

They were looking to Moses and the prophets. Jesus called them to the Christ within, showing by a living example that it is our privilege to live a life free from sin, for he was tempted at all points as we are, yet without sin. If we would separate Jesus, the man, from the Christ, which is the Saviour, we will come to a clearer understanding of Jesus and His mission. Jesus was crucified on Mount Calvary, but Christ never was but is co-existent with the Father. And it is only by implicit obedience to this Christ principle, this Grace of God, in the heart, that hath appeared unto all men, that we may receive the joys, not only in the present, but in the eternal life.

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### THE MYSTERY OF DEVELOPMENT.

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The figures on the dial of our lives are plainly shown and yet who notes the gong is soon to sound the noontide of our years? I answer few indeed. We live as though our lives were one long day, and night comes not until we cease to be; change follows change, as hope follows hope, and thus the endless sorrows of this world are sweetened by pure faith, who, like a goddess sits enthroned within our souls.

As the science of evolution signifies growth, so the changes in our lives may be means of advancement to us. We often possess the power of making growth where outwardly there seems decay. If the mind is ever aiming towards the highest possible standard, if the human efforts are directed upward and onward, change, come when it will, can but uplift the mental status.

How much of the moulding of our lives lie within us is far beyond man's mental grasp.

We are given the clay from the garden of the gods to mould as Praxitiles, or like some obscure sculptor, to

chisel into hideous shapes that would repulse the crowd of humanity at a glance.

The embryonic forms in nature are but symbols of that mystic unknown growth. If this power of development which is embraced within the mind of man lies in a state of inertia too long, it becomes like the delicate little seedling which dies for the want of proper nourishment.

God has placed us here to grow just as he placed the trees and flowers, they grow unconsciously and not by their own efforts. Man too grows unconsciously and is most decidedly a creature of circumstances. But at the same time he possesses great power over those circumstances and can to a great extent direct the course of his entire life.

We are sent into the world with all these little germs of thought undeveloped and are we to return them thus? nay, but we should carry back more than we at first received, that as a result of our industry and fidelity to what has been intrusted to our keeping. We must use and improve, or lose all. This sentence is pronounced upon us by all the physical, intellectual and moral world.

The lily that would feign unfold as the rose, would feign do what it cannot do; and the man who desired to be like his neighbor is not a man, but a mere cypher in the world of men. The separate individualities want their full development. Social progress depends upon individual progress.

Each creature holds an insular point in space: Yet what man stirs a finger, breathes a sound. But all the multitudinous being round In all the countless worlds with time and place For their conditions, down to the central base, Thrill haply in vibration, and rebound.

In the thought that we must look forward or die, we note our likeness to the man crossing a wild stream on a narrow log—he is only safe while he goes on; if he stops he falls. Constant action is the only safeguard to success.