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ATTAINMENT

Introduction to Parenthesis in Eternity - Attainment

Attainment is possible to everyone who sets out on this spiritual adventure, and it is possible without price – except the one great price. There is a price: “Sell all that thou hast.” That is the price, and it is paid in the coin of our devotion. It is the price the Master demanded of his followers when he told them, “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. . . . Sell all that thou hast. . . . Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

From this we can understand how difficult spiritual attainment is and why our progress is slow, and we will not complain. We will be satisfied, realizing that if the followers of Jesus in his day had to walk those steps, so do we. But although we may plumb the depths to the limit of our capacity and fail to reach the goal, the search is still worthwhile, even if we have to go on for years and years and years believing that we are not making any progress.

The truth is that with every effort, with every expedition, with every search, with every meditation, we are moving slowly and inexorably toward the goal of all life – union with God.

Problems and circumstances affect the lives of different people in different ways. They can make or break a person, or they can leave him where they found him. There is nothing tragic or disgraceful about being broken or about being a failure, nothing at all. A person who fails has tried, usually very hard, and there is satisfaction in that, and there is hope in it because if a person continues to try, he can never be kept down, and even though he may be broken, he will rise up again.

The tragedy, if there is one, or the disgrace, lies in being willing to go on day after day, waking up in the morning and going to bed at night, and being nowhere tomorrow that he was not yesterday.

There is no God out here in space. The God there is, is hidden within us, waiting for each one of us to discover for himself. We do not have to go any place in time or space. The spiritual journey, the greatest of all adventures, is not made in time or space. It is a journey in