

## MIRROR MEDITATION

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"As thou believeth so be it done unto thee"; "The power of God is with everyone that believeth"; "If thou can'st believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

These words are quotes and were written many centuries ago in the Master Work of all literature. All else that could ever be said would be but footnotes. To "believe," one must use his mind--his thoughts, and we express it also "as the heart," because our emotions seem to arise from within an inner self. A pendulum of conscience motivation a desire within the

heart.

"Desire"? What is this desire? Where does this drive come from? What motivates the drive? We must have a desire or love for something in order to attain any goal. When we desire or love we tap a source of power known only and controlled by the Creator.

I have come to believe that God's love and spirit is everywhere. There is but one God, one presence, one power existing in all things. It controls the most distant star to the smallest innermost particle of the atom in a flower, a weed, a blade of grass. All there is--is bathed in the one mind of the Creator. The life principle is all inclusive.

The ultimate aim in every life is love. Love is the highest Gift of God. It is the greatest good on the face of the earth. It is the treasure at the end of our rainbow.

Ernest Holmes, editor, philosopher, expresses it: "What is love in its broadest sense? Love is the impartation of the self, the givingness of everything we are or hope to be, or have; and giving it in joy and without reservation, in complete abandonment. Everything loves. It is a universal quality. It is something that is shared alike by animal, fish, bird and in human life it reaches a higher degree of expression."

This love is a state of consciousness, in all its aspects. That, we must recognize. It radiates, it has power. Since the life principle is love, it is in everything and everything will respond to us as we so desire.

If you had the faith of a grain of mustard seed, order the mountain removed, and it would be removed. Everything--and people especially, assume the level or atmosphere that surrounds our personalities or our very selves.

What we must come to understand, however, is that this same current of desire and power can also run in the opposite direction. If everything we meet responds to us at the level of our consciousness, than what we encounter in the many forms of hate, must be just what we expected to find.

Those who radiate antagonism, invite antagonism. Those who radiate discontent, invite discontent. Those who radiate trouble, invite trouble. Those who radiate resentment, invite resentment. Those who radiate hate, invite hate.

Think on this for a moment and your life may change completely. Whenever you start out on any venture with the wrong desire, or selfish motive, in all probability, the greatest odds are that it will boomerang. If not--it shall never completely succeed. Somewhere in the structure the motivating power of love is absent, and it shall surely fail.

The greatest force on this earth is love, and when used in our every day lives and attitudes it reacts with mathematical accuracy. Plotinus said: "This is something everybody has, but which few people use." Try to use it at its various



Tony Curtis as he appears in his role of the romantic warrior, Andrei Bulba, in Harold Hecht's multi-million dollar production of "Taras Bulba," co-starring Yul Brynner. The Panavision Eastmancolor film is now at the Tryon Theatre, through United Artists release.

levels. It can attract or detract. Use it to build up--not to tear down. Use it to commend--not to condemn. Experience the sense of balance and the warm glow of joy, in never casting a stone. Love has its many roads--and inroads.

Yes, my friends, God is love, we see it expressed in a universal sense. The Divine spirit is in all the beauty of life, in all of reality. It is absolute--it is truth.

It is evident that fears, misunderstanding, selfishness and hate are the motivating power of destruction and death in the world. I've been accused of being a dreamer, but cloud nine is not such a bad place--and there is plenty of room there for others. If all our fears, frustrations and hate were surrendered to love and the magnanimity of understanding, the people of this globe would not be in the turmoil they are in today.

For only through love and understanding can the wounds of the world be healed. It is the highest and most powerful principle of life in everything--and with everyone, in tune it will act in unity with itself.

And in this greatest Book of

all literature it says: "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee"--Why don't all of us try it more often? I wonder!

Everything that can be, is bound to come into being, and what never comes into being is nothing.--Amiel

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