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Rev. Janet Friedline

Mortal man knows himself in a particular way. We call ourselves by a certain name, assigning characteristics and traits to the individual. We are the sum total of our concepts and opinions, based on our background and experience. We show an aspect of us to our fellowman, expressing the ideas we hold about us. And we are known in that way. We will have the demonstration compatible with our conviction, and intent. Some will call this our “fruit,” showing forth what we accept to be true.

The concepts, of mortal man, are not large enough to express the true Self. The divine idea, planted in us, is the true Self, and its fruit is of the spirit. Mortal man lives, moves, and has his being in the world of manifestation. The spiritual Self lives, moves, and has its being in Christ. Each will have the demonstration compatible with its nature and each will bear the fruit of its origin. What is of the flesh is flesh; and what is of the spirit is spirit. It can be no other way.

A NEW WAY OF LIFE

October 14, 2018

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Most of us lead what seem to be full and satisfying lives. All of our physical and emotional needs appear to be fulfilled. We have nice homes, good jobs, and we are surrounded by family and friends. And yet, even those of us who seem to possess every good thing in life—who would appear to have a complete background for happiness—may feel a kind of lack. This lack is extremely subtle. Every one of us has experienced this vague feeling of discontent at one time or another. And once we recognize this need our longing for a truly fulfilled life becomes intensified.

Just as we are moved to action by pain or discomfort in our physical being so should we be moved to action by this message from within. This message tells us that there is something missing in our way of life. This feeling of the need for change implies that a better way of life is possible. This inner leading or guidance is really the spiritual force within us that signals new beginnings in our way of thinking and feeling; just as within a rosebud there is a hidden force that signals the blooming of the flower.

We are ready now to begin the fulfillment of an inner promise of real happiness; we are ready to understand eternal truths and to express the realization of Truth. We are ready to open our mind and heart to the infinite possibilities of Life.

IT ALL COMES BACK

October 21, 2018

Rev. Donna Gatewood

If we chase our neighbor’s hen out of our onion patch and he retaliates by kicking our dog out of his daffodils, we may, after our umbrage subsides, concede that perhaps some sort of rude justice was done. The pattern appears simple, direct, and obvious. In our dictionary, justice is defined as “merited reward or punishment.”

Justice as symbolized by the golden scale, is right relationship or equilibrium. Because it is an essential in the creation and continued existence of the universe and all that it contains, justice acts eternally in every phase of our affairs as a relentless divine law which is not annulled by God or man.

Every thought, word or act is a cause that we set in motion and it must produce somewhere an effect corresponding to its own nature. Under the law of justice, the effect must inevitably return to us. Justice works both ways; it produces rewards as well as punishment, and it works best when it is on the side of good.

Thoughts of love, words of cheer, acts of kindness produce like effects which must return to us, if not immediately then in due time. Throughout His teaching, Jesus Christ proclaimed the law of justice, describing over and over in many ways the unchangeable law that “as you give, so do you receive in return.”

THE GUIDING LIGHT

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Mr. Wayne Gatewood

There are so many illustrations in the sacred texts of the world, relative to Light. The Spirit is thought of as being the essence of Light. Man is spoken of as being the “candle of the Lord.” “The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not.” That is, the darkness has no power over Light; Light will overcome darkness, but darkness cannot overcome Light. When Isaiah said that “...the Lord shall be thy everlasting Light...” he meant that there is a Light within us, the Light of Truth, of Spirit, of God, which cannot set, cannot become obliterated, nor can it be blown out.

Today I shall walk in the Light and my Consciousness shall be illumined. My thoughts shall be guided and my way guarded, for I know that in my Light there is no darkness. In the Divine Light there are no shadows...there is only the magnificent Truth of my Father and I in Him.