

through his infinite wisdom and kindness threw about my own life. I found that there came with it an increasing responsibility that my life should correspond to the words and sentiments I uttered. Religion is a practical reality and may reach down with saving power into all our relationships with the world.

But, says one, will you presume to take religion into politics? Good enough, I answer, but be careful in the mixture, don't take politics into religion. It should be present with its leavening and purifying influence in all our family relationships, it should extend out into our neighborhoods, out into all public and national affairs, rectifying all great mistakes of humanity and regulating all the affairs, political, national and international.

Blessed is he who feels he has something to do, and we all have something to do

"In making this an Eden like the heaven above
By little words of kindness and little deeds
of love."

all, without any exception, have this to do, "do well." Then we will be acceptable in the sight of the Lord, and receive the smile of His approval. There will be no distress, no fallen countenance, but a reflection of the love light of God's face. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father goes into all our relationships with men, and will keep us unspotted from the world. If we are what our heavenly father designed us to be, we will be perfectly satisfied with our life, and will have it more abundantly.

The inner life is the real life. These outward bodies are but tenements of clay. The life that is co-existent with the great source of all life, that is the Man of God, it is worthy and was designed to govern the whole man.

True religion is not at enmity with these animal natures that we find ourselves possessed with. It does not please God when we torture them and strive to annihilate them, for they also are God-given, and have a place in us

and a mission to perform. We must not seek to separate the divine from the human, but make the human subservient and obedient to the divine, dwelling harmoniously together. "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain." What glorious harmony will prevail in God's holy kingdom, and where shall we find that kingdom if we do not begin and cultivate it in this life. God has given us a rich heritage, he created us a little lower than the angels, and if we do well we will live in his acceptance and remain in his kingdom. He is a loving father and reasons with his children, and suits his requirements to their conditions and circumstance. Whenever they are obeyed according to the understanding they have been successful in the reward of being blessed. Trace humanity and you will find the facts verify this truth. Man always has been blessed who has obeyed the highest sense of right and truth. This is simply and substantially the religion of Jesus Christ. Come taste and see that a God of this character, of this boundless and endless love, is good, and find that his mercy continues forever. He that climbeth up some other way is a thief and a robber, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," but this spiritual Christ, the word of the living God in the soul, the revelation of divine law in the heart, saying "This is the right way, walk thou in it, that is wrong, turn from it." This inbreathing knowledge is the Word of God. We have been told that the written scriptures is the Word of God. These same scriptures tell me that "In the *beginning* was the word, and the word was God." The