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## MIRROR MEDITATION

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As far back as history records, mankind has looked out unto the heavens and the stars and wondered; from whence do I come? and why?

He is endowed with a driving creative force to search for knowledge, for reason and logic. His awareness accepts that his existence is limited to an infinitesimal portion of eternity.

As he looks toward the inevitable end of his life span, something within him strives earnestly to find hope for that which is beyond the horizon of the living.

This, therefore, has been the basis for all religion since the beginning of time. Man's honest search for the hope of life to come.

For years scientists, philosophers, free thinkers and religionists were in dispute. Approximately 100 years ago great minds such as Emerson, Thoreau, Lowell, Hawthorne, and Hale gathered together with religionists to discuss the new ideas springing up in an era of controversy between religion and science.

This meeting ended with a common understanding that all were in accord in the certainty that there was a Diety — a guiding force and power, a spirit — within each person and everything within the universe. At the same time the Diety was above and transcending it all.

Religionists still asked, why? And science still asked, how?

Within the past few years, a new crop of thinkers now called scientists, theologians, psychiatrists, Psychologists, philosophers, educators and other professionals met on an Isle off Portsmouth, N. H., with various Christian denominations, Buddhist, Humanist, and Jewish affiliates in a conference to discuss man's quest to penetrate the mysteries of his existence.

They have agreed that the rapid advance of science, and the knowledge and truth it uncovers is a means of reconciling our religious convictions with the scientific view, at the same time fulfilling,

rather than destroying, them.

Everywhere science moves, whatever truth it penetrates, it finds the master Scientist was already there.

I have often said that man's mind will be allowed to invent and discover and come upon truths, as things need be, until he is next to God. Mankind will continue to be in controversy in order for seeds of research to bear fruits of clarity and the same guiding force agreed to by all will continue to steer his destiny.

When knowledge of the intellectual has run its course and all he possesses is deciphered, he is still facing the greatest void of his quest. From here — to where? and what?

The same fate awaits the intellectual as that of the ignorant. For when all of knowledge yet known to man has been weighed in the

balance he must yet turn to the last available source. It is here religion is his refuge. It is here he finds hope.

And in the final analysis the same goals may be attained at the beginning of his quest as at the end — simply by extending his hand to God through faith.

This truth was spoken nearly 2000 years ago to one who had to see in order to accept.

"Blessed be those who have not seen, yet believed."

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