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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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## LIFE.

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And this is life !

We know not why, nor how, nor whence it came,

This wonderous, restless, awful gift of life,  
With all its heart aches, miseries and woes,  
Oh, still we hail it as a precious boon !

And this is Love, this longing, aching pain,  
Dear, priceless pain, from which  
We would not 'scape. O wonderous gift !  
O mystery sublime ! And still we live  
And still we know not how, and still we love  
And still we know not why. Life, Love,  
Love, Life,

And both are bitter dear, and both are sweet,  
And both bring pleasure dear, and both bring  
pain ;  
Still neither would we lose, and neither can  
we gain.

They come unsought, nor at our will depart.  
And still the world rolls on, one half in shade,  
The other half in sun ; and evermore  
The sunny part is turning to the shade,  
The shadow to the sun. But as it turns  
There is no more of shadow than of sun,  
There is no more of midnight than of noon.  
Each follows each in one unchanging round,  
Until the never ceasing tide of time  
is lost in oceans of eternity.

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## BUDDHA'S VOICE.

I lay aside those realms  
which wait the gleaming of my naked sword :  
My chariot shall not roll with bloody wheels  
on victory to victory, till earth  
ears the red record of my name.

—[Edwin Arnold's "Life of Asia."]

## SERMON

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"GOD IS LOVE."

We all know this to be the teaching of  
Scripture, of Jesus and the Apostles,  
but do we always in practice live in  
accordance with this character of God ?  
And what do we understand by "Love" ?  
This it is in my mind, unselfishly seek-  
ing the highest good of the object to-  
ward which it is allowed to go. In our  
relations in this world as men and  
women the highest symbol is found in  
conjugal love. And we have found by  
observation, and many of us from ex-  
perience that if it be pure it must be  
the sacrifice of our own desires for the  
good of the one whom we have prom-  
ised in sacred covenant to cherish and  
protect.

God is a being replete in Himself, in-  
finite in goodness as well as infinite in  
power, and man was formed in His own  
image, I take this to be a spiritual sense,  
and He has established laws, which, if  
man would obey, would lead him into the  
highest happiness for which his nature is  
capable of appreciating. He has estab-  
lished those laws in the love He bears  
to man. Either man enjoys a reward  
of peace of mind and happiness if he  
obeys these laws, or he endures suffer-  
ing and pain if he disobeys, and in both  
cases it is the working of God's love.  
In the one instance striving to induce  
us to remain in the righteous way ; in  
the other to restore us when we have