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Treatment for Self Healing

"I come that ye may have Life and have it more abundantly."

Thou art ever beside me, Divine One!
In Silence I seek now thy aid!
I take thy hand trustingly
And am of nothing afraid,
I cling to thy Love in the Silence,
Forgot is Life's unrest and care,
I trust in thy promise of healing!
All is well, for I know thou art near!
I rest like a babe on the bosom
Of her who gave to it life!
I've relaxed every nerve of my body;
And Faith has o'ercome all my strife.
Thus resting, I receive, O my Father!
Thought's ocean is bearing me on!
The winds of the Spirit are wafting
Me unto the Peace of the One!
One is the source of my Being!
One is my Healer of pain!
Drifting in Peace in the Silence
I find my lost youth again!
I am thine, O thou who art Patience!
From thy Presence all suffering's flown!
Sweetly over my desert of error
The blossoms of Truth are now sown.
The One Life my Being is filling!
Health within me is weaving its chain.
I am healed! I am healed! O beloved!
In Thee I am healed of my pain!
Amen and Amen! In Peace now
I resume my labor laid down!
Love Divine in Truth has redeemed me!
O Soul thou hast come to thine own!

—HENRY HARRISON BROWN.

*To be memorized, and repeated, "in Faith believing"
at times of mental or physical distress.*

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Prayer is the contemplation of the facts of life from the highest point of view. It is a soliloquy of a beholding and jubilant soul. It is the spirit of God pronouncing his work good.

—Emerson in "Self-Reliance."



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**"OUR FATHER WHO ART
IN HEAVEN."**

THE title of Heaven-Father for Universal Power, is the oldest title in literature. Max Mueller traces it back from our times through the Latin Jupiter, and the Greek Zeus-Pater, to the old Aryan literature. It is also found in the Chinese in the religious word "Ti." The conception of God as Father, as found in the New Testament, no doubt came from the Greek through the Alexandrian School of Philosophy. But it is found in certain Hebrew literature, and was probably brought to them through the Persian conquest by Cyrus. This conception is a natural one, as primitive man's first ideas of the Universe would neces-

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sarily be that of power, and he would also necessarily locate that power in the unseen universe which was, to him, the over-shadowing heavens. As earthly power centered at that time in the father (for the earliest government was patriarchal), he would naturally give that term to Universal Power which stood to him as the symbol of material authority.

His conception of the qualities and demands of that power would necessarily be colored by his experiences with his earthly father. All conceptions of God are formed from the personal experiences of the individual. Thus, when men developed government of tribe and kingdom, God became to them a Chief and a King. To the warrior, he is a God of Battles; to the peaceful, he is the Prince of Peace.

In the prayer which Jesus gave his disciples permission to use, is the title "Our Father." In this personal pronoun "Our" Jesus lifted

that early conception out of the barbarous idea, out of the idea of separateness, distance and limitation, thus making it a personal matter—near, filial and warm.

The thought contained in "Our Father" is the noblest conception ever applied to Absolute Life; is purely in harmony with the facts of Nature and the later conception of Unity. It is one of the greatest, if not **the** greatest contribution to religious thought ever made by any teacher, and shows the great superiority of the Gospels over all other religious literature.

"Our Father" links in spirit, as well as in name, the Father and Son, the Creator and created, the conditioned and the Unconditioned, the manifestation and the Power which manifests.

The Son must necessarily inherit the powers, possibilities, faculties, and functions of the parent. Jesus in this connection places the human soul, in human thought, not as a separate entity, but as an expres-