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poet praise:

the concentration of faith

devotional poetry

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introduction

life be blessed that these words continue to write themselves through me in poetic form...

Certainly, one of the most important occurrences of the spiritual life is the realization of its discovery: when one realizes (in a way that is real to them) that there is the spirit and soul as part of their human existence; when one realizes that there is a spiritual journey to be taken and lived if one will accept such invitation; when one realizes that there is a sacred worship and practice of goodness if one will surrender and live such. But often, for many reasons, too many people become content with the mere discovery of such, and live (actually limit) the beautiful bounties of the spiritual life to a plane of their discovery, rarely moving beyond the limits of the range of experiences defined by their initial discovery.

This book is offered as an invitation to some, a reminder to others, and possibly a support to all, to embrace the realities that await those of us who will pursue and live the spiritual life beyond the bounds of its discovery: those who are ready and willing to travel the length of their spiritual path and deepen to expand the expanse of the spiritual reality in their life. The poetry of this book explores a way (among many ways) to sincerely seek such through the concentration of faith...

that which thou lovest, o man,

that too become thou must.

god if thou lovest god

dust if thou lovest dust.

-- Sufi saying

the maintenance of faith

is the responsibility
of the believer

(to humans seeking faith)

so what of my eyes would you have me see

that you yourself cannot see

why would you want to see with my eyes

when this life delivers you the opportunity

to develop your own sight

for the breath of life, the breath of god is in all

and within such breath is *the beauty*

and within such breath is not only that to be adored and loved

but also the spirit to recognize its being in all

for beauty sees beauty and is invisible to all else

beauty is seen by beauty and is invisible by all else

and for all that there is to be seen in this world

what can you see

that is more than being beauty

(you being beauty)

and of the all that is to be seen

of what you can see

what is less than beauty

of all that is real and true

the beauty of life (in god) is one and all

even if its all is made distinct to exist

as different forms

in this world
there is none but god
some may say
isn't it enough to have faith and be faithful
and be ever believing and very believing
(in goodness)
(in god)
if you would settle in your practice of excellence
then you need not for me (or anyone else)
to say what is or is not enough
but if you live the practice of your excellence without compromise
by your own sight would you see

the importance of the concentration of faith
to make every act of your faith
every repose of your faith
every breath of your faith
every motion of emotion and attitude and spirit
(of your faith)

to make your every being in, of, and through faith
a being more focused upon the path of true faith
and faith true and purified and in essence
with the expression of the essence of what is one
for should the purity of such faith be

expended on the focus of distractions or illusions of this world
or relished for selfish pride and perceived joys of believing

or other things not of god's intention for such faith

or rather should not the purity of such faith be

devoted to the pure service of and surrender to god

and by such pure service and surrender

will abound the will of god to be shared with others

and with others shared in the service and surrender to god

may this world be more of a true and living reflection

of the essence of what is one

with such as the possibility awaiting to become

lays the call for a concentration of faith

for the maturity of personal faith breeds

in the manifestation of service and surrender

shared to others

in the manifestation of service and surrender

shared with others

that the cycles of service and surrender may continue to abound

and the example of prophets and great believers be

the common service and surrender of all who are true

for the call to excellence is the call to all who are faithful and true

if we will only purify our belief

and, in and through faith

answer the call

(which manifests in ways beyond faith)

why search the horizons and expanses of empty space

for that which is already within the grasp of your hands' reach

so much within you that it is you

that you need not even reach for any thing

to realize its potential to be (and succeed)

the any thing of every thing we encounter is a reflection of our self

all the issues we encounter are manifestations of challenges unresolved

within

the problems you meet are only outward expressions

of the problems you maintain

in hope that by resolving the problems you will move closer to resolving your self

your being

for if the truth be told

much of what you live for is not worth the life you're living

and why should you wait till death

to not realize the worthlessness of your existence

why should you pass a worthless life

when the opportunity to live a worthy life exists before you(now)

and the opportunity to transcend your worthlessness

to become worthy

(now)

excellence is measured in the fulfillment of what is better

instead of settling for what is less

i stood before the mirror of my soul

whose reflection is unwithholding of the truth

whose reflection is not always pleasant nor gentle

but a benefit offered for those willing to shed the excess

of their illusions

but there i stood

assured and uncertain within the same breath

and alone within the meditation of my form

already committed to walking the path of right living

yet not fully content with my realization of my soul

for i felt there was more for me to be

knowing that i had not yet reached the fullness of my being

(if there is such a thing)

(or being)

and somewhat impatient to fulfill the all of my purpose

although being so young in the fulfillment of this (my) life

but yet i stood before the mirror of my soul

humble in wanting a path to my fuller becoming

and in staring upon my reflection, my reflection dawned upon me

a greater form of truth than i had hoped to realize

it is sufficient to be that which resides within your purpose

and to compare your being to no purpose and no thing

for there are steps by which to progress along the road of excellence

and the fullest fulfillment of excellence

is manifested in the humble being

whose step is active in intent, yet guided by forces beyond

whose every step is appreciating and manifesting of the bounty it is

for with each step made in the guidance of the forces beyond

is the potential treasure of you becoming

a being where the beyond becomes within

(you)

and as the beyond becomes within, blessings will paint

the phases of such transition

of such realization, of such manifesting of life

for when the beyond becomes within and the within becomes beyond

the secret of all life and all being exists as perfect balance

within and beyond you

but the apparent end is better achieved

by the progression of steps upon your path

step by step, in time and in measure

with your present state of growth

it makes no sense to seek the fullest potential of your being

if you are not being the fullest present of who and where you are

there is no worth in pursuing the all of all that you will be

if you are not being the all of the parts you presently are

no sun will set before it rises in the sky,

no moon descend before it reaches the depths of its heights

and no seeker of the spiritual path should seek to complete its call

before it has sung all the notes of its song

in its right progression

so sing with all your heart, and mind, and body, and soul

but in rhythm and in persistent active patience

(balance)

and what of faith could i share with you

and what of peace and beauty
and what of what is right could i share with you
and what of goodness and of truth
and what of sincere happiness could i share with you
and what of the qualities of god
and god
what of any of these could i share with you
if you do not love your self
and realize your self as being worthy of these blessings of life
for to love your self
(within the context of this metaphor of words)
is to love the being which you are in which resides
the potential and opportunity to be
a haven
of faith,
of beauty and peace,
of what is right,
of truth and goodness,
of sincere happiness,
of the qualities of god,
and of god.
for without love of your self
(as the metaphor of words infer)
the self of true life and being
without love you create your own barriers to being

the self of true life and true being
without love you create your own barriers to other beings
who are able to show you love and love you (in purity's peace)
and love is a language of exchange
by which the blessings of life may make their way to you
(whether from within or beyond you)
and why should you not speak a language
which is inviting of blessings in your life
and why should you not speak a language
which is inviting of blessings
when you are able
(as all are able)
it is a matter of choice
and commitment to that choice
so if you would ask me of
faith
peace and beauty
what is right
goodness and truth
sincere happiness
the qualities of god
or god
first love your self
(your true self)
then we can share

in words, in love, and more...
i throw the moon to the stars
and leave the sun for the day
to laugh at the small triumphs of the greatest creations
keep the wonders of the world
i'll keep the simplicity of my soul
and let us see what proves to be the greater wonder
the simplicity of the soul
the simplicity of my soul
where life simply becomes a life of simply being
and living the being of being in the form of such being
of all the great qualities that are
don't want, don't seek: just be
(and become better at being by being)
don't try, don't struggle: just do
(the act of being performed)
and in the better of being
and the performance of being
exists
the simplicity of my soul
the simplicity of the soul

leave conceptions for those who wish to think
and may the all of life exist for them within their mental sphere
leave visualizations for those who wish to see
and may the all of life exist for them within their perceptions

leave philosophy for those who wish to seek knowledge and theory
and may the all of life exist for them in the fulfilling of their seeking

leave vows for those who wish to be avowed

and may the all of life exist for them within the fulfilling

of their declared promises

leave affirmations for those who wish to be affirmed

and may the all of life exist for them within the expanse

of what they affirm

leave depth of feelings for those who wish to feel deeply

and may the all of life exist for them within the expanse

of their feeling depth

leave discipleship for those who wish to live within an order

and may the all of life exist for them within the living of their order

leave asceticism for those who wish to live such contemplation

and may the all of life exist for them within what they contemplate

leave the law for those who wish to live in guidance of rules

and may the all of life exist for them within following

what is proscribed

leave the scriptures for those who wish for wisdom verses

and may the all of life exist for them within such verses wisely lived

leave the all of what people live for the all that their lives will be

for all in all the all of all can be found in all things

but leave what is for them as i will be what is for me

and see what proves to be the greater wonder

(by simply being)

god is my master

who i shall never forsake

(so never forsake)

now realizing the absolute nature of faith

now realizing the absolute nature of my faith

and the path that is an expression of such faith

that my purposes have been made known to me

and placed within my expanse to be fulfilled

that no matter what may come to pass

or come to stay

i am committed to my service and my faith

that no matter what may come to pass

i have god's love

which shall not pass, which shall never pass

that no matter what may come to stay

i have god

who shall never go away

that the all of my encounters of life

now encountered within my realization

are only opportunities and supports

to challenge and further validate my service and faith

to strengthen and further grow my faith and service

whether as happiness or sadness, pain or joy

that faith and service are made stronger and purer

by living service and faith

and practicing service and faith
and surrendering in faith and service
for in the depth of faith and service
is the depth of service and faith
but in the shallowness of service and faith
all things are shallow
(even your service and faith)
so in such realizations and the continued purity of my manifestations
blooms a gratitude for every moment that i face
for within every moment
(even if masked in a situation or feeling)
are opportunities and supports
to challenge and further validate
and strengthen and further grow
my faith and service
(in, to, and by god)
and it was said to me
do not expend the true treasures of life
on those who are not worthy
for such treasures are living beings
and why entrust any living being to one
who is not fit to care for that being
just as it is better for a parent
to not leave their child with one who will not
take care of that child

so should those who possess the true treasures of life
not give these to one who will not care for them
for even god who has the all of all to give
 upon which there are no limits
not even god bestows the true treasures of life
to one not worthy of such possession
there are plenty lesser things to be destroyed and abused
by the unworthy
but the true treasures of life are sacred
and sacred should they continue to be
and sacred should they be handled and possessed
within the care of one who will continue the life of its sacredness
within the care of one
 (who by action, thought, and intention)
 is worthy
and
every being has the opportunity to become worthy
by becoming one who will possess with grace and care
 the true treasures of life
by becoming one who will prosper and make prosper
 the true treasures of life
but if you will not become such
then you are not worthy
and don't complain about being not worthy
when you (when all) have the opportunity to become such

but instead let such an opportunity pass
to become nothing
and what are the treasures of life
the true treasures of life which remain forever true
many of these are beyond the scope of what words can convey
but the road to such treasures can be found in many ways
such as

the living of truth

(and living in truth)

the living of wisdom

(and wisdom living in you)

the living of peace

(and peace living in, by, and through you)

the living of god

(and surrender to god

and the grace of god

and mercy and compassion of god)

that by living in sincere relationship with these living realities

(and more,

since god provides many roads to the manifestation

of the true treasures of life)

that by living in sincere relationship with these

are we granted and able to develop

the opportunity to not only become worthy of the treasures

but to discover and possess and manifest such true treasures

in our lives
so those who are worthy
and those who are sincere
and those who evolve to know so that they need not be told
in our knowing let us be reminded of
the sacred care we should take with that which is sacred
and for those who do not know
and are not worthy
(or not yet worthy)
may you have this explanation and opportunity to understand
why such care, protection, and reservation is given
to the true treasures of life
with eyes that hear and smell and know
and ears that smell and see and know
and a nose that sees and hears and knows
and a spirit living in the wisdom of truth
with a heart that lives within the expanse of beauty
and a mind that tempers thoughts in line with peace
and emotions that seek to move feelings in line with my spirit's being
and a body that expresses in form the realities of all these
yet let my perspective be pure
and objective,
and if needed, removed from the being of me
that i may see and perceive realities and things as they are and be
completely unclouded by any vision i would put upon such perspective

for the world is but a metaphor in which to discover the reality of truth

and i would not have my self get in the way of my own discovery

of truth

may such be a gift for me, a gift honored by living within

a pure perspective to perceive all as it is

sitting under an almost full moon

with an unseen rainbow in the sky

transparent to the background of night sky and stars

this covenant was shared with me

i will teach of beauty

i will teach of truth

i will teach of love

i will teach of love

i will teach of faith and sincerity

i will teach of peace

i will teach of compassion

i will teach of giving

i will teach of awareness and realization

i will teach of love

i will teach of love

i will teach of grace

i will teach of spirit

i will teach of spirit's power

i will teach of spirit's worlds

i will teach of transcendence

i will teach of love

i will teach of love

i will teach of silence

i will teach of courage

i will teach of responsibility

i will teach of wisdom

i will teach of the sacred art

i will teach of growth

i will teach of transformation

i will teach of love

i will teach of love

i will teach of discipline

i will teach of purpose

i will teach of purity

i will teach of soul

i will teach of heart

i will teach of mind

i will teach of feeling

i will teach of perception

i will teach of perspective

i will teach of opportunities

i will teach of efficiency

i will teach of fulfillment and manifestation

i will teach of wholeness

i will teach of love

i will teach of love
i will teach of freedom
i will teach of choice
i will teach of action
i will teach of repose
i will teach of being
i will teach of will
i will teach of balance
i will teach of love
i will teach of love
i will teach of simplicity
i will teach of surrender
i will teach of discovery
i will teach of teaching
i will teach of life
i will teach of love
i will teach of love
i will teach of love
and as i am a teacher
i am also a student
to learn from what i teach
to learn from what others learn
and as i learn and teach
and teach to learn
let my learning and my teaching be

my life

as lessons learned, taught, and lived

and more

and more

there is no final frontier

no secrets of the mind

or super spectacular mysteries of the world

(that are real)

there is only the spirit and soul

so live in the knowledge and wisdom of the soul

and the reality of the spirit

which are one

(if you understand the metaphor)

and for all that these words will amount to

as a reminder of the opportunity

the opportunity within that may be expressed without

to live and love

and love and live

as a being pure and true

within the bosom of peace and beauty

and purpose and fulfillment

and the many miraculous qualities of transcendence

yet behold

no opportunity in this world will exist forever

although the outcome of such an opportunity

may transcend into a being eternal
and most opportunities present
have a seal of limitation
in which to fulfill their potential
for as it has been said throughout the ages of time
there is a reality of being too late
and why exist within the reality of being too late
when there is a reality of opportunities present and fulfilled
and why let the realization of these words

exist within the reality of being too late

when there is a reality of opportunities present and fulfilled
so woe to you who live within the reality of being too late
and woe to you who will take these words and make them scars
who take these words in pain, ignorance, destruction

and being too late

to only further your being too late, destruction, ignorance and pain
you who claim that you cannot be what you are
you who claim that you cannot be what you are not
you who claim that you cannot be what you once could have been
leave these words where you find them

and read them no more!!!

these words are not for you!!!

for these words are written for those who will *become*
one with the knowledge and wisdom of the soul
one with the reality of the spirit

even if in the now they are not what they will become

their presence is one of opportunities present

their presence is one of opportunities fulfilled

for within such presence and opportunities

is a greater opportunity

to serve

to partner

to love

to be one with

a power greater than anything one could ever find on their own

but instead finds those willing to be its own

(if you will understand the metaphor)

oh, you who are true

oh, you true walkers of faith

rejoice

for you have been given gifts others cannot even conceive

as a result of their choice

or lack of choice

to not live faith

to not live truth

but by your choice

or lack of choice

you live faith

you live truth

and may your faith guide you in remembrance

and may your remembrance guide you in realization

and may your realization guide you in transcendence

and may your transcendence guide you manifesting

the infinite depth of truth in you

and what a wonder such will be if you will be...

so rejoice and be glad with the blessings bestowed upon you

so rejoice and be glad with the blessings that are you

yet rejoice with care

lest you forsake the gifts that are you

lest you forsake the gifts bestowed to you

for sacred gifts are sacred and delicate in their sacredness

so be graceful in care with your sacred being

and where faith is genuine

faith will prosper

just as the truly beautiful will make beauty of all that they touch

just as the truly faithful will be in faith with all that they encounter

and in remembrance and gratitude for their faith

and what their faith reveals

(which is truth for the true...)

(which is god for the godly...)

i am not this body

it is merely my temporal form

(in this world)

i am not this mind

i can't even lay claim to all of its thoughts

i am not these experiences

they seek an existence of their own

(even if within or beyond me)

i am not these desires

although they seek to have their hunger sated

(temporarily) within me

i am not love

it is a reality beyond me, even if manifested in me

i am not beauty

but rather a form of its potential which exists in all

i am not righteousness

yet the path of such being exists

within, without, and beyond me

i am not god

but there exists a surrender and service

which will bring me closer

to oneness with god

i am not any nor all of these

in this world

but rather an opportunity to be any or all of these

and an opportunity to not be any or all of these

as opportunity begets choice

and whether the choice be made by me

or i surrender that choice to not be made by me

by the very act of living, a choice has been made

and continues to be made in every passing moment of life i live
and some choices are better than others
and some sets of choices even better yet
and some sets of choices will prove to be confusing and disruptive
since much of peace exists within
choices
sharing a unity of purpose
but all choices bear the fruit to be bore
which is the responsibility for living such choices
of which the harvest is comprised of my actions
my approach to life
how i embrace life
and what i make of the opportunity
to be any or all of these

commitment

to be committed to the fulfillment of the path you walk
such that no thing or circumstance will deter you
from the action and intention of fulfilling your path

let it be known

the spiritual path is not an escape from the world
but rather a path through the world
that leads beyond this world

let it be known

the spiritual path is not an alternative to the hardships of life
but rather a path more fulfilling of the hardships you encounter

the spiritual path is not a road of gold and roses in this world

although metaphors have been spoken of it being such

the spiritual path is an approach

which uses the life of this world as a means to a life

(and world)

beyond

(this world)

the spiritual path is an approach

which uses the life of this world as means to live

a more pure

a more complete

a more beautiful and fulfilling life in this world

(within and without)

but such a path is not promised to be without hardships

and no one who speaks truth will ever promise

that such a path will be easy

(although there are surely ways to make it easier

and free from suffering)

but

commitment

to be committed to the fulfillment of the path you walk

such that no thing or circumstance will deter you

from the action and intention of fulfilling your path

and it is your path (and only Yours) to fulfill

commitment

so that whether it be easy, you will not be deterred
so that whether it be hard, you will not be deterred
from the fulfillment of your action and intention
which will fulfill the path you walk
so that any thing and everything you encounter
becomes a means for the opportunity
of your action and intention
to fulfill and further fulfill your path
commitment

there is no love without commitment

there is no faith without commitment

and love and faith are closer to god

let love and faith and commitment bring me closer to god

i will appreciate the bounties life gives me

in hope that life will appreciate me with the best of its bounties

there is no need beyond god

i may not have all that i want

but god provides me with all that i need

let blessings be

that they may be in me

let me be

that i may be in blessings

i will take care with that which i care about

that such may be well cared for

that i may be well cared for

may the clarity of my perspective be shaped by truth

that i may see things as they truly are

even if they appear otherwise

i live in truth and wisdom

and lay surrender of my being

that wisdom and truth may live in me

i will live in the grace of god

and let all else that my life may be

come into being through such grace

may my will be aligned with god's will

so that what i will is the will of god

may my desires be aligned with god's will

so that what i want is the will of god

may my life be aligned with god's will

so that my life is the will of god

may this life be aligned with god's will

so that this life is the will of god

may i be in remembrance of the truth

with every breath that i take

and beyond my breaths

purify my being

deepen the depths of my heart

and cleanse my soul

that the breath of god may breathe more freely in me

that the breath of god may breathe more completely in me

i will give of my being
even if i am not aware
of the benefits it gives to me
of the benefits it gives to others

i will live in love for all beings
even if as tolerance of that which i allow to disturb me
that i may impose no barriers upon any being's opportunity
to find peace, beauty, and their life's true purpose

by grace let me live to be
one of the true of true
one among the true of true
who live the truth of truth
as truth deems it to be
not an analysis of truth
or commentary of truth
or abstraction of truth
or imitation of truth
but truth as truth is
in the purity of its being
without doubt, compromise, or failure

may i seek and fulfill goodness
in all my ways
with all my means

better one lesson mastered and lived
than many lessons known yet not practiced

(in one's living)

a poem

for the compassionate

who upon their road of seeking

and discovering

the bounties of goodness

wisdom

and enlightenment

who, through their compassion

say and share prayers for others

when in prayer or praying for others

pray for their benefit and needs

but not their desires

for even within the most righteous of people

the most dedicated to the ways of wisdom

may live wrong desires

selfish desires

desires not aligned with the benefit of truth

and the bounties of goodness

and why should such be affirmed

by your prayers and good will

through your prayers and good will

why should your prayers and good will be aligned

with desires that are not aligned with goodness

especially when

one of the most common stumbling blocks
for those on the spiritual path
is one's own desires
especially when
one of the most common self-created barriers
to fulfilling one's spiritual purpose (in this world)
is one's own desires
although there exist such a way
to balance the danger of desires with the joy of their satisfaction
although there exist such a way
to sift the dangers of bad desires from the beauty of right desires
humans have proven themselves to show
(again and again)
that the dangers often outweigh the benefits of such joys and beauty
in the human realm

but if you insist

(for whatever reasons one would insist)

to pray for others' desires

then make such prayer focused

to be aligned with those desires that are right

aligned with goodness

truly beneficial and beautiful

in line with truth and the bounty of goodness

(in line with god)

as prayer and good will should be aligned with these

i lay within the silence of my meditation
to awaken within the vision of my spiritual garden
a place of purity beyond form
a place of peace in essence and reality
where beauty always supersedes
the language of that which is not beauty
and even thorns bear blossoms of beautiful petals unfolded
and breath is incense
prayer is thought
truth is knowledge
and wisdom and compassion share their light for all
(to see)

so there i sat
within the all of all that is my garden
when then appeared
three formless beings
within their purpose
they beheld messages for me
that i may take with me beyond the garden
Ayes, we are aware
that you have been sent
to be among a collective of beings which have evolved
to no longer be worthy of their own existence
and continue to evolve to no longer be worthy of their own existence
or worthy of possession of a soul (how sacred it is)

or worthy of the power of the spirit empowered (how great such is)
and were it not for the grace and love and great compassion
(of god)

we would have long brought to end the existence of such a collective

For even that which was afforded to them as treasures
to bring them closer in oneness in the one realization

the form of collectives

such as family, community, society, nations

the form of tasks

such as work, responsibilities, and worship

the form of paths

such as worship, rituals, laws, teaching and education

are now used to destroy the inclination toward one realization

and further distance individuals from the truth

to bring people together in the neglect and destruction

of their soul

and the opportunities it such beholds

Where even the innocence and wisdom of children

are socialized and conditioned

to be slaves of tradition, culture, and a lineage of births

when truth exists within children

for the service of truth

that truth may live in them in the way

that truth would be manifested to be

(truth)

Of this we are aware
and hope that you are too
i am
but i do not fully understand why
You need not understand
You need only serve
But this we will explain
for the sake of your betterment
for as appreciation is a form of love
and love is god
as god is love
even in the form of appreciation
And even as humanity
a collective created for remembrance
has evolved and continues to evolve
to be a collective of forgetfulness and ignorance
even within the whole of such
exist rare beings
who live the purpose of their creation
in truth
Understand the metaphor
And you
are among that rare
it is for the sake of ones like you
that humanity is allowed to still exist

it is for the sake of ones like you
that humanity has not been destroyed

But what will you do

for the sake of such

my first feeling

bid for the destruction of humanity

feeling that the destruction wreaked

(by humanity)

is not worth tolerating

for the sake of a rare few

(including my own opportunity to live)

(in this world)

but beauty quickly superseded these feelings

and instead made me to see

the light of compassion shining on my thoughts

whereas i spoke my thoughts as the prayer they are

that the prayer may be shared for others:

may god forgive the foolish for our foolishness

may god grant grace for us to realize our ways

may god grant us the means to achieve oneness in the one realization

may god grant peace that we remember our purpose

the purpose

for which we were created

for which we now exist

that we may serve that purpose and honor that purpose

to fulfillment and complete being
may god grant all we need for we who live true remembrance
and truly seek true remembrance
even if at the expense of our evolved states and desires
and for all that god grants, may my service be one with it
for god is worthy of my service, even if humanity is not
for as god loves i am called to love
for as god cares i am called to care
for as god exists i am called to embody the beauty
of god's beauty and qualities
for the benefit of all

then the three beings became one being
which then became me
which then became the all of the all
of my spiritual garden
as i was no longer within the vision of my meditation
returned to the silence of my focus
whereupon the realization of the oneness that i am
or had become
or perhaps had always been
from this oneness
the words spoke themselves within the silence
to remember this prayer
and that which it speaks to
and the messages it reflects

from my spiritual garden

as we honor our mandate
we expect you to honor yours
for all that the world is
and all that the world may become
my mandate remains consistent
to serve and love and remember god
and serve such service and love and remembrance
(of god)

i live my life as the prayers that i make

the importance of approach

it is better to realize the spirit and soul

than it is to realize an existence of energy and illusion

in this world

(which some call life)

(which some lay claim to possess)

(simply because they occupy such form)

it is better to realize your soul and spirit

and nurture its growth and depth

and purity

to realize the reality of transcendence

within the opportunity of life in this world

that you may succeed in achieving

transcendence within this world

transcendence beyond this world

for this form of Life will come to its end

although your being need not end with such an end

i live my life as the prayers that i make

prayers of form which transcend beyond form

my prayers in form that i may transcend beyond form

the importance of approach

there are no angels

there are no devils

there are no demons

there are no saints

these are only forms projected

within and upon the backdrop of this illusion

that you may have forms in a world of forms

which contrast and reflect

the formless

(compassion manifests its concerns for this world)

because if you cease your projection

or grow beyond the tendency to project

you would realize that which is beyond form

which is indivisible

and only one

with what the truth of reality is

and no words of form can say what such is

although words of truth can lead to such

for the searching and the knowing

but for those who know

we share such (understanding)

in silence, action, and being

unique within the forms we possess

but yet the same

made distinct by the paths we tread

but yet the same

and yet no matter how many metaphors may be made

of the one truth

such truth is always one truth

no matter of how it is spoken of

no matter of the forms it may possess

no matter of the paths it is carried upon

no matter of the paths through which it is pursued

such truth is always

one truth

i live my life as the prayers that i make

prayers of form which transcend beyond form

my prayers in form that i may transcend beyond form

to live in the beauty of truth

the importance of approach

if truth be shown

humanity lives their life in surrender

to some thing

or many things

(if not to god)

whether they realize it or not

(and most people do not realize...)

the question becomes:

do you realize it?

then the question becomes:

to what are you surrendered?

and what will the answers mean

within this world of causes, conditions, and interdependence

and what will the answers mean

beyond this world

(if you are to be beyond this world)

for within such truth realized

the importance of approach is made shown

in your living answer to the question

what is it you really do besides choose or not choose?

for such choice manifests the means

which shape the conditions of your life

and although your actions and energies

may manifest outcomes you may face

the question remains:

is it really you which make such outcomes be?

(...)

for those whose ego answers for them

for those whose mind answers for them
for those whose heart answers for them
for those whose ignorance answers for them
may your egos, minds, hearts, and ignorance
be grateful for the choices you made
to allow them to claim such
but for those whose spirit and soul answer
we do realize
in truth
(which exists beyond words)
that the only thing we really do is choose
even in light of the actions and energies we embody
that the only thing we really do is choose
which may shape the conditions we embrace
but hold no reign over the causes and interdependence we face
which exist as shaping forces in the lives of most beings
in this world
but what will you choose or not choose
what surrender will you live?

i live my life as the prayers that i make
prayers of form which transcend beyond form
my prayers in form that i may transcend beyond form
to live in the beauty of truth
and deepen my realization of responsibility
that the formless in me may be formless

and free from the limitations of form

the importance of choice

the importance of approach

beware to those true believers

who live their faith outside a path

for a destination is more easily reached

when approached upon a pre-laid path

and the bounties of god are a living destination

to which many paths have been laid

that the true seekers need not be lost before finding

that which god would have us find

(if we only be true

in our seeking and believing)

but such paths have been laid

for the blessings of divine guidance

that all have the means to acquire

the promised victory

the certain victory

and rare are we who will acquire such victory

without treading our faith upon a path

so rare should be the choice to live our faith

without living it upon a laid path of righteousness

beware to those true believers

who live their faith upon a path

for a destination is pursued for the sake

of being reached, not merely pursued
and yes, there is much to be gained and learned
and appreciated upon the pursuit
but the purpose and truer treasure of the pursuit
is to reach and live the living destination
a living destination that lives in this world
a living destination that lives beyond this world
and if you are not yet within that destination
your every pursuit would be better made
toward reaching and living that destination
be not fooled by the illusions nor your self
that the pursuit is enough itself
that the pursuit is the living destination
that the pursuit is the end of faith
rather,
the pursuit is a means to a greater means
which has no end but life eternity
which lives within the living destination
not the mere pursuit of such...

upon this meditation
let peace and love come
to the rare who are spoken of
for love and peace
are beautiful in their being
so let such beauty live in the true...

for true walkers of faith
for true walkers of spirit
for true walkers of love
may you come to realize
how rare you
(such beings) are
how rare it is
that beings created in truth
 yet placed in an existence of illusion
will become (by whatever means)
beings who live in truth
and live such truth in faith
how rare such is
how rare you are
and may you realize how rare you are
not that you should relish in the glories of such
but be
humble and appreciative
that such rarity came to be in you
and you in it
for it is truly a gift
and yes, how glorious this gift is
(in deed
in action
in intention

in commitment and discipline

in sincerity

in compassion

in purity)

humble

in understanding the best of your surrender

for if it is true, it is a surrender

humble

in living the understanding of your best surrender

in truth, commitment, and pure sincerity

that your life be lived in surrender to god

and not to the aspirations and desires of the world

for truth be told

exceedingly rare are those

who can live for god and for the world

but even those rare beings realize

it is better

to live for only god

for the rewards of the world are passing

and subject to loss

since illusions will always fade in the presence of truth

but the rewards of god

in truth are not rewards

but are realities and blessings which are lasting

and can never be taken away

except by god
if you will create the reasons for such
and to live for god is to turn away from the world
and its illusions and appearances of life
and to live for the world is to turn away from god
and the reality and truth and love and absolute
and for the humble
living the best of your surrender
what of the best could be
better than a complete and living surrender to god
and serving the fruits of such surrender
in the way that god wills to be
appreciative
because a gift of god is a gift magnificent
and the more fully you embody the gift
the more magnificent you will realize it to be
manifesting blessings in this existence
and beyond
and amongst the greatest of these blessings
is the ever-growing, ever-existing opportunity
to live in the greatness of god
even if the majority of this world lives in lesser things
and in lesser ways
and for every hardship that may exist upon your path
will blessings come to make the hardship well worth its worth

and for every blessing that may exist upon your path
will come more blessings to make the blessings blessed
and bountiful
and for the rare being you live to be in this world
come to know that the truth will be told and shown
that if you keep the faith and fulfill the provisions of your path
you will realize
that you won't always be in a world where you are rare...

the world as you know it
presents

the world as you know it
and all that that world contains
and all the limitations it inherits
(being a thing of form)

and all the opportunities and blessings
which exist within such form
but yet behold

there is a greater present
within the bounties of god

and god will not be separate from such bounties

for god is the greater present
as god is love

(in form and beyond form)

as god is truth

(in form and beyond form)

as god is purity

(in form and beyond form)

as god is sincerity

(in form and beyond form)

as god is compassion

(in form and beyond form)

as god is wisdom

(in form and beyond form)

as god is beauty

(in form and beyond form)

as god is blessings

(in form and beyond form)

as god is life

(in form and beyond form)

for which there are no limits

as that which is beyond form

is beyond form's limits

that it will be as it will be

which is the infinity of god's being

and the infinity of god's qualities

which no expression of form could ever fully express

but the reality of such will continue to be

for such reality is the greater present

are you willing to receive this gift

are you willing to be a being

who shall behold such greatness

(god's greatness)

(in form and beyond form)

you choose the present you shall bear

and the fruits which spring forth from such present

(in form and possibly beyond form)

i will not sacrifice the blessings of my soul to humanity's culture

the shame and emptiness that it has become

a jewel intended for the brilliance of life

has become a feeble stone that shuns and steals away all light

where all that it touches it only seeks to infect and destroy

whereby soon will come a hand to destroy the stone

that the stone will be a beacon of destruction no more

i will not sacrifice my transcendence of humanity (and its limitations)

to a surrender of changing moods and yielding feelings

which have become the undercurrent of my life

a current i choose to no longer wade within

i live in the heavens of peace

and although the undercurrents will call with the songs of water's flow

i will remain in the heavens

proceeding my progressions in the journeys of heaven's beneficence

proceeding my progressions as a being within the blessings of god

as the undercurrent and the call of its songs

will only come to pass

me passing beyond it

i will not sacrifice my spirit's calling for illusions of comfort
for the touch of today's comfort can quickly become
the cause of tomorrow's pain
and any comfort is fleeting for one who lives life as a journey
and few are the journeys promised to be without toils
(in this world)
and as much as desires may speak for their own fulfillments
whether they be fulfilled with or without you
and as much as struggles may call for comforts to ease the toils
whether those toils be challenges or calls from the undercurrent's flow
the all of what matters for the sake of this life
is that you fulfill your journey
in the way that your journey needs be fulfilled
which is intimate and the utmost personal
with what exists within the invitation of your soul's union
with your spirit
which is the metaphor of your spirit's calling
and the purity of the potential it awaits to possibly be
a potential which exists in all
a reality which can be in all
if all would honor it with fulfillment
that it may bring you to the next place beyond
the truer purpose
the sincere believers will live
this life in journey toward the truest of truth

(uncompromised and pure)

to become the journey to transcend the journey

to become the destination which is the living destination

and it is better to live the life of such journey

without attachments

for that is the simple and purer way

but if you will live with attachments

may such attachments exist humbly within you

so as not to distract or obstruct you

from the truer purposes of this life

and it is better to live the life of such a journey

without limitations

for that is the simple and purer way

but if you will live with limitations

may such limitations exist humbly within you

so as not to prevent or bar you

from the truer purposes of this life

and it is better to live the life of such a journey

without opinions or self-thoughts

for that is the simple and purer way

but if you will live with opinions and self-thoughts

(self-centeredness or selfishness)

may such exist humbly within you

so as not to distance you

from the truer purposes of this life

that it is better to live the life of this journey
in ways that are simple and pure
for within and through these will be provided all you need
in a way that the journey provides for the journey
transcending to become
the living destination
(which is the true treasure)

if the ignorant will only remain ignorant

then it is better that they not realize what the wise grow
to know

and if the seekers will only remain seekers

then it is better that they not realize what the arrived have
come to know

but that it may be inferred through metaphors

for the ignorant who will transgress their ignorance

for the seekers who will arrive

let it be understood

that it is better to not become so enthralled with this life

(or its parts)

that you lose sight

(even if the slightest)

of the greater life

that it is better to not become so despised with this life

or so inspired by this life

or so involved with this life

or so disgusted by this life
or so in love with this life
or so excited by this life
or so bored with this life
or so any thing or feeling with this life
that you lose sight
(even if the slightest)
of the greater life
of that which exist in this life as a bridge
to the greater life
of what exist as means of journey
to the living destination
(which is the true treasure)

i have turned a path of scars
marked by experiences
of becoming and being pure
in a world that has become impure and cruel
i have turned such a path of scars
into a path of red rose petals
which continue to live as vibrant petals
although separate from the stem
which connects to the roots
but yet still
my life is not removed from pains
as pains continue to reign in this world

and i continue to live in this world

(for now)

and i remain determined

to not be transformed by pains

to not be transformed by this world

but rather

to transform (transcend) any and every thing

i face

i encounter

into a testament of beauty

such as a red rose petal

and how many red rose petals

serve as the path i walk upon

my tears serving as their sunlight

my blood serving as their water

my feet serving as their earth

my faith serving as their roots

my being serving as the purpose

for their continued existence in creation

...

there is meaning to be found

in everything

i encounter

i face

but better meaning is found

(the art of efficiency)
in that which brings me closer
to what is true life
and although truth can exist in all
and be expressed through all
true life is a much more reserved way of being
(in this world)

rare in how it will be manifested
patiently awaiting those who will find it
infinitely blessing those who will find it
and honor it by living their life truly in truth
and blessings are not simply joys
or that which exists within the realm of our desires
and blessings are not simply strengths
which invigorate and reinvigorate our commitments
for blessings are sometimes struggles
and hardships and challenging tests
for blessings are sometimes weakening
and destroying self-created barriers
(to truth)

for truth will spare no expense to be
in those who will truly live their life in truth
and such persons should seek not to spare
any thing from truth's chosen fate for it
for with any less than this, truth will not remain

nor should it remain
if you understand truth
(and its better meaning)
(and its blessings)

a prayer for the genuinely sincere
seeking to become the true of true believers
to live life as the greater life
and arrive at the best of best destinations
to become and be humans
as god created humans to be
not as the excuse and expression of imperfection
humans have made humanity to become
but to prayer:

o god
to you i pray
for you i pray
that my prayer may become my life
that i may become and be
to fulfill what you deem for me to become
to fulfill what you deem for me to be
without limitations or barriers to what your will
will have me be
i pray for your guidance
for you are the best of guides
i pray for your protection

for you are the only lasting protection
i pray for your forgiveness
for you have the understanding to forgive
i pray for your blessings
for such blessings will shape me to the bidding of your will
i pray for your mercy
for it is the best of refuge in a world full of harm and danger
i pray for your compassion
for it is the best of ways to be brought closer to you
that i may live this life as an expression of you
this life as your love
this life as your will
this life as your wisdom
this life as your beauty
this life as truth
this life as your great magnificence
that i may live this life as an expression of you
through living in surrender to you
that i may live within the great qualities of you
that i may transcend the limits of this experience and existence
in journey to the ultimate reality
the best of best destinations
the only reality that is in truth of being itself
for there is none but god
may the love and clarity and purity of this prayer

bear fruition to me and others
through the means of truth and sincerity that i live
for there is no power but god
and through compassion may that power come to be
through the means of compassionate forms
such as the qualities of god that live within me
that i may live with and within them

the world your perceptions perceive
is but an expression
of the distance between
the spirit and your soul
it is an illusion
waiting
to be burned away
or
to conquer the potential of your soul
to make it part of this illusion
(not reality)

lasting flames burn slow
perhaps because they realize
all they can do is burn
and what benefit is there
in burning fast to only burn yourself
the benefit of burning is in burning
the benefit in burning is burning

and to burn in a way that fulfills
the purpose of your form
(the form shaped to be burned)
(like the wax of a candle)
that in burning the form is yielded as sacrifice
to invite the welcomed reality of blessings
form yielded to become formless
for blessings from a reality formless
and
there are those who in burning seek
the bounties of all blessings
but how much better it would be
to not seek all blessings
but rather
to seek your blessings
which shall prove to be enough to full your form
for with the blessings of such fullness
absent from the distractions of blessings overspilled
can be found a means to transform
the fullness of your form to a greater emptiness
for with the blessings of such fullness
absent from the distractions of blessings overspilled
can be found a means to transcend
the limits of your form to a way limitless
that the existence of your form

will exist
and truly exist
as a distinct reflection of being formlessness
(and becoming formless)
which is a greater expression of the reality of god
to be not as the flame that burns
but the light that expands beyond the form of the flame
to eventually fade itself to union with the pervading darkness
for when the flame has burned its full
and the distance of illusions are no more
and perceptions are subdued to true observation
to use the senses to realize what truly is, as it is
and only as it is
that the forms of your form are surrendered
to that which is a greater expression of the reality of god
and the spirit and the soul meet
to become
the gift of the only union bestowed upon the chosen
(a gift from god)
that it may be understood in metaphor
the spirit is as the blood of god
the lesser seen but felt waters of life's force
and
your soul as a portion of air that may or may not be breathed
(into the lungs of god)

the state of such to be determined
by the importance of one's approach
but for the one that burns the distance
between the spirit and your soul
with care and persistence
by the grace of god
may you be breathed into the body of god
by the grace of god
may you be breathed into the lungs
before being expelled by the body
as much air is expelled from the body
before reaching the living destination
(where it may become part of the body)
by the grace of god
may you reach the interior of the lungs
in the face of the air that is forcefully exhaled from the lungs
and by even greater grace of god
may you come to reach a welcoming place within the lungs
where the air that reaches these
is measured to see if it possesses that which the body seeks
where if so, the air is absorbed into the blood
unified with the blood
to be carried into the body to deliver and share its nurturance
where if not, the air is thrust away
to be escorted away from the sacred place

with the air that is forcefully exhaled
(and what is the existence of air if it will not be breathed
and inhaled
and absorbed into the body:
nothing?)
...
in the context of all the air that is
rare is the air that is even breathed into this body
and rarer still the air that is joined with the blood
to flow within the body
until it arrives at its rightful place
to yield its being to the body
to become part of and one with the body
(of god)
and if such comes to be
it comes to be by the grace of god
and certainly such grace is made to be greater grace
by right surrender and sincerity
and right maintenance of faith and persistence
and right practice of the example of god's great qualities
that the portion of air may endure the struggles of its existence
to transcend and transform struggle
into a greater and more peaceful way
(the only union of the spirit and your soul)

understand the metaphor

a prayer of gratitude
for teachings and reminders
which surrender themselves to us to be
that which manifests as opportunities
to become (by living) these teachings and reminders
and the blessings and benefits which emanate from these
the road of goodness and righteousness
exists as a road among the many roads which exist within this world
a sacred place of worship
a sacred place of refuge
(in this world)
for those who walk this road
(of goodness and righteousness)
but this is a world where a vastness of illusions and portion of reality
share a common expanse of existence
a world where fools share the same realm of existence with the wise
and the wise share the same realm of existence with fools
a world where the true share the same realm of existence
with the confused
and the confused share the same realm of existence with the true
where there are livers of life and destroyers of destruction
where there are makers of war and walkers of peace
where there are truly committed and hypocrites
where there is beauty and love and those ignorant of these
that by sharing the same realm of existence

the sameness of this realm breeds an interdependence
where the fate of one affects some
and the fate of some affects all
and the fate of all eventually affects the fate of some
and even one
that within the all and some and one of this world
there exists a road of goodness and righteousness
which manifests as roads of goodness and righteousness
for the all and some and one who walk this road
but behold
let the warning be made known
if it is not already known
that the road (and roads) of goodness and righteousness
is no easy road to tread
(in this world)
for this is a world constructed of a vastness of illusions
and a portion of reality
and the reality of that portion is not always peacefully aligned
with the vastness of illusion
and some of the walkers of goodness and righteousness
will be despised and envied by the vastness of illusion
will be persecuted and blamed for the treasures
of our goodness
challenged for the wisdom of our righteousness
rejected for our spiritual growth and maturity

harassed in light of the compassion and kindness we shine

(to share with the world)

but the challenge remains

that even within the hardships you face

you should remain without doubt

committed

to continuing upon this road

with unwavering conviction of commitment

that you should remain without doubt

committed

to bearing the toils of the hardships you face upon this road

for even through these (but not only through these)

will be given teachings and reminders

to offer themselves as opportunities

for your benefit and blessing

that you should remain without doubt

committed

to resolving the challenges you face

within the realm of roots and causes

instead of merely addressing problems or consequences

(as these emanate from roots and causes)

for within the resolution of roots and causes

abides the opportunity to end

the problems which originate from these roots and causes

the consequences which originate from these causes and roots

that you may achieve a lasting freedom
from these roots and causes
and the problems and consequences which originate
from these

that you should remain without doubt
committed

to seeking the teaching and guidance of truth
and living the teaching and guidance of truth
as a means toward enlightenment
realizing, in truth
that the teaching and guidance is not enlightenment itself
but rather means which offer their contributions
to your quest upon the road you travel
(if you travel it sincerely)

that you should remain without doubt
committed

to developing and living a mastery
of the qualities of goodness and righteousness
and nurturing such mastery
through how you deal with the little things in life
that these little things may grow to become
the great expanse mastery is destined to be

with open mind
and open heart
and open senses

and perseverance of such openness
and patience with such openness
will the blessings of goodness
unfold within you at their own pace
in quest of establishing a possible lasting place
within you
for the qualities of god and goodness
give nothing but themselves
and take nothing but themselves
(for they are sufficient unto themselves)
and exist beyond the interaction of this world's currencies
(the currency of god is not in material or worldly things)
there is nothing you can do to obtain these treasures
for they are gifts
all that you can do is clear or create a place for them within you
(the sacred house of your being)
and leave an open invitation for their arrival
(in how you live your life)
in hope that they may pass your way
in their journey of seeking the good and chosen
to be received
and upon their arrival
there is nothing you can do to make them stay
for they are truly free
(not bound by any worldly thing)

all you can do is be a good host,
serving them with commitment and appreciation,
entertaining them with the purity of your sincerity
and honesty
for if they choose to stay
rest assured
they will make themselves more at home (within you)
by the measure of that which brought them to you
until they reach a point
where they make your sacred house their sacred house
and share such a house (and all its blessings and beauties)
with you
(within you)
so understand
rather than believing in things you do not understand
make yourself open
(in mind, heart, and senses)
to receiving that which you do not yet understand
that such may place themselves within you
and explain themselves through their continued acquaintance
so that you may come to understand them
(from themselves, from the source)
the openness of your being
is a way to such
that will provide the means you need

to attain and achieve that which you seek

(and are sought by)

the quality of openness is an art of purity

and purity is an art of fulfilling the bounties of goodness

for whatever barriers may exist within or beyond you

to prevent the fulfillment of good

purity will acknowledge where these barriers exist

(within and beyond you)

and will provide a means for you to overcome

or remove

these barriers

in hope that such will allow a greater place for goodness

(within and beyond you)

but purity will only provide the means

(and sometimes in the mystery of its playful expression)

but

it is up to you to realize these means

and use these means

if you are to fulfill the purpose of purity's beautiful art

(and it truly is a beautiful art!)

and

openness is an art of purity

an openness focused toward goodness

committed to goodness

committed toward goodness

and nonjudgmental of the all that is
(regardless of the type of judgment
and including judgment of yourself)
acknowledging the place of things
within the place of those things
and receiving from the place of things
(and sometimes through the place of things)
the boundless ways purity will share its messages with you
that purity may manifest its ways in you
through the messages you heed
that purity may become pure in you through the messages you live
that the qualities of goodness may be made a place to be
and live
and prosper
(within and beyond you)
(and sometimes through you, if your purity is that sincere)
so be open
in how you live
(and how you approach this life)
in prayer and meditation
(and how your living becomes your prayers and meditations)
in repose
(and the peace and vivaciousness which springs from repose)
to manifest and further manifest the art and beauty of purity
as

pure being
pure spirit
pure soul
pure union
pure heart
pure mind
pure intention
pure body
pure action
pure existence

as the parts that these are
and the whole that these are
and all that these will become
(within and beyond you)
(and possibly through you too)

light upon light upon light upon light
and you still won't find me in the darkness
for i am shielded by the peace of an inner peace
that prevents the advance of any thing that is not pure
from transgressing beyond the threshold of my self
to embrace the beauty of my sacred being
(for when you look at this world
and the beings in this world
how they will ruin the perfectness of paradise
and then cry for perfection's return

within the remains of the destruction of paradise

a destruction caused by those same beings

(the importance of learning appreciation for the present)

i live in the silence of the silence i have found

a gift bestowed as a blessing to the sincerity of my search

delivered from the ultimate reality and origin of all

which i realize as god

(there is none but god)

and in the realization of the gift bestowed

have i realized

the importance of asking for god's guidance

protection and blessings

and remembering that i asked for such

so when it is given

it is better received by me

and not forsaken by me

(who asked for it)

(the importance of learning appreciation for the present)

and in the realization of the gift bestowed

have i realized

of all the things a human can obtain

and has obtained

it all equates to nothing

if one has not obtained

the life and union of the spirit and soul

the union of life of the spirit and soul
for within this life and union
and union of life
exists the awaiting miracle
of the living perfection
and what a great miracle it is
worthy of the greatest practice
of consideration
and appreciation of its present (and presence)
and careful mindfulness of our ways
that we take heed and care and caution with everything we do
and don't do
so as to avoid the expense of mistakes
upon the way of the living perfection
for the cost of mistakes with perfection
is
the loss of perfection
and although once loss it is possible to attain it again
the road to attaining something previously loss
is hard and draining
and more demanding than the road of first attainment
and what is a mistake
in simple terms it is this
that which you know you should not do yet do
or should do and yet do not do

which exists beyond the bounds of your ignorance
for even if forces will seek to paint what you know
with shades of confusion
you know what you know
and should take responsibility for such knowing
and should take responsibility for avoiding mistakes
and what is perfection
in simple terms it is this
the fulfillment of that which you know you should be
as action, practice, repose, service, surrender, and being
(and more)
and the destruction of one's ignorance
(and more)
that all that you are and be
(and are becoming)
is the fulfillment of that which you are and should be
that you may be complete (whole) in all that you are and be
that the bounties of completeness may live freely in you
without the flaws of defects and mistakes
without the loss of mistakes
to be focused with the precision of meeting
every moment in the way that moment should be met by you
that is the living perfection
and would it not be better
to grow with this and further develop in this

rather than attain it and lose it
only to seek to re-attain a precious gift loss
(and it can only be loss by you)
for if truth be shown
for those who will understand
how one deals with the living perfection of this world
is indicative of how one will deal with perfections of any world
and beyond (worlds)
and as there are perfections of other worlds
far greater and more sacred
and more beautiful and even more wonderful
(in the wholeness of their beings)
than the living perfection of this world
as such exists
why should such be granted to you
if you can't attain, maintain, and sustain
the lesser living perfection of this world
the true success of life exists not within this life
the true purpose of the living perfection exists not within this world
this life is offered as a means to a greater opportunity
this living perfection is only a means to a greater opportunity
it is only for the greater opportunities
that we should seek to endure this life
and master this life
and serve this life

and enjoy this life

and live this life in the form of this life

within the context of the intention in which it was given to us

everything else, in the end, will mean very little

if anything

(but will most likely mean nothing)

so put not too much care to the affairs of this world

except for that which will bring you closer

to fulfilling the means to obtaining the greater opportunities

(for the sake of the life and perfections these opportunities will grant...)

are you willing to become

a rare being of goodness

at whatever cost is demanded of you

and live the realities of such

a life committed to goodness

with unfailing commitment

if so,

attain, maintain, and concentrate

your faith