast in a hotel in San Francisco recently, the fellow who was sitting next to me, in the course of our conversation, made the remark that "until men learn to conform to this world about them, instead of trying to buck it, we will continue to have discontent, unrest, and encroachments upon the rights of nations by other nations."

This gentleman regarded the world about us, or Nature, to be supreme, and his reasoning was that in order to gain the most, both spiritually and materially, each one of us must conform to the laws of Nature, as he put it. Now this line of reasoning is good as far as it goes, but one could easily raise the question, "But how are we to learn about the laws we have to conform to in order to best get along in this life?"

The first thing, to my way of thinking, is to look through this creation to the Supreme Creator *behind* the creation. We must first realize that this marvelous world about us does not just

merely exist and function, but that it has the hand of God behind it. We all know of the Law of Gravity, the Law of Electricity, and the Law of the rotation of the earth. And while these laws operate in their own manner and way, still they are a part of the overall system or scheme of this creation! It is then up to us to seek out these axioms or laws where they are to be found in this great creation, and to direct our thoughts toward the Creator *so that we may directly work with Him for our own benefit through His laws.*

As we observe and reason about this beautiful world about us, we will find that more of the laws of the Creator will be revealed to us. We see a new car on the street and it looks nice to us. But we don't know exactly how it is made. In order to understand, we must visit the factory. We see various laws of creation in operation about us, but we cannot understand them until we have learned a bit about the One who created them.



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to, at a just and reasonable rental. Thank you, Father, for this protection.

"Strange as it may seem" we have lived on in the same cozy apartment, unmolested, except for one moderate increase in rent. Subsequently I have written so many "thank-yous" to God across the face of the above prayer-note that it is barely decipherable by now!

Other notes written have concerned a legal difficulty, a serious illness of a loved one, and a deep hurt when a close friend stepped right out of my life without warning or reason. In the prayer-note regarding this pal, I asked God to help me bless her whenever she came to mind, and to pray for her highest good always. Further, I asked God not to let any bitterness creep into my heart over the affair.

Don't infer, dear friends, that because I write these prayer-notes concerning sundry difficulties, that they begin to straighten out right away. No indeed, although many of them have adjusted themselves miraculously within a very short time. But most of all I gain new enlightenment on what I should (and more often what I should *not*) do about them. And somehow the "sting" or deepest pang would melt away after I had CONSULTED God about them in writing!

However, the greatest revelation came to me one morning as

I held the little packet of as yet—unanswered—prayer-notes in my hands to bless them.

Like a voice from the ethers, my inner self seemed to say, "You have been doing daily the very thing you tried so hard to understand!"

"What can it be?" I pondered.

With greater depth came the reply, "Acknowledge (CONSULT) Him in all thy ways, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 4:6.

"So I have," I thought gratefully. "For after all 'acknowledging Him' is a form of confessing direct to God, of unburdening one's mind and heart to Him!"

No grief has to be borne alone when we CONSULT Him! Therefore, as a cure for the problems of your little world why not form the habit of writing frequent messages to God? Tell Him what is on your mind; tell Him of your secret fears, grudges, remorse and heartaches. And most of all THANK HIM for guiding and directing you in all these matters. For protecting you therein.

A prominent physician has advised that this is one of the best and safest methods of unloading the sub-conscious mind of all manner of accumulated debris.

Lastly, either tear these missives up or hide them in a very secret place. Never pass them around as ordinary letters. They

are too sacred for even your loved ones to share.

Every problem in the universe has an already existent solution. So as we seek (CONSULT)

God in all our ways, the answer is as certain to follow as the night the day, and

HE SHALL DIRECT THY
PATHS.

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on, and in his own mind to direct his muscles, and in the laws of the sciences—so he climbs, round by round, in absolute confidence. He claims these things for his personal and immediate action. A striking example is in the story of Biblical Gideon. It was clear, after some testing, that God had summoned Gideon to a risky and “impossible” task; with three hundred men he was to rout tens of thousands. But he *claimed* the victory and went to work; he won WITH THE POWER OF GOD express-

ed freely through him and the three hundred.

To recapitulate: to make the most of God daily you first need to appreciate the wonderful One Whom you worship by understanding His changeless nature; and then your second step is to exercise, actually, complete confidence in this kind of a God by relaxing, by expecting, and by claiming from Him both what you need and what He has promised. What better time than October with its lovelines all about you to begin to perform great things by your faith!



“Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she laid an asteroid.”

—Mark Twain

A look at next month's bulletin . . .



Pamela Dawn urges us to “Keep Your Eye Upon the Donut, Brother,” in her regular feature article . . . “How is one to know when spiritual contact is made?” will be the question answered in next month's issue . . . Marcus Bach continues his feature series by repeating “Where there is no vision the people perish” . . .