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THE WRITER'S PREFACE

'N the four volumes which it has been my privilege to transcribe at the dictation of intelligences who are in the wider life beyond earth is contained a word intended to be helpful to men's thinking. It is the wider life's interpretation of the man's life in its relation to the Life who is Infinite, of the man's work on earth in its relation to the whole work of the self of man, and of the man's free will and purpose in their relation to the Omnipotent Will and Purpose of man's Maker. It is the interpretation of personal selves who were men, who have finished the experience of man's life, and have achieved, through that experience, the personal worthiness which makes personal life ready for its emancipation from earth. It is the interpretation of those who remember the man's life, who remember what helped and what harmed the personal self in the man's life, who know what men should be and do to win the life of freedom.

It is the interpretation of those who were deep thinkers while they were men, who carried to the wider life minds disciplined by much thought, who are no longer limited as men are to one little world, who, in the life of broadened horizon and broadened powers, comprehend as truth that which men may only conjecture. It is the interpretation of those who have not only lived the broadest man's life, but are now living the wider life which comes to personal self after earth life is finished forever. It is the testimony of those who assert unequivocally that they have told truth. It is the concurrent testimony of several witnesses, each of whom asserts, in his own way and in his own words, the truths which they all know. It is given to men that it may be a help to wise thinking and wise living. And he who reads seeking wisdom for his own problem of daily living and daily thinking will find it an unfailing aid.

It would help a man to have faith in God, the Creator, confirmed. It is by this word from life beyond earth confirmed. It would help him to have faith in Christ, the Son of God, confirmed. It is by this word confirmed. It would help him to have faith that God purposes for all that He made now and forever. That faith is by this word taught. It would aid him to have faith in the helpfulness of worship, and thanks, and honest prayer confirmed. It is by this word confirmed.

It would help him to believe in the dignity and worth of his personal self; to believe that Omnipotent God considers *his* life of self worthy His teaching; and to believe that he, the man, is able, by his own wise use of his own powers, and of his own free choice, to fulfill the purpose for his life while it is on earth of Omnipotent God. That very belief the word intends to put into men's minds and hearts.

It would help him to find a meaning in his daily work that makes it far more than the mere drudgery of life on earth. That meaning he will find in this word. It would help him to believe that every hour of his work well done brings nearer, and every hour of his work ill done postpones, his higher life of personal self. It would help him to believe that his man's powers, his mind, his will, his purpose, his memory, those powers which he uses in his work, are the powers which his immortal life will forever use: that as he uses them his immortal life is using them; and that by his wise use of those powers his life can be made ready for wider thought and work in freedom from the littleness and the limitations of earth. It would help him to believe that when he wins firm will and purpose, firm for his work whatever it may be, and firm to keep his personal life worthy, his immortal self has won firm will and purpose, and in the life beyond earth will hold them firm forever. These very truths this word teaches that men may be-