

THE CENTRE

If we analyze our inmost desires, investigate minutely the impelling motives which control our daily activities, we find that the one strong motive which underlies our existence is the desire for consciousness, ever-increasing recognition of life. Life is what we seek—more life.

We glance back at the past, and to some extent are able to trace our growth from one condition to another, a growth that has been accompanied with rough, crude experiences, the natural working of an unconscious period.

Self-recognition is the crown of Consciousness. Know yourself; the more complete your knowledge of self, so will your happiness be nearer perfection. The greater the degree of consciousness, the higher the condition of happiness. Ignorance is never bliss, and wisdom is never folly.

As we grow, we come in *touch* with our centre. All ordinary existence is circumferential, we live too far away from the real source of our life. Power is gained by self-concentration. The centre of each individual is the pivot of the law. The nearer we are able to live at our centre the more influence we have in helping others, for each personal centre is in relation with all other individuals by the law of sympathy.

The centre of the man is his *Will*. That vast, infinite motor of our individuality, the Will! We are each like a storehouse of unlimited power, manifesting the merest fraction of our forces. And yet there is nothing to complain of. We are only in this age beginning to understand our