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Lesson Coin Thoughts

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Everything great begins with God. God is a poet; creation is his poem. That soul is dead that sheds no light.

God is the origin of all originals.

The secret of strength is with the soul.

The soul renews its youth when it begins with the "Ancient of Days."

No forward movement is possible to a man till he stands for God.

Every enterprise that counts out God

begins doubtfully and ends disastrously.

Every living creature is proof of a living

Creator,

The world is in shadow till the sun rises. So is the soul till "the Sun of Righteousness arises

with healing in his wings."

It is as wonderful that life continues as it is

that it began.

The Spirit of God is the searchlight of the soul.

Most men are meteors; the trail of light they leave soon fades.

It is not the form of a lamp that counts, but the flame.

The light of God is primary; man's light is secondary:

God's light is solar; man's light is lunar.

Your life speaks incessantly; your lips speak occasionally. Your lips tell what you wish to be; your life tells what you are.

To the soul that sees, everything is revelatory of the unseen.

Brightest stars are seen on darkest nights.

Darkness is absence of light; death is absence of life.

Unless there is light in the painter his picture will all be dark.

A man is not at fault for seeing the sun set, but he is at fault if he never sees it rise.

One living philosopher sheds more light than all the world's dead philosophies.

He 'tis whose life is truest is the best teacher of truth.

Every creature's witness is great when it tells of its Creator.

God is still sending his witnesses over the world.

To be "sent of God" is honor enough, no matter how great the task or how long the journey. God sends us by the impulsions of our tastes,

our temperaments, our talents.

A witless witness is worthless.

The florist's greatest witness is of flowers; the astronomer's greatest witness is of suns and stars; the Christian's greatest witness is of Christ.

The reflector is not the light, but it bears witness of the light.

There is not much point to a man's philosophy till it points beyond himself.

No man's life has been utterly unvisited by God's light.

Windows are to let in light, so are eyes, so are souls; soiled windows obstruct the light, so do soiled souls.

It is a miracle of mercy that the truest light sometimes falls on the falsest men; history is full of testimony to that truth.

The darkest places are most in need of the brightest Christians.

It were better to see things gradually and live than to see them suddenly and die. The wire is dead till it receives the living

lightning; so is the soul till it receives God's Spirit.

No music comes from the great organ till it receives the spirit of the great organist.

It makes a man mighty to yield himself as a medium of might.

You may pin blossoms on a dead tree, but the tree is still dead.

The sponge in the sea is filled with the fullness of the sea, but all of the sea is not in the sponge; the morning dewdrop glitters with the fullness of the sunlight, but all of the sun is not in the dewdrop.

The whole world is not big enough to fill the soul that shuts out God.

It is worse than useless for anybody to follow us unless we follow Christ.

God shields the soul from excessive light by fleshly screens.

We shall know the whole truth when we are wholly true. Jesus said, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

God gives us crumbs now. He will give us loaves when we are larger. He is always ready to give us as much as we are ready to take.

We may be as sure of certain unseen things