MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success"....

Joshua 1:8 NASB

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THE GREAT SPIRITUAL FORCES IN THE WORLD

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Creative Faith

* That Person is our Father God. This is creative faith. Every great financial institution has been the product of some man's faith. The great chemical industries which represent the greatest financial institutions in the world are products of faith. Woolworth said, "Let there be," and a sixty million-dollar enterprise came slowly into being. Carnegie said, "Let there be," and the great steel industries began to take form. Man is a faith creation. By faith God created him. Man never reaches his highest development through unbelief.

Doubt gives birth to fear, and fear has never produced a great character. The world's great characters have been the products of faith. They have been molded in faith. Faith has been the mighty force that has driven them on to produce the miracles of civilization.

Abraham believed God, and his and Sarah's bodies were renewed after Abraham was one hundred years old, and Sarah was ninety years. They gave to the world a son, Isaac. Abraham stands as a signpost on the road to mighty achievements by faith.

Matt. 14:13-21 is the story of Jesus' feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. That was creative faith. Jesus spoke and that bread multiplied.

Faith has been creative wherever it has had an opportunity to exercise itself.

Faith is creative today.

You dare, with that little handful of meal and that little cruse of oil to begin to bless the human race, and you will see it multiply in your hands. Elijah was an example of creative faith. Jesus' healing the lepers, restoring clean flesh where it had been destroyed by that deadly disease, was an example of creative faith. Today in the mechanical world the mechanical inventions are brought into being by creative faith.

It is creative faith where the chemists are struggling to bring forth something they have dreamed was hidden in metal, coal, and in the vegetable world. They dreamed. Then they began to create in their spirit natures. This creative faculty is not in man's mind, but it is in his spirit, behind his mind.

The great poet does not reason out his poetry. His reason tells him if the meter is correct, or if he has used the right words. But the dream came from his spirit.

It is the spirit that produces faith. Man's spirit is the channel through which love pours itself upon the human race. Love and faith are not the product of reason. They belong to the higher self in man.