

IT ON TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS; AND THENCE IT RETURNS TO . . .

WIDE—SPREADING UNIVERSES POURS FORTH INFINITE LOVE UPON

DESIDERATA--A PERSONAL  
REVISION

Go placidly amid the noise and haste of daily life, while you remember that there is a peace that passeth understanding, and the possibility for it is always within you. As far as possible without surrender, be on good terms with all persons, and fail not to claim for yourself the bountiful rewards of joy and love that come from going the second mile with your brothers and sisters who trod this earthly path with you. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; there is no need to shout, for truth stands of its own, like a small, still voice that says: "This is the way, walk therein." And listen to others, even the dull and ignorant--they may not be as dull and ignorant as first supposed.

Keep interested in your career, however humble. It is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise wisdom and judgement in your business affairs, for the world has not yet learned that that which is most valuable cannot be bought and sold. Mistake not, though, for there are many who strive for divine ideals, those who will not trade their birthright as faith-sons of the Most High for a mere mess of porridge. Dare to believe in heroes, and dare to be one.

Be yourself. There is more within you than you could ever imagine. Do not feign affection, neither be cynical about love. Give it freely, and receive it graciously, for God hath decreed that love is the greatest reality in all the grand universe.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings; many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. When the dark clouds of fear and doubt gather overhead, seek for the clear and central shining of that faith which triumphantly declares: "Even if I cannot do this, there lives in me the good spirit of the Almighty who can and will do it."

You are indeed a child of the universe. Far more than the trees

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and the stars, there is a high and noble purpose in you being here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding according to the plans of an all-wise and loving Creator.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And if your mind does not serve you well in this great quest for the Eternal, despair not that God is always infinitely more than your thoughts can discover, but rest with assurance that He is never less than your closest friend and spirit Father.

The kingdom of Heaven is within you, said the Master, and if you would enter it, you must become as a little child, trusting, open, and willing for new discoveries. And having entered, you will know, and you will be known, for by this men shall know that you are my disciples--He said, that you love and serve one another, even as I have loved you.

Have faith. Be of good cheer. And be patient; whether you be eighteen or eighty, God isn't finished with you yet. Great things lie in store for all of us in time and eternity.

Charles Royce Arterburn

ALL MANKIND; WE EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE AS WE PASS

## Desiderata

**D**o placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. ☞ As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. ☞ Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. ☞ If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. ☞ Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. ☞ Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. ☞ But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. ☞ Especially, do not feign affection. ☞ Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. ☞ Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. ☞ But do not distress yourself with imaginings. ☞ Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. ☞ Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. ☞ And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. ☞ Be careful. ☞ Strive to be happy.