hen therefore the first spark of a desire after God arises in the soul, cherish it with all thy care, give all thy heart unto it; it is nothing less than a touch of the Divine lodestone, that will draw thee out of the vanity of time into the riches of eternity. Cet up, therefore, and follow it as gladly as the Wise Men of the East followed the star from heaven that appeared to them. It will do for thee as the star did for them, it will lead thee to the birth of Jesus: not in a stable at Bethlehem in Judea, but to the birth of Jesus in the dark centre of thy fallen soul.

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