

### DIVINITY OF WORLD

#### Nothing Can Be More Worthy of Worship Than the Mothers of Men.

We shall sometime find out that the real divinity of this world is the mother. A few know it now, but the most prefer strange gods.

Because men always have and still do worship, it is fair to assume that they always will.

Every man exalts something or some one to whom he pays homage. Every man has some one place more sacred than all the rest, where he stands in awe.

No man can worship without taking upon himself the image and likeness of the being or thing which he adores. Every heart that loves has the divine light to be the first wooed and won.

The man who said that God commands men to love Him did not understand the nature of the human heart. The old religion and the old worship have done about all they can for this world. The old themes are "thread-bare, they make no impression. It is probable that for every man who reads the Bible this morning there were thousands who read the newspapers.

#### Current Events Interest.

What the editors and correspondents who are on earth now say today fits of more interest to the average man than what Paul or Habakkuk said the day before yesterday. The current religion is archaic. It belongs to the past. The time has arrived for a new divinity, and that divinity is "The Mother." Men have worshiped various and useless things. There is nothing more worthy than the mothers of men.

It requires but the slightest effort to adapt all we think or fancy of God to what we know of the mother. Men speak of God as being a mystery, providence and power, author and preserver of life, the inspirer and helper. We do not know that he is any of those things, we do not know what he is. But those terms are applicable to the mother of men. She is the vast and sacred mystery, the keeper of the miracle and sanctity of life.

Lying beneath her loving heart is the mysterious birth sleep, fashioned by Nature's deft and unseen hand, life awaits the moment when with surprised and startled cry it comes upon the shores of this strange world.

If there is anything about our knowledge of God that we cannot transfer and adopt to our thought of mother and motherhood then our idea of God is poor and mean and our idea of motherhood is meaner still. The Divine Providence is a theory—a theory that is not warranted by the facts of life and the world. The maternal providence is a fact without which mankind would perish from the earth. All that they claim for Christ, all and more, may be claimed for the mother.

#### Sufferings of Mother.

They say he suffered for us; that he died that we might live. But the suffering upon the cross has been more than matched thousands of times. The sufferings of the man that was crucified was less than the suffering of the mother who stood over there in the darkness and heard the agonized cry, and then, when her son was dead, knelt at the cross and clasped his feet and covered them with kisses and tears.

The deeper and more tragic pain is that which the heart feels. The mothers of men "have tasted death for every man."

The old religion has much to say about the necessity of forgiveness. As a matter of fact, most of the sins of this world consist of wrongs committed against mothers and the children of mothers. If motherhood were honored as divine, if throughout the social, the industrial and the business world no injustice was done, no wrong committed against a mother nor her child, sin would disappear from the earth.

We should not then build cathedrals and temples for the gods, and poor houses for women and children.

The time will come when we will take our divinity from the skies and, having domesticated it, make for it a house in the world that is now.

Our Christian civilization will then be succeeded by a humane civilization. All that is of value in this world, all of virtue and excellence, all of permanent good, depend upon the respect, the reverence, the adoration in which the sons of men hold the mothers of men.—Rev. John Emerson Roberts.

#### Essence of the Divine.

"If there be any Virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

To admire what is admirable, to adore what is adorable, to follow what is noble, to remember any such examples that have crossed our earthly pilgrimage, that have brightened its darkness and cheered its dullness, this keeps alive before us the ideal of human nature and the essence of the divine nature. The good thoughts, the good deeds, the good memories, of those who have been the salt and the light of the earth, do not perish with their departure. They live on still, and those who have wrought them live in them.

#### Better Than Before.

Prosperity is a painted window, which shuts out much of the clear light of God, and only when the blue, and the crimson, and the golden tinge are removed, is the glass restored to its full transparency. Adversity thus takes away tinge, and color, and dimness, and we see our God far better than before, if our eyes are prepared for the light.—Spurgeon.

### CRITICS EVER BUSY

#### Seems That None Can Escape Misunderstanding of Actions, Even When Most Worthy.

It would seem that no man can be anything or do anything without being made a target to be shot at, if not shot to pieces, by somebody. This editor was once a presiding elder. He found that the most sincere and honest and earnest effort in that office did not save him from the suspicions of some and the direct charges of others. He found that a few men for whom he endured most, in an effort to do for them, thought that he had abandoned them and crucified them. He found that some laymen, members of quarterly conferences, would impress the pastor with the notion that they were anxious for his return to a charge and would at the same time load the pastor with complaints made to the presiding elder. He found that such a pastor thought the presiding elder full of the "insolence of office" and loaded down with a sense of importance on account of a little "brief authority."

The presiding elder is now an editor. He was told on taking charge of the columns of a paper that an editor is a public target. He has come to know that. He has found that the men for whom he has really tried to do most are the men who are quickest and surest to shoot his hide full of holes. He has found that his motives are often questioned. He has found that some are quick to attribute sinister motives to him. He has found that others are ready to accuse him of systematic neglect of them and their work.

#### Cannot Escape Criticism.

Justice Holmes of the Supreme court of the United States recently made a speech in New York. That speech has given this editor no small comfort. We had supposed that nobody impugned the motives of the Supreme court. But it seems that the only way any man can escape criticism is to go off and hide himself, be nothing at all, do nothing at all. Here is the paragraph of Justice Holmes' speech which gives us comfort:

"Of course we are not excepted," he said, referring to the Supreme court. "Not only are we told that when Marshall pronounced an act of congress unconstitutional he usurped a power that the Constitution did not give, but we are told we are the representatives of a class, a tool of the money power. I get letters, not always anonymous, intimating that we are corrupt."

"Well, gentlemen, I admit that it makes my heart ache. It is very painful when one spends all the energies of one's soul in trying to do good work with no thought but that of solving a problem according to the rules by which one is bound to know that many see sinister motives and would be glad of evidence that one was conscientiously bad. But we must take such things philosophically and try to see what we can learn from hatred and distrust, and whether behind them there may not be some germ of inarticulate truth."—Western Methodist.

#### Where to Look.

What Christ is, constitutes the safety, life, power, and joy of every surrendered believer. We cannot too constantly or too completely hold to this simple truth. The child rests in completely helpless and completely trusting dependence upon the parent. But more completely still does Christ's own being constitute all our life and strength and hope and safety and happiness. Therefore, if we yield wholly to him, we may always find all our assurance in him. To "remember Jesus Christ" in this way is all that is needed for our daily guidance, and strength, and peace, and accomplishment. The Psalmist knew God in the same way when he sang, "Be glad in Jehovah." "Rejoice in Jehovah." "I will bless Jehovah at all times." "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee." "Jehovah be magnified." "God is our refuge and strength." As we thus face God in Christ and fix our whole heart and soul and spirit upon what he is, there is no room left for fear or unsettling thoughts about ourselves, or for anxiety in any direction. When we let Christ become the real focus of our trusting gaze, we are safe, and we are satisfied.

#### For Others.

The selfish spirit is utterly at variance with the spirit and the mind of Christ. Every man for somebody else, is the battle cry of the Lord's hosts. "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature," is expressive of the divine intentions concerning the spirit and attitude of his children toward mankind without, everywhere. By the law of nature and the law of the government of God, every man is debtor to the other man. It is a serious thing to be charged with eternal responsibility for the other man. Every one either helps or hinders the other one. What if one be found a stumbling-block instead of a light-bearer, a teacher and guide for the other man?

#### Life Abundant.

Easter means life, new life, life abundant, not some time in the future, but here and now.—It means the conquest and growth over decay, of beauty and fertility over barren bleakness, of life over death. The present hope of which the bursting buds of spring-time is a symbol, brings immortality close, and makes today, with its little round of duties a part of the eternal. It connects life here and now with the glorious perfected life beyond, making each a part of God's supreme gift.

### THE KITCHEN CABINET



WHEN the wild plum blossoms in the lane 'Tis a time for dulcet laughter and refrain.

Time for airy fairy dreamings whispered low By the woodland pixy people as we go, Time to loiter and make glad among the flowers— Oh, it is a heartsome place, this world of ours.

#### NUTS IN COMBINATION.

Add a few chopped hazel nuts or filberts to the next custard pie, and see what a delicious combination it makes. Nuts and bread crumbs used for stuffing of peppers, tomatoes or onions will take the place of meat most satisfactorily.

**Peanuts and Rice.**—Take two cups of well salted and cooked rice; while hot stir in a cup of peanut butter, a cup of cracker crumbs, a half cupful of milk, and two eggs well beaten. Shape in a rounding loaf and place in a well buttered pan. Bake until a nice brown, and serve hot with parsley. This is a most delicious loaf for children or any one who does not eat meat.

Nuts with apples or cabbage, in fact with any fruit or vegetable, makes a good salad.

**Walnut Loaf.**—Take a cup of chopped walnut meats, four cups of bread crumbs, one hard cooked egg chopped, one beaten egg, one onion grated, salt and sage to taste, with sufficient milk or water to moisten the mixture.

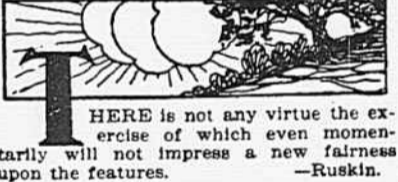
This loaf may be served either hot or cold. Mix and mold, and bake in a well buttered bread pan.

**Walnut Croquettes.**—Mix together a cup of walnut meats, a cup of cooked rice or hominy, a bit of green pepper chopped, one egg well beaten and seasoning to taste. Milk may be added if needed for moisture. Mold into neat croquettes and fry in deep fat.

**Almond Cookies.**—Mix together a pound of ground almonds and a pound of sugar, add a tablespoonful each of allspice, cloves and cinnamon, a teaspoonful of anise extract, four eggs well beaten, and flour to mix, with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Roll out thin, cut in diamonds or rounds, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon, decorate with three almonds and bake until brown.

*Nellie Maxwell*

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HERE is not any virtue the exercise of which even momentarily will not impress a new fairness upon the features. —Ruskin.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT TEA.

A dainty and nice little salad to prepare for a night lunch is dates and cottage cheese. The cheese should be well seasoned and arranged on lettuce leaves, with three or four dates carefully stoned and washed and arranged on the cheese. No salad dressing will be needed with such a salad.

Figs and nuts ground together in a food chopper and seasoned with a bit of salt and moistened with a tablespoonful of cream makes a fine filling for sandwiches. For a refreshing spring sandwich nothing tastes better than sliced cucumbers with a bit of onion juice and lemon on bread and butter.

Chopped green onions, seasoned with oil, vinegar and salt, make another good sandwich filling. A cup of hot cocoa on a chilly night is most acceptable, and with a salad is enough for a simple meal.

After a late heavy Sunday dinner, a very light lunch is best. For those who are not satisfied with that, a heavier dish, such as sliced roast of beef with Mexican or Spanish sauce, or an escalloped dish of eggs, macaroni and cheese and white sauce will be found quite satisfying enough.

Milk toast, made of nicely toasted and buttered bread and a white sauce of rich milk or thin cream, is an especially good supper for little people.

Hot soup on a cold night warms and is a good beginning for a light supper.

For older ones the addition of grated cheese will be pleasing, and they will not find it hard of digestion. Small cakes of many kinds, with a dish of canned fruit, is another good accompaniment with other things for a supper.

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**Sardine and Pimola Sandwiches.**—Mix twelve boned and skinned sardines with a tablespoonful of chopped stuffed olives or pimolas, add a tablespoonful of lemon juice and use for filling between buttered slices of white bread.

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