

Whence comes it? Does it not proceed from the fact that he is in harmony with his environment?

Consider the same scene under another aspect. Listen to the war of the wind as it seeks to dash to the ground everything that opposes itself to its fury. Feel the solid earth tremble under the impact of those mighty billows which threaten to engulf it. Man's heart fails him and he shrinks from such a scene of turmoil and strife. Yet no new element has been imported. The forces engaged are the same, but their present form of expression is such that he cannot adjust himself to it, and hence there arises a sense of conflict and discord.

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In seeking to secure new combinations, to obtain new compounds the chemist finds it necessary to break up existing relationships. During the process, until a new condition of equilibrium is secured, strain and stress are inevitable. Similarly, as long as man is in a condition of development; as long as his relations to the physical world in which he is placed; to his fellow men with whom he associates; and to his God, in whom he lives and has his being, are not harmonious, so long must human life be lived amidst struggles and conflict, until the dominant forces obtain control and a perfect adjustment is secured.

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"On earth Peace, Good-will towards men." What meant this? Were pain and suffering to become a thing of the past? Were wars and tumults to cease? Nay! Did not Christ himself declare, "I come not to bring peace but a sword?" No matter how tremendous the struggle, how direful the suffering, he is a traitor to Peace who would cease from effort until the sought-for condition is secured, the needed adjustment effected.

Was, then, the Angelic message "a mockery of our hopes"? Nay! It was the blissful assurance of a veritable fact. The birth of the Babe of Bethlehem was the introduction to earth of that re-adjusting power which will eventually bring the will of Man into conformity with the will of God.

It is possible even now, by prophetic vision, to realize somewhat of the condition that will be his when body, soul and spirit become conscious expressions of the Divine Intelligence, and