

Shall I list to the word of the English, who come from the uttermost sea?
 "The secret hath been told to you, and what is your message to me?"
 It is nought but the wide world story how the earth and the heavens began,
 How the gods are glad and angry, and a Deity once was man.

I had thought, "Perchance in the cities where the rulers of India dwell,
 Whose orders flash from the fair land, who girdle the earth with a spell,
 They have fathomed the depths we float on, or measured the unknown main—
 Sadly they turn from the venture, and say that the quest is vain.

"Is life, then, a dream and delusion, and where shall the dreamer awake?
 Is the world seen like shadows on water; and what if the mirror break?
 Shall it pass, as a camp that is struck, as a tent that is gathered and gone
 From the sands that were lamp-lit at eve, and at morning are level and lone?

"Is there nought in the heaven above, whence the hail and the levin are hurled,
 But the wind that is swept around us by the rush of the rolling world?
 The wind that shall scatter my ashes, and bear me to silence and sleep
 With the dirge, and the scunds of lamenting, and voices of women who weep."

—A. C. Lyall.

ABRAHAMIC FAITH.

ANONYM.

We admire strong faith and believe great possibilities to be within its reach. We consider strong faith and deep experience in Divine things almost inseparable, standing to each other as cause and effect. We expect those strong in faith to ask great things and receive them. We look on some as having strong faith, and wish we had such a faith. How often we hear persons say, "I wish I had the faith of this brother, or of that sister." "I wish I had the faith of Abraham."

What is faith? "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Emphasize "*Substance*," "*Evidence*," "*Things hoped for*," "*Things not seen*." What is "Abraham's faith?" A faith such as Abraham had. Was there anything peculiar in his faith? Must not the faith of "the father of all that believe" bear the elements of the faith of every true believer? And must not believers of all ages *exercise* the same faith in the same manner in which Abraham exercised it? Is not "Abraham's faith" the heritage of all believers? Are we not the children of promise—Abraham's faith-posterity? May the following suggestions aid us in comprehending and attaining unto our great faith-privileges.

ABRAHAM BELIEVED IN THE TRUE GOD. When God called him, he renounced the idol worship of his ancestors, and of the surrounding nations, and chose the *true*, the living God as the object of his faith. This was the groundwork of his faith. Henceforth he had no faith in idols, he did not