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### I.

#### DREAMLAND

**W**E live in a world of dreams.

Ever seeking happiness, we rush hither and thither, trying to make money or to see fresh scenes, or to reach some pinnacle of society or fame—always reaching after something *outside*, imagining that thus are we to discover happiness.

But it is all Dreamland. And we might as well stay at home, take it easy, and recognize the fact that *All is Mind*.

Yes, outside appearances, the world of phenomena, is a transitory show, a set of symbols, the purpose of which is to bring the soul to Consciousness.

Wherefore, O Soul art thou concerned so with Things—Materials? Why do you forget your native dignity, overlook your mastery and divinity, and descend into a sorrowful state of subjection?

Are Things—perishing, decaying physicals—of such importance that your celestial nature must be obscured, your glorious powers compelled to lie dormant?

It is now time for you to re-assume your dominion, O Soul of Man—your place of authority and creatorship, for awhile laid aside in the necessary stages of your experience and development.

The Universe is a wondrous Dreamland—reposing in the womb of the Infinite. Spirit *contains* all.

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Do not mind what others say about being "unpractical." The world is really "unpractically practical," dealing in "practices" that are of no account, bothering itself about things and conditions that are most inconsequent. A sad way to spend the opportunity of Time, neglecting the Eternal for the Temporal, the Spiritual for the Material, the Soul for the Body, the Reality for Illusion.

But the race has ever been given to Idolatry, in one form or another. Idols appear so much more tangible than Ideals. And people want something they can *touch*.

This desire for contact, to touch and be touched, is natural enough. The sense of touch is elementary and foundational in the principle of creation. But what is this touching, feeling? What, indeed, but consciousness, in more or less unfoldment?

So we can see that what we are really seeking is consciousness.

Consciousness! Knowledge! Recognition!

We cannot despise the means that bring us to this, our goal; namely: Experience, Matter, Sensation. But (in due time) there is no call for us to be continually *subject* to Materials.

The Soul can rise and rule. The Will may assert itself. The thoughts can be concentrated and controlled—and these are veritable forces. We can become conscious, co-operative centers of the Universe.

This height of Power is to be reached as we approximate a recognition of our universal nature, perceiving that All is One; that everything exists indeed in a Universe, held together by the bonds of the law of Attraction—working, moving, living, all together.

Thus by giving up selfishness, by expanding our interests, by forgetting the little exclusive personal ego, we reach

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to the depths of a Larger Self, a Universal Self. We only yield a Fraction and merge into the Unit. This extension of consciousness takes place through Love.

All things and conditions are first dreams.

The brain of man is a cosmos that cradles ideas, which become matured and materialized, expressed in images and symbols of matter. Matter is Thought made visible and palpable to the senses. Of course, it all takes time—often considerable time.

In our dreams we have illimitable resources. Our ideas and ideals are worth more than gold and silver to us; they possess the virtue of sustenance and medicine. Our minds are veritable universities and libraries of fathomless wisdom. How? Because of the race's ages of experience. And we are each forever one with every member of the race—past, present and future.

Our days are successions of dreams. How much do we materialize out of them? How much do we express as the days go by? Remember, Time is thy Opportunity, O Soul; profit by it today, and more tomorrow.

Life is here for happiness. The development of consciousness, through experience, means more happiness. Only too many dwell for protracted periods among the fleshpots of Egypt, content rather to taste scraps of happiness than to exert themselves and press forward to lands of paradise and life celestial—to richer realms of Consciousness.

There is not much Happiness without Power. The stage of the spectator should lead by rapid steps to that of the actor, participator, creator. "Go and do thou likewise." "Work out your own salvation."

Take some active part in Humanity's trend toward the Expression of the Ideal. Results may appear slow, but it is nevertheless true that the tendency of creation is toward