

Blessed Spot Reflections

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Daily Readings



The beginning of all things is the knowledge of God, and the end of all things is strict observance of whatsoever hath been sent down from the empyrean of the Divine Will that pervadeth all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth.



The Revelation which, from time immemorial, hath been acclaimed as the Purpose and Promise of all the Prophets of God, and the most cherished Desire of His Messengers, hath now, by virtue of the pervasive Will of the Almighty and at His irresistible bidding, been revealed unto men.



The advent of such a Revelation hath been heralded in all the sacred Scriptures. Behold how, notwithstanding such an announcement, mankind hath strayed from its path and shut out itself from its glory.



**This is the Day whereon the Ocean of God's mercy hath been
manifested unto men ...**



**... the Day in which the Daystar of His loving-kindness hath
shed its radiance upon them ...**



... the Day in which the clouds of His bountiful favor have overshadowed the whole of mankind.



Now is the time to cheer and refresh the down-cast through the invigorating breeze of love and fellowship, and the living waters of friendliness and charity.



Know thou that the soul of man is exalted above, and is independent of all infirmities of body or mind.



That a sick person showeth signs of weakness is due to the hindrances that interpose themselves between his soul and his body, for the soul itself remaineth unaffected by any bodily ailments.



Consider the light of the lamp. Though an external object may interfere with its radiance, the light itself continueth to shine with undiminished power. In like manner, every malady afflicting the body of man is an impediment that preventeth the soul from manifesting its inherent might and power.



When it leaveth the body, however, it will evince such ascendancy, and reveal such influence as no force on earth can equal.



Every pure, every refined and sanctified soul will be endowed with tremendous power, and shall rejoice with exceeding gladness.



... Consider the lamp which is hidden under a bushel. Though its light be shining, yet its radiance is concealed from men.



Likewise, consider the sun which hath been obscured by the clouds. Observe how its splendor appeareth to have diminished, when in reality the source of that light hath remained unchanged. The soul of man should be likened unto this sun, and all things on earth should be regarded as his body.



So long as no external impediment interveneth between them, the body will, in its entirety, continue to reflect the light of the soul, and to be sustained by its power. As soon as, however, a veil interposeth itself between them, the brightness of that light seemeth to lessen.



Consider again the sun when it is completely hidden behind the clouds. Though the earth is still illumined with its light, yet the measure of light which it receiveth is considerably reduced. Not until the clouds have dispersed, can the sun shine again in the plenitude of its glory.



Neither the presence of the cloud nor its absence can, in any way, affect the inherent splendor of the sun. The soul of man is the sun by which his body is illumined, and from which it draweth its sustenance, and should be so regarded.



Consider, moreover, how the fruit, ere it is formed, lieth potentially within the tree. Were the tree to be cut into pieces, no sign nor any part of the fruit, however small, could be detected.



When it appeareth, however, it manifesteth itself, as thou hast observed, in its wondrous beauty and glorious perfection. Certain fruits, indeed, attain their fullest development only after being severed from the tree.



The craft of every craftsman is regarded as worship.



We can well perceive how the whole human race is encompassed with great, with incalculable afflictions.



We see it languishing on its bed of sickness, sore-tried and disillusioned.



Witness how they have entangled all men, themselves included, in the mesh of their devices.



They that are intoxicated by self-conceit have interposed themselves between it and the Divine and infallible Physician.



They can neither discover the cause of the disease, nor have they any knowledge of the remedy.



**They have conceived the straight to be crooked, and have
imagined their friend an enemy.**



O contending peoples and kindreds of the earth! Set your faces towards unity, and let the radiance of its light shine upon you.



Gather ye together, and for the sake of God resolve to root out whatever is the source of contention amongst you.



Then will the effulgence of the world's great Luminary envelop the whole earth, and its inhabitants become the citizens of one city, and the occupants of one and the same throne.



There can be no doubt whatever that the peoples of the world, of whatever race or religion, derive their inspiration from one heavenly Source, and are the subjects of one God.



The difference between the ordinances under which they abide should be attributed to the varying requirements and exigencies of the age in which they were revealed.



All of them, except a few which are the outcome of human perversity, were ordained of God, and are a reflection of His Will and Purpose.



Arise and, armed with the power of faith, shatter to pieces the gods of your vain imaginings, the sowers of dissension amongst you.



**Adorn your heads with the garlands of trustworthiness and
fidelity ...**



... your hearts with the attire of the fear of God ...



... your tongues with absolute truthfulness ...



... your bodies with the vesture of courtesy.



Strive diligently to acquire such goodly qualities and traits of character as will be the cause of everlasting salvation.

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