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Inner joy, indescribable, immeasurable comes when our spirit can rise to contact the higher planes of existence. This feeling comes from within, kindled, so to say, in us by the tuning in on to the higher vibrations of spiritual existence. This joy spreads its own silvery light that envelopes our perceptions.

Prayer, the strong impulse and effort of self directed towards the realms of infinite existence can awaken, can kindle in us a kind of energy like a flame, a fire, a certain radiance which will make itself felt like waves of joy, a happiness, a fulfilment and an awareness. As if it be an awakening into a new and brighter light. This inner surge will grow - fed by our determination to be reborn, to live another life, in awareness of the infinite.

We must constantly try to attune ourselves to the greater life, this inner effort will expand and develop, it will give us new experiences and gradually raise us to another plane.

Inner prayer is but that silent awareness. Christ said that in the future people will worship God in their hearts. This is the silent, inner prayer of the Russian Orthodox recluses and mendicants, the practice of practically every Religious school in their esoteric reaches. This inner effort when developed is that lever which moves mountains. Truly there are no limits to the progression of this wondrous force. Every esoteric teaching speaks in one term or another about this sovereign force. It is the force whose bidding other forces obey. Though in most of us it is in a rudimentary state it is nevertheless there and can be developed if we but learn to rise above the present level of our daily preoccupations. Even if it be a very accomplished man.

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Material prosperity without a corresponding increase in moral and ethical values will lead to eventual disaster. Education of the conventional type only gives us the means, but the proper and better living conditions must be built upon the foundations of ethics and morality. Otherwise the accumulation of mere knowledge will only immeasurably complicate life and make it more difficult for man to mould himself into a better being. These inner qualities in man which we all recognise as the desirable basic ethic and moral foundation must be developed simultaneously with our mastery of the material world and improvements in the standards of living. Difficult and slow is the inner cultivation and developments of man, yet it is essential in a properly balanced and evolving society. Though every teaching, moral or religious must develop and change with time, yet the inner, fundamental truth of behaviour remain relatively stable and it is along these way signs, milestones of the past that we must build our highways into the future.

Family life stable and reliable was a great contributing factor to a stable society, when children grew up around a solid, dependable core of inner unity. With the disintegration of family ties, the adverse influence upon the children, the youth will be even more pronounced and lead to tremendous inner conflicts and complications. The adolescent life of man is of a very long duration and is in need of an anchor to stabilise the restlessness of youth and give it the proper moorings. At the same time the future directions will be laid and children will grow and develop around certain basic principles. If these principles are introduced early in life before the seventh year, then they are more likely to survive in spite of the, at times bewildering and confusing influences of our present day trends.

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It is true, there must be an unfolding of the already existing, accepted customs and usages. Life is ever changing and the accelerated rate of scientific discoveries and inventions must produce a fundamental change in our habits and outlook, the revolutionary new world demands a re-appraisal of our attitudes and habits. Yet we must always remember that the ultimate goal of all our great discoveries and inventions lies in providing greater knowledge, broadening of our horizons and better facilities for a fuller, happier and richer life for a correspondingly more evolved human being, a human being who could worthily utilise all the great gifts of science and nature and mould a true paradise on this earth.

Let us carefully and dispassionately analyse the qualities which we should expect to find in a superior man, a man to whom we can look up to, a man whom we can honour and admire. If we peruse the majority of the great teachings - Philosophical, Religious and Moral of whatever nation or race we shall find a striking similarity in the basic maxims evolved and offered as guide lines for human behaviour. Why ? Because the basic essentials of life are more or less the same throughout the world and human behaviour evolves through certain channels which are common, just as man's reactions are similar and man behaves or shows signs of behaviour which are identical under similar circumstances of life. Man laughs when he is happy or pleased, he cries when he is sad or unhappy, he feels hungry and thirsty and feels pain or comfort, he shows signs of fear or confidence of anger or kindness. To provide for and protect the children is the great common law of nature and this great law in its countless ramifications unfolds before our eyes and conditions to a large extent our behaviour.

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We often hear the remark that art in all its manifestations is a luxury, of secondary importance to be encouraged and indulged in only after the ^{immediate} material problems of our existence have been ^{re}solved. Yet since no one can actually define when that happy state of material well-being begins and when one may expect a universal attainment of this desired standard one may rightfully feel perplexed and inquire. Can material well-being be ever assimilated without the cultural expansion of our consciousness and horizons. Art like any other phase of Education is primarily designed to expand our consciousness, hence it would be foolish to consider Art a luxury no more than any other branch of mental achievement.

Without Cultural values Life would not only fail to attain any material well-being, but on the contrary it will and must degenerate to a state of primitivism when material improvement will not be even appreciated. The curious fact lies in the realisation that the statement that art is a Luxury usually emanates from people who materially are considerably ahead of the average and they atleast could well afford not to indulge in such a formula.

The very principle of Infinity precludes our cognising this principle except as a Hypothesis, a Dream, no matter how far we may progress. The ultimate unity of Religions, Philosophies or Faiths must rest upon this axiom. Since the ultimate may not be known, what difference does it make what faith we follow provided of course we follow it in full sincerity, faith and desire to rise and reach a higher state. It is the inner urge and inner faith which will lead us forward and even if we know of no path at all we are bound to find it in the course of our efforts to ascend. Bhagwan Sri Ramakrishna in one of his parables tells of a pilgrim who was going to Puri and did not know the way, but he kept on asking and finally reached the Sacred Place. The same is true of all True Seekers, "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be open unto ye". Religions and the various Faiths are so many paths, each one suited to our particular temperamental background. After all in spite of the unity of man as we accept it, there are so many different races, differing physically, emotionally and intellectually from each other. And if there is such a thing as a difference in races let alone in individual temperaments and developments, there must be a difference of Religious, Ethical and Philosophical approaches by virtue of all these outer differences alone. If the blood coefficients of the various races are different, must not their outlook, reaction and attitude be also different ?

That inexpressible peace that seems to rise out of the bottomless and fathomless valleys. That peace which is born of vastness. Space absorbing all the little disturbances gathering them up within the vibration of space and making us aware of only the sum total of all the myriad voices of Life. The note Fa, the symbol of nature's sound. The voice of Nature - and when looking down in the silent chasms one becomes aware of another Life, the all pervading Life - That talks to you in the voiceless sound and ere you can hear it, you are aware of it. How many tried to express this unseen link with Nature. How many tried to fathom the depth of Nature's voice. Into infinity we may sink our thoughts and they shall sink one by one and never come back to us. Until reality will become to seem unreal, unnecessary and the thread of our conscious grasp of reality will become suspended within the abyss of infinity.

Consciousness is the inherent quality of Matter. It is Life itself from the tiniest particles of whirling vortexes of matter, to the self-consciousness of man, through all states and conditions of matter. Matter is charged with a qualified behaviour. The qualifying behaviour is the rudiment of self-consciousness. The Infinite tries to know itself through the Finite. Infinity - What a truly all explaining - all containing concept. The beginning and end of all Wisdom. Within this concept everything must find itself.

Often I find myself thinking of subjects which I cannot or dare not even put down. Words unspoken, thoughts never expressed. Why ? I have no one to tell them to, no one to understand them for what they are. Dreams of the Future, Dreams of another world and another Humanity. I say and write many words, express many thoughts, but that which I really think, that which I really feel goes unsaid and unrecorded. Will it be always so ? Will it never be uttered ?

Do we inscribe beauty into an object or does the object actually contain the elements we call beautiful - Both. The ability to recognise beauty as beauty is directly related to the ability of producing a more perfect combination, since Beauty is only a greater Harmony, a greater perfection of Balance. If man is endowed with Individual Consciousness and Cognition and if he is to evolute and progress naturally he must be able to discern good from evil, the less good from worse, the more perfect and the Beautiful from the ugly and indifferent. And the recognition of Beauty is the acknowledgement of a more perfect combination which Life strives to produce in its Evolutionary progress.

There is an inner strength, born - not only of a strong character, but of a burning conviction - Faith. It is not a belief of any special kind, though it may follow some specific line of thought, usually through association. This inner strength or Force comes from the tuning in on to the planes of Infinite energy and in becoming a conductor for this force, on the one hand, and raising this force within oneself from contact with the greater Realms of this Force when certain Realities become obvious to us, when they transcend the mere plane of speculation. The knowledge begins to live in us as a part of our Life and just as we exercise certain functions because we know we can do so, in the same way we exercise this new found energy because it is known to us. Greater men have greater control over this energy, lesser men have less of it.
