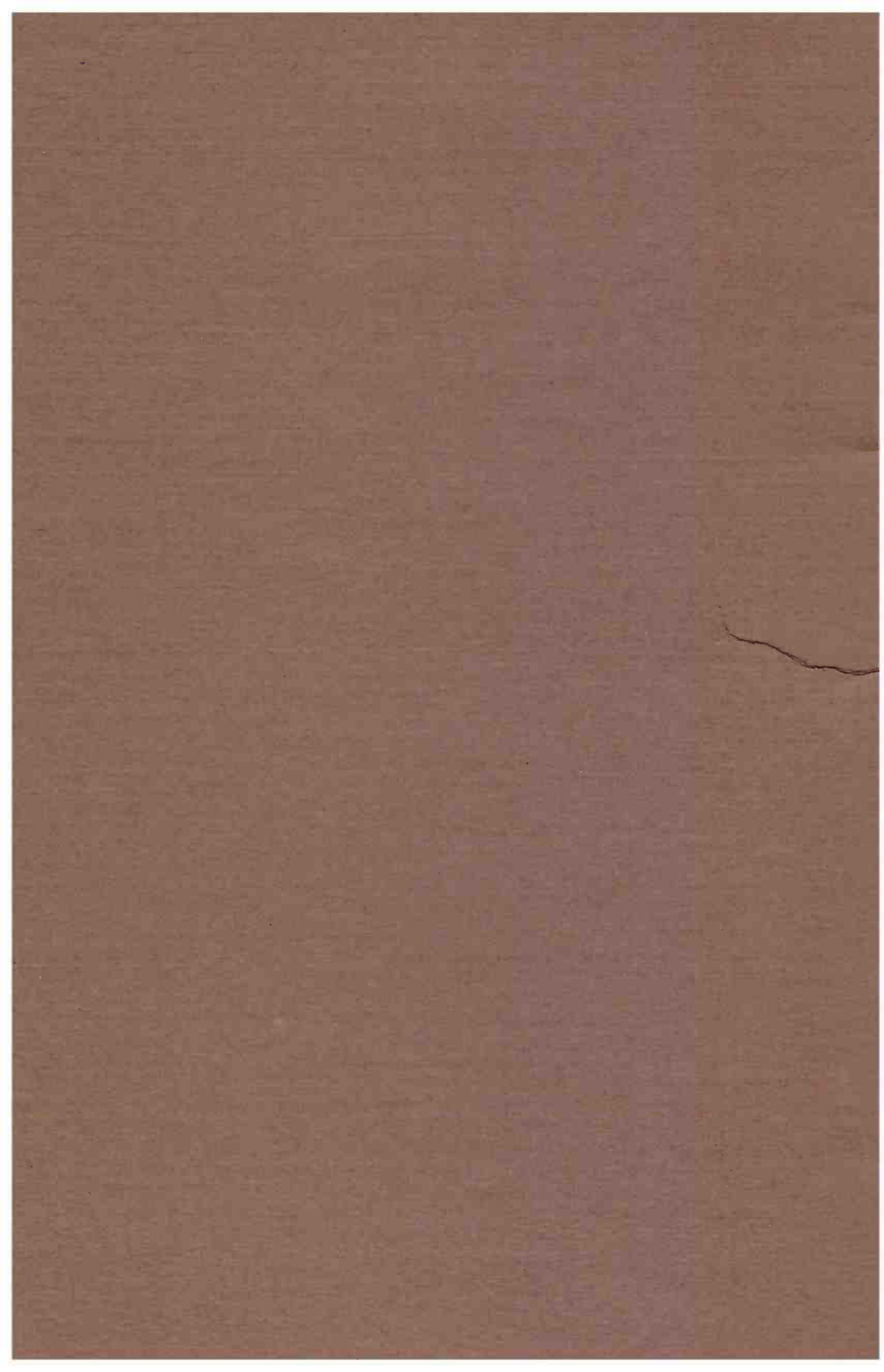
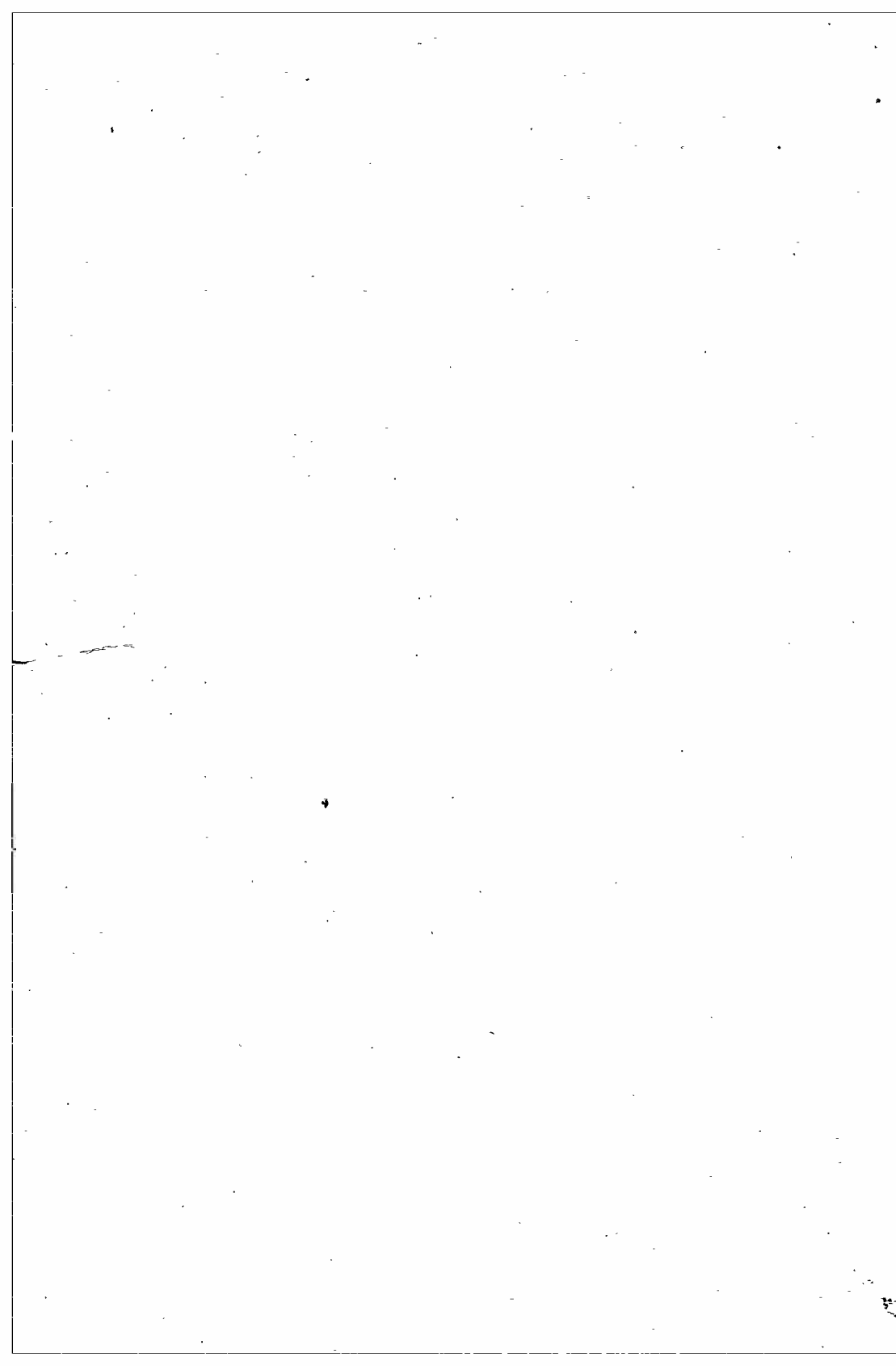
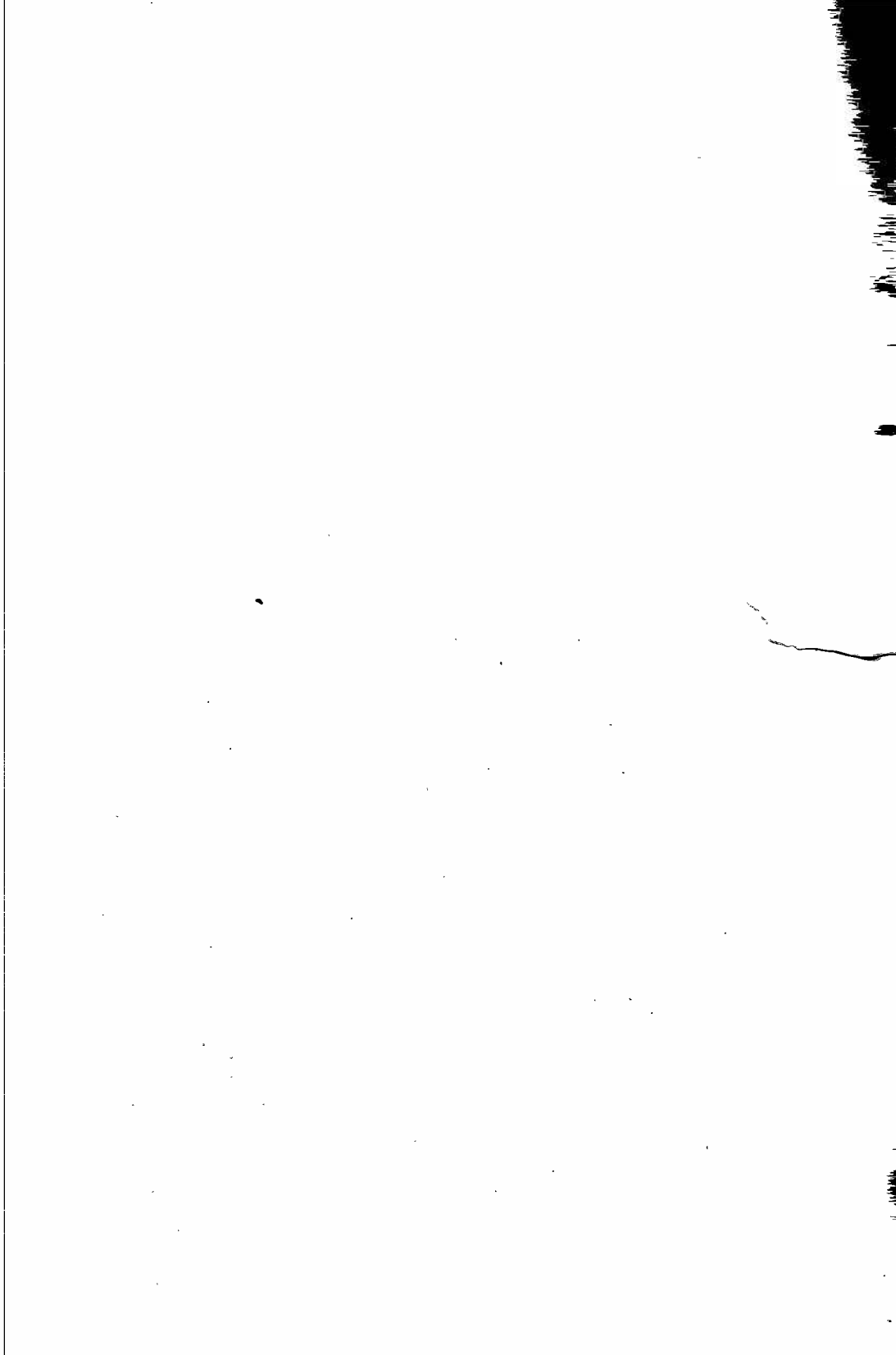


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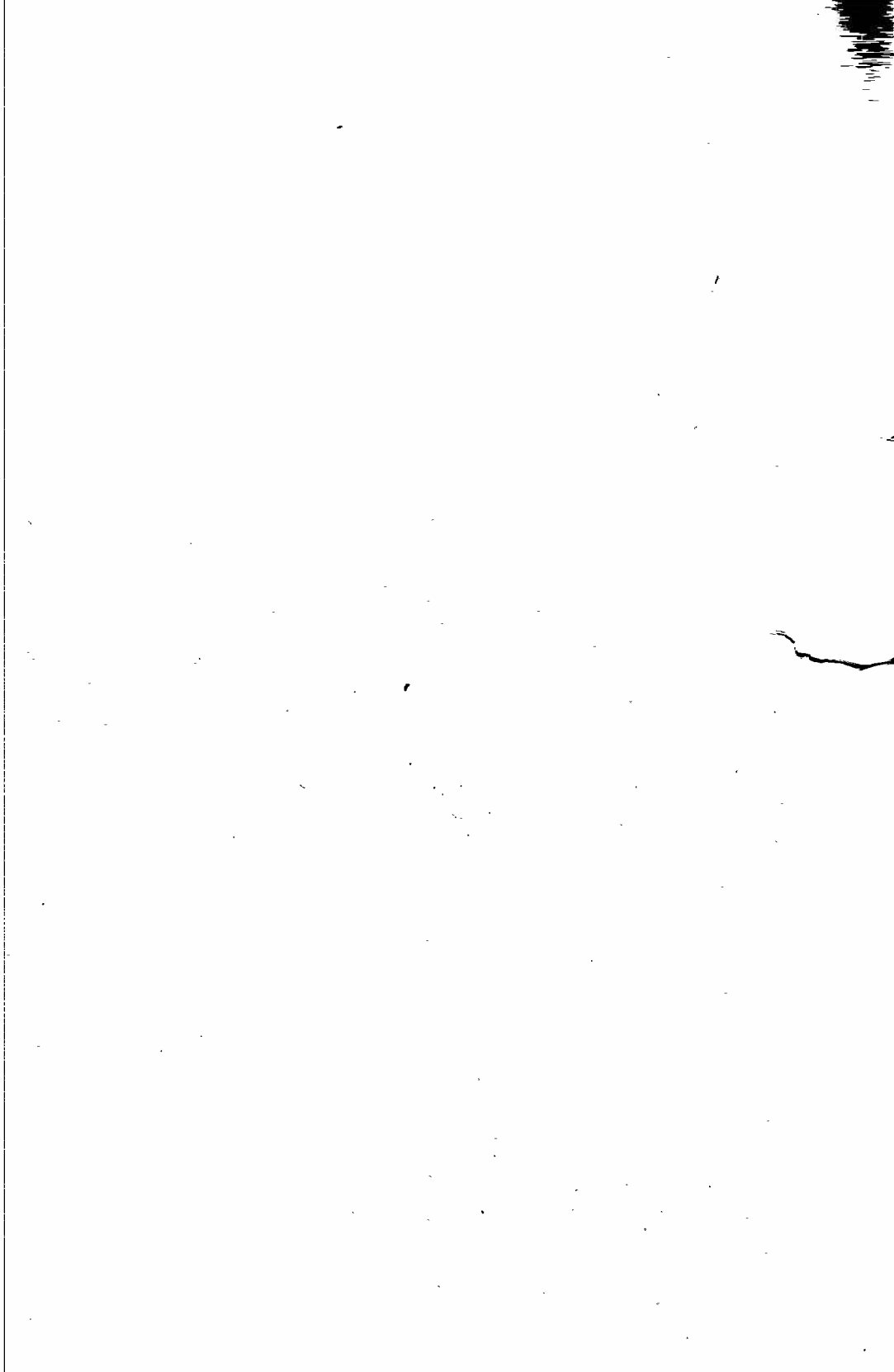
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PREFACE

Music and song have an important role in the spiritual and mystic life. They evoke spiritual aspiration and devotion from the individual and invoke mystic and spiritual powers from the higher realms.

It is the object of this small collection to take advantage of the most beautiful and well-known words and tunes, and also of the currents of force from on high generated by their use by thousands of earnest seekers for hundreds of years.

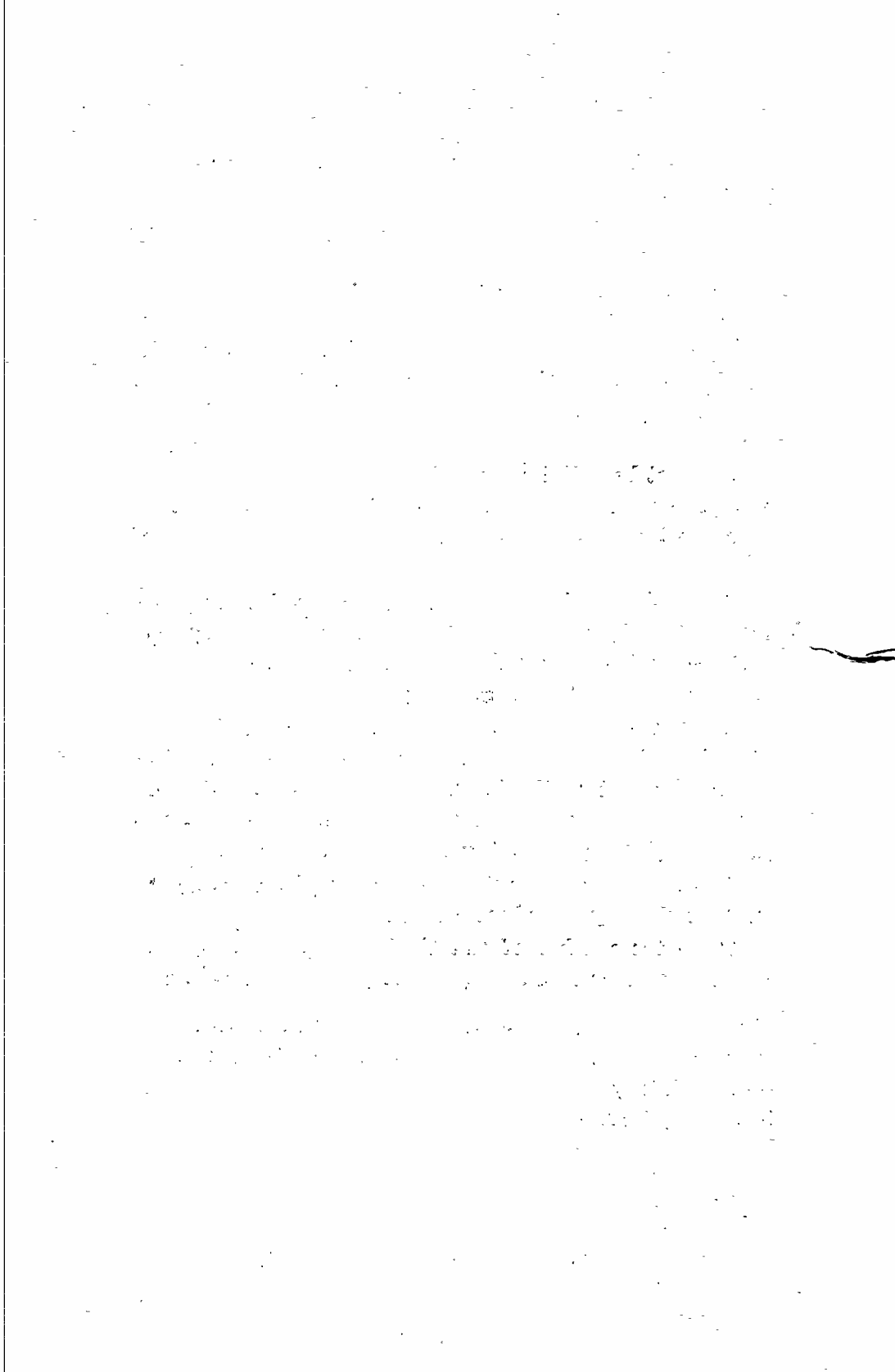
While the words used seem orthodox, yet if they are read in the light of their mystic interpretation they give evidence of true inspiration and spiritual realization, and reveal the deepest occultism and mysticism.

One can become an occultist by acquiring occult knowledge through the intellect, but to become a Mystic requires the development of the heart qualities as well, which are attained through aspiration and devotion. Hence the emphasis we place upon the devotional side of our services.

All who will are invited to join with us, interpreting the words in the way their hearts dictate.

While the number of suitable hymns could be greatly extended, neither time nor opportunity at present permit.

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"Prayer is a channel leading to the attainment of a fixed purpose. To pray for ourselves is, if rightly understood, merely recognizing the inflow of Divine Love and striving to make a place for and direct it. To ask for guidance is but to take hold of the Power of Divinity as a little child grasps its father's hand."

Letters from the Teacher, Curtiss, 1045.

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Oh, Christ! Light Thou within my heart the Flame of Divine Love and Wisdom, that I may dwell forever in the radiance of Thy countenance and rest in the Light of Thy Smile.

MORNING PRAYER

I have within me the power of the Christ.
I can conquer all that comes to me today.
I am strong enough to bear every trial
And accept every joy
And say,
"Thy Will Be Done."

HEALING PRAYER

O Thou loving and helpful Master, Jesus, Thou who gavest to Thy disciples power to heal the sick, we, recognizing Thee and realizing Thy divine presence with us, ask Thee to lay Thy hands upon us in healing love.

Cleanse us from all our sins, and by the divine power of Omnipotent Life drive out the atoms of inharmony and disease and fill our bodies full to overflowing with Life and Love and Purity. Amen.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." *St. Matthew, vii, 7.*

PRAYER FOR DEMONSTRATION

*"I am a child of the living God.
I have within me the all-creating power of The Christ.
It radiates from me and blesses all I contact.
It is my Health, my Strength, my Courage, my Patience, my Peace,
My Poise, my Power, my Wisdom,
My Understanding, my Joy and my Abundant Supply.
Unto this Power I entrust all my problems,
Knowing they will be solved in Love and Justice."*

(Here mention the special problems in your life, environment and worldly affairs with which you desire guidance and help, that they may work out in the way that shall be best for you. For spiritual unfoldment use *The Prayer for Light*. For healing, harmony, comfort, etc., use *The Healing Prayer*.)

PRAYER OF DEVOTION

We, Thy chosen servants, to whom Thou hast given the great privilege of becoming co-workers with the Masters of Wisdom, ask that we may have Wisdom and Power and Courage and Humility to carry us through the work of this day.

We open our hearts that the Divine Love of the Master may fill us; that all irritation, inharmony and slothfulness may be transmuted into Love that shall draw us closer in unity to all our fellow workers, both seen and unseen; that we may grow absolutely one with the force of Wisdom and Compassion that is sent forth to accomplish the Great Work for humanity.

Give us all things necessary, that there may be no hampering conditions.

Lead us through this day, in the name of the divine, ever-living Christ, that the will of the Father may be done in us and through us forever more. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE ALLIED CAUSE

O Thou loving and helpful Master Jesus! Thou who, standing at the right hand of the Father, seest the sorrows and afflictions of Thy children, help us to pass through the purifying fires of suffering and sacrifice with humility, unselfishness and sanity.

As we fight that Right and Justice may prevail, help us to realize and use the power of Righteousness that is ever present with us.

Help us to recognize through Thee the cleansing power of the divine Christ-force, that we may have a vital realization of our duty in helping to shorten these days and make Thy Love and Justice prevail upon earth, even as it does in heaven.

Help us to recognize that Thy Day of Reckoning has come; the day when a national ambition that would enslave the world; when cruelty and deceitful craftiness in high places; when frightfulness on land and sea, must be swallowed up in the fierce Fires of Justice which recognize no position, rank or personality.

Pour out upon us the Love that sacrificed itself for mankind and the Power which sustained that sacrifice, that each heart may burn with ardor to achieve and thrill with the assurance of victory for the cause of Democracy, Freedom and the Regeneration of the earth.

Grant that the Allied Nations may be so united in heart and mind and so animated by the love of mankind that the life-force of national solidarity shall fill the body of each nation full to overflowing with Courage, Sanity, Devotion and Self-sacrifice, that the victory we know must come shall be speedy and shall be a victory of The Christ over all opposition to His reign. In His name we ask it that these days be shortened.

May a just and lasting peace be established and be administered under the direction of the Masters of Wisdom. In His name we ask it.

Amen

JOY TO THE WORLD

Antioch. 98 P

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King:
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ:
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

Amen

The element of joy should be a characteristic of the Christian Mystic, for his inner realization of the element of eternal harmony in the Divine should find expression in his daily life.

It is the heart that must be prepared for spiritual realization, for this is not a matter of a mere intellectual understanding of the philosophy; it requires the development of an entirely different set of qualities.

All nature is created in harmony and love and responds with joy to the forces of the One Life. Man should respond with joy to the Inner Life just as readily and as spontaneously as does nature to the outer life. Every time we give expression to our joy in our realization of the Divine it reacts upon our spiritual development much as a glass of water does on a thirsty plant.

AWAKE MY SOUL

Christmas. 503

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heav'nly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis his own hand presents the prize
To thine uplifted eye.

Awake, my soul, stretch ev'ry nerve
And press with vigor on;
A heav'nly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

Amen

With many it is only necessary for them to awaken to the fact that the Soul within is struggling for expression, to make them set out in earnest on the race that demands their zeal.

No doctrine of the Christian teachings is more familiar than that the friends, loved ones and Teachers, in the higher realms see and rejoice at every effort made toward the spiritual life, and that they give the aspirant every help and encouragement. But he himself must awaken to the necessity of making a determined effort to press on; for man has free-will and the spiritual life will never be imposed upon him against his will.

LOVE DIVINE

Bayley. 314 P

Love divine, all love excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry open heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Enter in Oh Christ and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always serving;
Serving as Thy hosts above;
Realize and follow ever,
Resting in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation.
Pure and spotless let us be;
Help us make our whole salvation
Perfectly secure through Thee:
Changed from glory unto glory,
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we blend our souls in oneness,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Amen

The effort of the human heart to respond to the outpouring of Divine Love brings the joy of heaven down to earth. It is to fix this love in us or make ourselves continually responsive to it that is the goal of every sincere Mystic.

The second verse repeats the invocation to the Christ-power to enter and inspire and control the life until the regeneration or redemption of the personality is complete and man takes his true place in the Grand Plan of the universe.

SUN OF MY SOUL

Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if Thou be near;
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My weary eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
For ever on my Saviour's breast.

Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine
Has spurned today the Voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take;
Till in the ocean of Thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

Amen

The Sun of our Soul is the divine Christ Light that is forever shining within, but which we so often shut out from our consciousness by earth-born clouds of fear, inharmony, impurity or misunderstanding and mistaken efforts. If we will only clear the way and permit this Spiritual Sun to shine within us it will warm our hearts, comfort us and illumine our Path through life until we merge our consciousness into that of the Divine.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Adeste Fideles. 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said?
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and Thy gold to refine.

Amen

Many movements and teachers, revolting against the literal and materialistic interpretation of the Bible, turn to various Oriental scriptures for their inspiration and guidance, but we Christian Mystics understanding the symbolical and mystical interpretation of the Bible find in our own scriptures all the philosophy, occultism and mysticism to be found in any Oriental presentation, and presented in thought-forms and couched in terms more suitable to the minds of the Western world, except to those Orientals who are now in incarnation in the Western races for the first time. Such are naturally attracted to their former currents of thought-force and their expression through Eastern scriptures.

With this foundation we understand that the trials of daily life are experiences intended to open our spiritual eyes and teach us the needed Soul-lessons necessary for our next step on the Path to Mastery.

PRAISE THE LAW

Bayley. 314 P

Praise the Law; ye heavens adore it;
Praise it angels in the height;
Sun and moon rejoice before it;
Praise it all ye stars of light.
Praise the Law for it hath spoken;
Worlds its mighty force obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken,
For their guidance hath been made.

Praise the Law, for it is glorious;
Never shall its promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the Law of our salvation;
Hosts on high its power proclaim;
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Praise and magnify The Name.

Amen

All manifestation takes place according to Law, the Law of Divine Love, which expresses as the Harmony of the Spheres. Inharmony results only from man's refusal to respond to and work in harmony with this Law.

Understanding this we can rely absolutely upon this Divine Law, because its workings are absolute and without variation and cannot fail. Hence our salvation is absolutely assured as soon as we are ready to work with the Law toward that great end. Realizing this we can join the heavenly hosts in praising and rejoicing in this Divine Law.

GOD IS WISDOM, GOD IS LOVE

Wilmot, 378 P

God is love; his mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;
Bliss he wakes and woe he lightens;
God is wisdom, God is love.

Growth and change are busy ever;
Man returns and ages move;
But his mercy waneth never;
God is wisdom, God is love.

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth
Will his changeless goodness prove;
From the mist his brightness streameth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere his glory shineth;
God is wisdom, God is love.

Amen

Here we have expressed the deep occult truth of the two aspects of the Divine, the Father-Mother. The masculine aspect is here given as Wisdom and the feminine aspect as Love. These two are forever pouring out their blessings upon us to bring into our daily lives both hope and comfort from above.

NATIONS ATTEND

Nations attend before his throne
With solemn awe and sacred joy;
Know that the Law is God alone,—
He can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
And when, like wandering sheep, we strayed,
He brought us to his fold again.

Wide as the world is thy command,
Vast as eternity thy love;
Firm as a rock thy truth must stand,
When rolling years have ceased to move.

Amen

All nations have recognized the Divine Guidance of mankind, and this realization brings a "solemn awe and sacred joy." For He who formed us men will never forsake His creations, but will gradually lead us back to the fold after every wayward wandering, even though we must experience the results which our disobedience to the Divine Law necessarily entails.

That Love is so vast and that Guidance so sure that no matter how many wanderings or how serious our mistakes the Shepherd is always calling and waiting for our return to the fold. But the great Divine Law which gave free-will to man must destroy man's evil creations as well as create new conditions.

ONWARD MYSTIC

Legion. 620

Onward Mystic, though the region
Where thou art be drear and lone;
God hath sent a guardian legion
Down to help thee. Press thou on!

By the love-road and no other,
Is the mount of vision won;
Tread it without shrinking, brother;
Jesus trod it. Press thou on!

Be this world the wiser, stronger,
For thy life of joy and peace;
When th' hamp'ring flesh no longer
Holds thee, work and never cease.

Let not earth clouds dim thine ardor.
Fix thine eyes on Christ the sun.
Prayer the prayer of Jesus: "Father,
Not my will, but thine be done."

Amen

No matter how dark and hard the outer conditions may appear, let us remember that our loved ones and the spiritual helpers are forever near us, except when we drive them away by clouds of sorrow, inharmony or depression.

Only through the development of the heart qualities—the love-road—can we reach true spiritual realization—the Mount of Vision.

With our enlightened consciousness and our greater realization of the Divine we should radiate greater joy and peace to those whose realization is not as great. Our aims should be not the satisfaction of our lower desires, but those of our Real Self, so that we may let "Thy will be done."

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Moscow. 388

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise!

Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of days!

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless;
Come, give Thy word success;
'Stablish Thy righteousness,
Saviour and Friend!

Come, Holy comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour!
Thou, Who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore;
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Amen

This is a most powerful and magical invocation to the Divine to descend in our hearts and reign over us. It invokes the three aspects of the Trinity, the Law (the King), the physical manifestation of the Son (the Word) and the Mother Love (Comforter). Even the slightest realization of these divine forces in our consciousness awakes the answering thrill which expresses as a spontaneous outburst of praise and joy.

TAKE MY LIFE

Weber. 649

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my love; my lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Amen

A hymn of definite consecration of all our powers and faculties. Our stage of development is strongly marked by the quality and tone of our voice, and its power to bring comfort and joy to others. No matter how wondrous our singing, if our spoken word is harsh and rasping its vibrations disturb rather than promote the universal harmony. Hence when we consecrate all our efforts and thoughts to express in praise our realization of the Divine, our voice naturally takes on the quality of Love Divine.

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY WILL!

Moscow. 388

Come, thou Almighty Will!
Our fainting bosoms fill
 With thy great power.
Strength of our good intents,
Our tempted hour's defense,
Calm of faith's confidence,
 Come, in this hour.

Come, thou most tender Love!
Within our spirits move,
 Their sweetest guest.
Extinguish passion's fire,
Exalt each low desire,
To deeds of love inspire
 Quickener and rest.

Come, Light serene and still!
Our darkened spirits fill
 With thy clear day.
Guide of the feeble sight,
Star of grief's darkest night,
Reveal the path of right,
 Show me thy way!

Amen

Another invocation to the three aspects of the Trinity; the Will which shall give us strength both to conquer and to persevere; the Love which shall purify and transmute our lower desires, and the Light that shineth in the darkness of our earth conditions and that shall illumine our Path and guide us in all our problems.

O LIGHT, FROM AGE TO AGE

O Light, from age to age the same,
Forever living Word,—
Here have we felt thy kindling flame,
Thy voice within have heard.

Here holy thought and hymn and prayer
Have winged the spirit's powers,
And made these walls divinely fair,—
Thy temple, Lord, and ours.

Burn, Holy Fire, and shine more wide!
While systems rise and fall,
Faith, hope and charity abide,
The heart and soul of all.

Amen

In all scriptures the Christ is identified with both Fire and Light; the spiritual Fire which produces spiritual illumination. Once we have kindled this Divine Fire in our hearts and have heard the Inner Voice we have begun to let our Light shine before men, and one result should be to purify and heal our bodies and our minds and make more transparent the "walls" which hide the Flame from view. Our great desire should be for this Holy Fire to burn more brightly and shine more widely, no matter how outer conditions may change.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Adeste Fideles. 49.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels.

CHORUS:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Our Christ, the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten,
Not created.

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest.

Yea Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Christ, to Thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.

Amen

A trumpet call to the Divine in man to come forth into expression in a joyful recognition of the birth of the Christ-consciousness in the heart. An exultant and universal response of the human heart to a realization of the birth of the Christ within. This is always a virgin birth, born immaculately—that is, without stain—in the heart.

HARK THE GLAD SOUND

Bristol. 47

Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long:
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,
And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes, from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray,
And on the eyes oppressed with night
To pour celestial day.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure:
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim:
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

Amen

A glad recognition of the coming of the great World Teacher, the Christ manifested as an Avatar. The spiritual radiance of this Presence is already streaming down upon mankind and as it is realized it dissolves and clears the films of vice from our minds and auras, as well as comforts the sorrowing and discouraged and makes all rejoice at the nearness of the Coming. If we listen we will hear the glad sound echoing in our hearts, and if we diligently prepare Him room He will enter in and dwell with us and then all the promises will be fulfilled:

MYSTIC! DOST THOU SEE THEM

St. Andrew of Crete. 81

Mystic! dost thou see them
On the holy ground,
How the powers of darkness
Rage thy steps around?
Mystic, up and smite them,
Counting gain but loss;
In the strength that cometh
By the Holy Cross.

Mystic! dost thou feel them,
How they work within,
Striving, tempting, luring,
Goading into sin?
Mystic! never tremble;
Never be downcast;
Gird thee for the battle,
Watch and pray and fast.

Mystic! dost thou hear them,
How they speak thee fair?
"Always fast and vigil?
Always watch and prayer?"
Mystic! answer boldly:
"While I breathe I pray!"
Peace shall follow battle,
Night shall end in day.

"Well I know thy trouble,
O My servant true;
Thou art often weary,
I was weary too;
But that toil shall make thee
Some day all Mine own,
And the end of sorrow
Shall be near My throne."

Amen

This inspired hymn gives a correct picture of the astral conditions surrounding the Aspirant as he strives to leave behind him the old life of self-indulgence and gratification of the senses and determines to respond no longer to his old thought creations which look to him for their life. This is the Path trodden by all who have attained, hence we have not only their love and sympathy, but all the power of their achievements to aid us if we will call upon it.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Mendelssohn. 51

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!

Chorus:

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King.
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Risen with healing in His wings,
Light and life to all He brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Amen

This hymn celebrates not the birth of any Great Teacher, but the birth of the Christ-Consciousness in every heart, at which the angels rejoice. It is the manifestation of this Spiritual Sun that gives to man his "second birth," brings healing, regeneration and ultimately overcomes death. Hence the joy of those in the higher realms whenever they see this birth take place in the hearts of men.

Bethlehem meaning literally the "House of Bread" is the mystic center in the heart in which the Christ is born and from which the inner self is fed. It is also the mystic East.

ALLELUIA!

Victory. 121

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shout of holy joy outburst,

Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell,
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell!

Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia!

Amen

Alleluia is a word of invocation handed down to us from the magical ceremonies of the early rites. Hence it is a mantram of great occult and mystic power.

This hymn is one of rejoicing after the tests and trials of Initiation which every Aspirant for the Divine Life must pass ere his great illumination. The power by which all those tests are passed and conquered is the power of the Cosmic Christ-force. Hence at this stage of advance this is the universal experience of all Aspirants in all lands and in all ages.

OUR FATHER'S GOD

America. 196

Our father's God to Thee,
Author of Liberty,
To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

Bless Thou our native land!
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

For her our prayer shall rise
To God, above the skies;
On Him we wait;
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the State!

Amen

This hymn is a recognition of the guidance of the Divine in the founding of our country and the enunciation of the principles for which it stands.

It is also an invocation that our worldly success and mechanical advances shall not make us forget that to which all is due and that we may remain as responsive to the inspiration of the higher and spiritual ideals as were the fathers of our country.

HARK! HARK! MY SOUL

Pilgrim. 398

Hark! hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling
O'er earth's green fields, and ocean's wave-beat shore;
How sweet the truth those blessed strains are telling
Of that new life when sin shall be no more!

CHORUS:

Angels of heaven,
Angels of light,
Singing to welcome
The pilgrims of the night.

Onward we go, for still we hear them singing,
"Come, weary souls, for Jesus bids you come;"
And through the dark, its echoes sweetly ringing,
The music of the Gospel leads us home.

Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea,
And laden souls by thousands meekly stealing,
King Shepherd, turning their weary steps to Thee.

Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary,
The day must dawn, and darksome night be past;
Faith's journeys end in welcome to the weary,
And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last.

Angels! sing on! your faithful watches keeping;
Sing us sweet fragments of the songs above;
Till morning's joy shall end the night of weeping,
And life's long shadows break in cloudless love.

Amen

This hymn distinctly accepts and states the doctrine of conscious spiritual intelligences (angels) in the higher realms. It also affirms the possibility of man's conscious communion with them and their power to inspire, comfort and help him in his times of trial. In fact the great message of Jesus was to awaken mankind from the delusion of identifying himself with the outer life—from which springs sorrow and suffering—to a realization of the higher spiritual forces and the desirability of communicating and identifying himself with them.

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Autumn. 414

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Open now the crystal fountains
Whence the living waters flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.

Feed me with the heavenly manna
In this barren wilderness;
Be my sword, and shield, and banner,
Be the Lord my Righteousness.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Amen

A realization of the comparative insignificance of the power of the personality and an invocation to the Divine Self for strength and guidance. Also a recognition that our spiritual food comes from heaven like the manna of Israel and that only through putting on the whole armor of God—spiritual powers—can we conquer.

Jordan symbolizing the river of psychic force separating the two worlds, only through the power of the Christ can we cross it consciously in safety without passing through the gates of death.

LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT

Lux Benigna. 423

Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on:
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet! I do not ask to see.
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day; and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Amen

Another recognition of the Divine Light within to illumine our path no matter how dark the way. This is a state of consciousness reached only after we have given up the life of following the desires of the personality with its pride, vanity and selfishness. Once having had this realization, no matter what further earth conditions we are called upon to pass through, we know that the moment we turn our consciousness within we can greet our angel friends and receive the spiritual Light.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

Coronation. 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's Rod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, the Heir of David's line,
Whom David, Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine!
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
Before Him prostrate fall!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Amen

A name should be an expression of the innate qualities of the thing named. Hence the name of Jesus invokes all the powers of the coming Christ. Also the repetition of this name as an invocation throughout the ages has of itself generated a tremendous power of thought, aspiration and devotion, all of which are tapped by this hymn. Hence it can bring both blessing and protection when thus used.

PLEASANT ARE THY COURTS ABOVE

St. George's Windsor. 489

Pleasant are Thy courts above
In the land of life and love;
Pleasant are Thy courts below
In this land of sin and woe.
O my spirit longs and faints
For the converse of Thy saints,
For the brightness of Thy face,
For Thy fulness, God of grace!

Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy altars, O Most High!
Happier souls that find a rest
In a heavenly Father's breast!
Like the wandering dove, that found
No repose on earth around,
They can to Thine ark repair
And enjoy it ever there.

Happy souls! their praises flow
Ever as towards Thee they go;
Waters in the desert rise,
Manna feeds them from the skies:
On they go from strength to strength
Till they reach Thy throne at length,
At Thy feet adoring fall,
Who hast led them safe through all.

Lord, be mine this prize to win;
Guide me through a world of sin;
Keep me by Thy saving grace;
Give me at Thy side a place.
Sun and shield alike Thou art;
Guide and guard my erring heart.
Grace and glory flow from Thee;
Shower, O shower them, Lord, on me!

Amen

It is a mystic fact that no matter how sordid and inharmonious the "courts" of our physical conditions, they can be made pleasant if we dwell in the higher consciousness of the Divine within instead of in the consciousness of outer conditions. In other words, we should strive to let our inner love and harmony manifest, no matter what the outer conditions. Thus will we learn the lessons out of the hard conditions and as we do so we will outgrow them and they will change for the better. To attain this, however, we must rely upon the divine guidance from within.

THE CHURCH HAS ONE FOUNDATION

Aurelia. 491

The Church's one foundation
The Mystic Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one Faith, one Birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest;
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult and of war
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Amen

A church is an aggregation of people having like ideas of religious worship. The Church of Christ therefore embraces all who are seeking the Mystic Christ within and endeavoring to manifest it in their lives; "the elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth". A cardinal doctrine of this great Church is the "mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won" so universally experienced in all lands and in all ages.

ONWARD, MYSTICS, ONWARD GO!

Racine. 506

Oft in danger, oft in woe,
Onward mystics, onward go,
Fight the fight, maintain the strife,
Strengthened with the Bread of Life.

Let your drooping hearts be glad:
March in heavenly armor clad:
Fight, nor think the battle long,
Soon shall victory tune your song.

Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears your course impede,
Great your strength, if great your need.

Onward then to battle move,
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Mystic soldiers, onward go.

Amen

The pacifist idea of peace as a cessation of effort, struggle and fighting for higher ideals has no place in the life of the sincere aspirant for spiritual attainment, for "the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." In other words, it is only by repeated and persistent effort that we conquer the selfish tendencies of the animal soul and train it to become the obedient servant of the Higher Self.

But in all our efforts and struggles we can rely absolutely on the heavenly powers for aid in guidance, strength and protection.

THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR

All Saints. 507

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar,
Who follows in His train?

Who best can drink his cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain;
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in His train.

A noble army: men and boys,
The matron and the maid;
Upon the earth with songs rejoice,
In robes of Light arrayed.

They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
Through peril, toil and pain:
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train.

Amen

Again the idea that spiritual attainment is gained only through great personal effort, persistent and courageous striving. Those who have attained leave behind them a trail of glory, the emanations of their victorious achievements, which aids all who correlate with them by following in their steps.

WORK, FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING

Diligence. 583

Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours;
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work 'mid springing flowers;
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man's work is done.

Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the sunny noon;
Fill brightest hours with labour,
Rest comes sure and soon:
Give every flying moment
Something to keep in store:
Work, for the night is coming,
When man works no more.

Work, for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work, for daylight flies:
Work, till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more:
Work, while the night is darkening,
When man's work is o'er.

Amen

Here we have clearly set forth the doctrine of action; of efficiency; of meeting and settling each problem and event as it is presented.

It also refers to the fact that the Soul has its day-periods when all goes well and to conquer and be joyous is easy, but followed by night-periods when we seem to be thrown back on our strength; on the growth we have made during the day periods. This will explain many periods when we are depressed and seem deserted. But we are no more deserted than is the earth by the sun when night comes. It is a time for rest and assimilation.

LORD, FOREVER AT THY SIDE

Weber. 649

Lord, forever at Thy side
Let my place and portion be:
Strip me of the robe of pride,
Clothe me with humility.

Gladly may my soul receive,
All Thy spirit hath revealed;
Thou hast spoken; I believe,
Though the oracle be sealed.

Humble as a little child,
Weaned from the mother's breast,
By no subtleties beguiled,
On Thy faithful word I rest.

Seekers now and evermore,
In the Mystic Christ we trust;
Him, in all His ways, adore,
Wise, and wonderful, and just.

Amen

A hymn of aspiration, placing the mind and heart in a receptive attitude in which it can be fed by the heavenly forces. "By no subtleties beguiled" guards the Soul against the illusions, flattery and temptations from the astral world to which the sensitive is exposed but from which he is protected by a firm determination to respond to nothing but truth, and by a quiet and confident reliance on the Lord or the Great Sun of Divine Love.

THIS IS A DAY OF LIGHT

Swabia. 28

This is a day of Light;
Let there be Light today;
O Day-spring rise upon our night,
And chase its gloom away.

This is a day of rest:
Our failing strength renew;
On weary brain and troubled breast
Shed Thou Thy freshening dew.

This is a day of peace:
Thy peace our spirits fill;
Bid Thou the blasts of discord cease,
The waves of strife be still.

This is the day of prayer:
Let earth to heaven draw near:
Lift up our hearts to know Thee there;
Come down to meet us here.

This is the First of days:
Send forth Thy quickening breath,
And wake dead souls to love and praise,
O Vanquisher of death.

Amen

A reference to the various moods and phases of growth in the mystic life, a recognition of which enables us to comprehend and meet them understandingly and thus take advantage of their lessons, relying through all upon the Divine Light within for comfort, strength and peace.

REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS

Greenland. 43

Rejoice, rejoice believers!
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
And soon He will draw nigh;
Up! pray, watch and wrestle!
At midnight comes the cry.
See that your lamps are burning;
Replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation,
The end of sin and toil.
The watchers on the mountain
Proclaim the Bridegroom near,
Go meet Him as He cometh,
With allelulias clear.
O wise and holy virgins,
Now raise your voices higher,
Until in songs of triumph
Ye meet the angel choir.
The marriage feast is waiting,
The gates wide open stand;
Up, up, ye heirs of glory!
The Bridegroom is at hand.
Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for,
O'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead O Lord to see
The day of earth's redemption,
And ever be with Thee!

Amen

A hymn of the deepest mysticism.

A song of rejoicing at the realization of the nearness of the Second Coming, the approach of the Avatar or the Bridegroom. It also reminds us of the necessity of preparing our hearts to receive and correlate with Him as well as being vigilant in our expectation and receptivity to his herald forces.

I NEED THEE EV'RY HOUR

Need. 602

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

Chorus:

I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Saviour
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour;
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power,
When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee ev'ry hour;
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

Amen

A recognition that some power beyond that of the human personality—the power of the Christ within—is needed to carry us safely through the trials and temptations to be faced and conquered on the Path to Mastery. It is only this Divine Christ-power within that can be our Saviour, and only as we rely upon it and allow it to manifest can we be saved; saved from the suffering and sorrow resulting from our rebellion or our misunderstanding and misdirected efforts.

ABIDE WITH ME

Benediction. 12

Abide with me: fast falls the even tide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help with the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day:
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Amen

In this hymn the unchanging nature of Divine Love and Divine Law is recognized, and the comfort and cheer to be realized in times of depression and darkness by turning to that Love and relying upon that Law. If we abide in this realization "ills have no weight and tears no bitterness," for we see them all as lessons whose learning results in steps in soul growth.

NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE

Bethany. 344

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee,
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Though like a wanderer,
Weary and lone,
Darkness comes over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

There let my way appear
Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Altars I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Amen

A wonderful hymn of aspiration for oneness with the Divine; the goal of the Mystic Life. It is also a recognition that it is by passing through the crucifixion of the Christ within entailed by our mistakes, and by a balancing of conditions, that we are raised from our lower states of consciousness into the higher. Through these experiences we see that if mastered all have really been "steps unto heaven. . . . in mercy given," and that all the time the *spiritual helpers* beckoning, encouraging and aiding us.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

Nicea. 383

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky,
and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Amen

A hymn of adoration and joy having a most powerful effect as an invocation. Even though the eye of sinful man may not see the descent of the glory invoked it can be distinctly felt with a thrill of awe and adoration by every sensitive nature. A hymn of really magical power.

ROCK OF AGES

Larson.

Toplady. 336

Rock of Ages, truth divine,
Strong foundation ever mine;
Safe, secure, I here remain,
Free from evil, sin and pain.
Living ever in the right,
Fixed on high with souls of light.

On the rock of truth I stand,
Destiny at my command,
Filled with power from on high,
Boundless good forever nigh;
Far above the world of wrong,
Safe with truth, so firm and strong.

Every height in truth's domain,
I shall reach and thus obtain,
Every wish within my heart,
For no blessing can depart.
All the good is ever mine,
On the rock of truth divine.

Amen

Standing on the rock of Truth we rest secure, knowing that our future depends upon our manifestation of that Truth. By using this power from on high our power for good is boundless. The power of Truth divine is the rock upon which all religion is built.

BENEDICTION

Bayley, 314

Father, give thy benediction,
Fill our hearts with truth's conviction,
Give thy peace before we part;
Calm with trust each anxious heart.
Let thy voice with sweet commanding
Bid our griefs and struggles end,
Peace which passeth understanding,
On our waiting spirits send.

Amen

HEALING VERSE

(To follow the Healing Service.)

Hursley, 11

Watch by the sick, enrich the poor
With blessings from thy boundless store.
Be every mourner's sleep tonight,
Like infants slumbers, pure and light.

Amen

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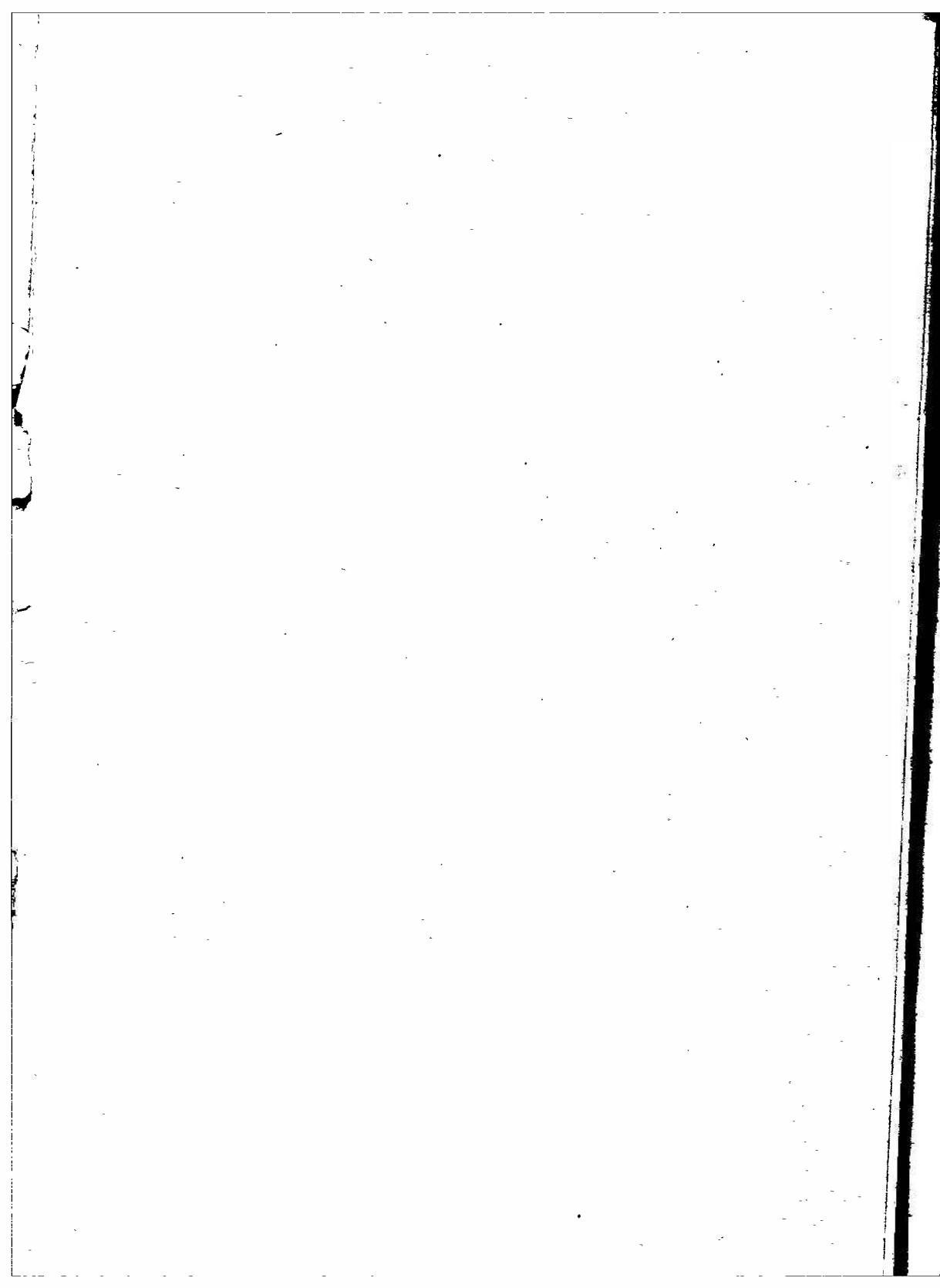
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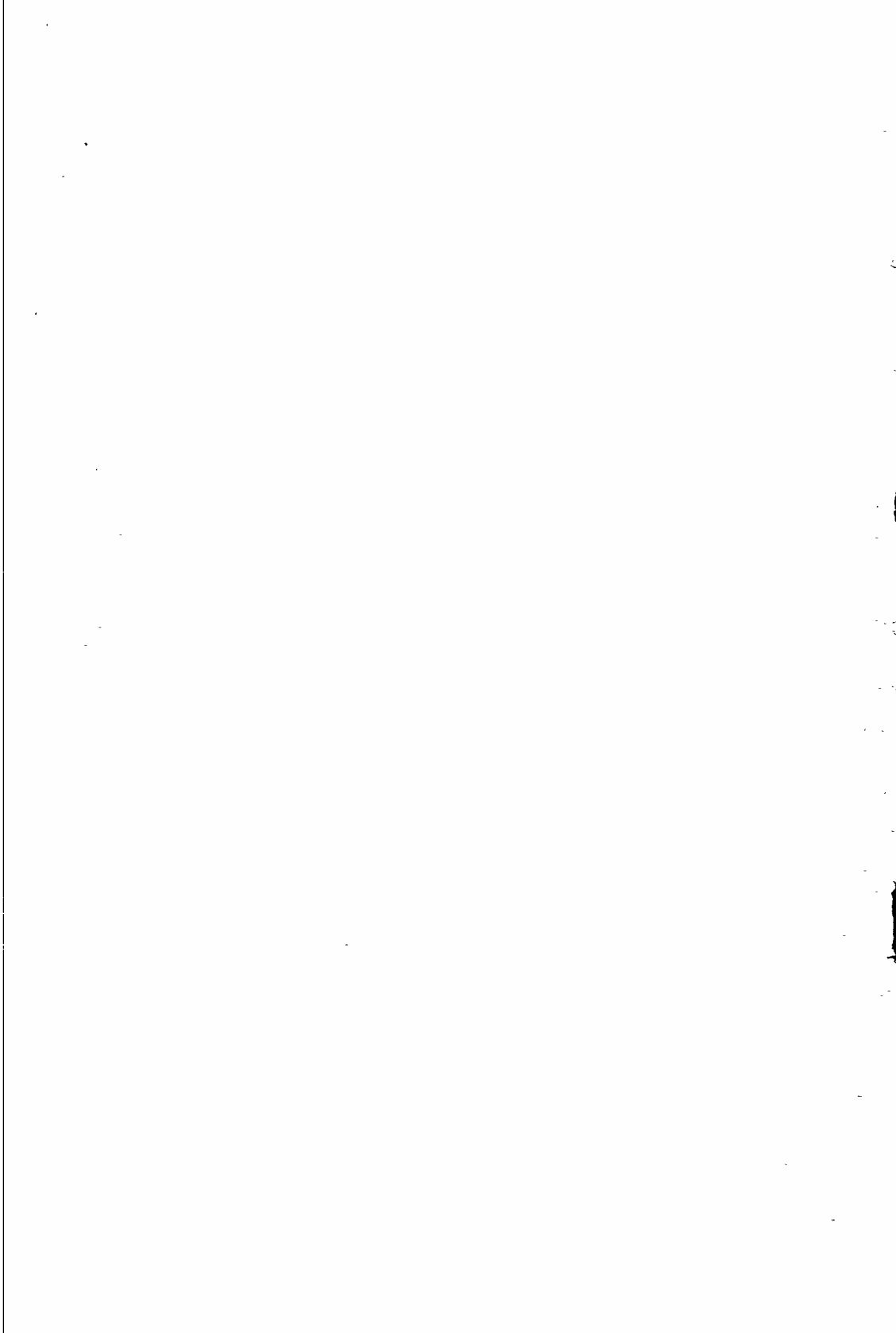
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