

Messages

I have something important to tell you, something a good voice would have you know – about your importance in life and how the children of the future look to you to take bold action on their behalf.

Whether you are inclined to believe that what I have to offer comes from God or my own imagination is of no matter. All I ask is that you listen to what I have to say with an open heart and mind. If you do, I promise you will sense something infinitely loving speaking in plain voice. I believe it to be God's voice.

To truly hear what I have to say, it's not necessary that you believe in a higher power, or if you do, that you visualize It in any particular way. The words I use simply reflect how God's voice comes to me. It comes as my Father, and so I refer to (Him) respectfully in that way. There is no demand that you see or relate to Him as I do. The message remains the same. And if you don't believe in God at all, at least not yet, that's also of no matter. It's not my purpose to convince you otherwise. As you will see, what I have to share isn't as much about God as about us, and about you.

Today mankind faces issues far more complex than those of the past. These involve not only war and peace, and life and death, but the creation of life.

We've created a world of stark moral and ethical inconsistencies. Just as we strive to create human life through alternative means we put the living and the unborn to death and allow many more to die needlessly from hunger and curable illnesses. At the same time, those who claim to know God discriminate, exclude and kill for His sake or for their religion. As disturbingly, many among us acknowledge nothing greater than themselves and no time frame of importance beyond that of their own brief lives.

This shortsightedness is incompatible with the gravity of the issues that confront us. It demonstrates that we are not prepared to make critical, far-reaching decisions - unless we first come to understand our responsibilities in life and recognize the importance of our individual roles in the stream of human existence.

In light of this, I ask that you imagine yourself surrounded by all the children of the future. Understand that their hopes are vested in you. You have an important role to play - one that might begin now by listening to something that offers purpose in life and calls you to action to help create a better existence for everyone.

Once you've heard all that I have to say, perhaps you will join me in striving to touch the hearts and minds of others to intervene on behalf of future generations. I hope that's the case. If it is, you can be certain it was God's voice you heard lifting mine. And you can be sure others will hear that same good voice inspiring yours.

The First Message

When the first message came, it did so three times as if to assure not a single word would be forgotten. And, not a single word changed. This, my Father made clear.

"But, before sharing the message," He said, "you must first ask a question of those to whom you would give it."

"What question?" I asked.

"This. Are you a person of great faith? For only those of great faith can hear the message."

"And then, say that a son comes to reclaim his Father's house."

Are you a person of great faith? This question is a warning for it asserts that merely listening to the message is not enough. You must be of great faith to *hear* it. Indeed, this is the only one of my messages that does rely on faith. In order to know the son, you must know the Father.

For many this message will speak of no more than unfounded religious fervor and, perhaps, false hope for a messiah. For others it will proclaim the arrival of a brother in the belief that we are all children of God. It will be clear to them that the son is a chosen vessel sent to accomplish a specific mission and to remind us that we are neither alone nor forgotten. Whoever, whatever this son is or may become, whether he is a metaphor for a man or a woman, he represents something new that will stand in no shadow, yet hold all that came before in clear sight.

What is this "house" the message speaks of? It is not of wood, brick or stone; it is nothing of Man's construction. Rather, this house is a sacred place that supersedes all others, one built of flesh and blood. We are His house. It is through each of us that God expresses Himself in the world.

We must, however, see this house for what it is - troubled, worn by generations of neglect, and damaged by storms of hatred, violence and corruption. God has waited for us to restore it but we have neglected to take on the task. Now, He would reclaim it through an envoy - not for His own sake but for ours and that of all future generations.

Reclamation will be a painful process – one of turmoil, strife, and unrelenting hard work. It will be met with great resistance – from those anchored in the material world, those devoid of faith, and those so steeped in dogma that they cannot hear God's voice over the clamor of their own.

Despite this, God does not seek to tear away the foundation of His House in order to rebuild it. He will not supplant the basic good we've been taught and know of Him, but will build upon it. He asks simply that we *renew* our understanding of Him - hear His voice as if for the first time. And in the hearing discover what we search for but can not find – an understanding of our place and role in all things, the context for our lives.

The Great War

We are a house at war – both among one another and *within* ourselves.

We wage war impulsively and technologically – reducing it to a gruesome spectator sport for most. Images of war are turned off and on at will as we float between fascination and indifference. War's rhetoric has evolved to short bits of sound that impart little understanding, its face to censored snapshots, and the number of casualties to a matter of opinion. Most sadly, we are encouraged to war under various pretexts – only to find our enthusiasm sours when loved ones are lost.

Such wars, however, are no more than a symptom of a far more monstrous struggle – one that began the moment humanity took its first breath, and will continue until it breathes its last. This great war surrounds and involves every one of us. Its casualties confront us each and every day. Yet, we barely recognize it.

Look around you. See its signs in every act of hate and violence, each cruel word and every head that turns from the pain and suffering of others. Hear its voice in the rhetoric of both clergy and laymen who promote division and exclusion, or incite righteous war - sometimes in the name of a loving God.

Find the great war's victims among the homeless, the ill who can be cured but are not, the hungry, the abandoned, the murdered, and those who will never be born. All suffer the consequences of our ill will, lack of love, tolerance and understanding, and our neglect. Perhaps you count *yourself* among these unfortunate souls.

The motivations for waging this war come as no surprise – pride, anger, hate, fear, greed, indifference and ignorance. They stand arrogantly behind each cruel thought and word, each horrific act, and each expression of apathy toward the suffering of others. And the prize – nothing other than the degradation of life and the human spirit for we are the enemy - and the victims.

The place from which this war springs lies both within and outside each of us. Just as many believe God speaks to us in countless ways, so do we hear other, darker voices. Whether the voices of our leaders and others around us, or intangible facets of our own minds, they speak subtly by playing upon our hopes, fears and desires. They communicate emotionally and often without clear reason. And we listen - and all too often act on what they tell us.

The voices of good move us to the most inspiring works of creativity, kindness and giving - the darker voices to indifference and acts of cruelty, killing and destruction. We may be creatures of free will, but we are not free from influence on the choices we make.

What future generations come to know will be based on what we teach them and the world we bequeath them. Will you teach them self-degradation or something more? Will you leave them a better world than you found, or only what remains when you have finished with it? Must we resign ourselves only to hoping our children will act responsibly, or shall we set an example by doing so? If you were among the yet to be born, what would you have us do?

If you believe we need to pave a better path, then you must engage yourself in the great war. Whether you do this on a field as broad as the Earth, within your own family, or within yourself, the outcome is no less critical. You may not change the world, but you may inspire others who might. You have an important role to play.

Purpose

After a time I began to doubt my Father's voice. So I devised the most difficult question I could devise – one to which I thought would come no answer.

“Tell me Father, what is the purpose of my life?”

And without hesitation, He replied, “*To write your name.*”

He *had* been listening, and had provided a profound response intended for anyone wishing to lead a meaningful life.

When you write your name, you do so with your own unique style - perhaps with a bold stroke, or with a light and delicate sweep. But in putting pen to paper, the result is no more than an impression with no intrinsic value – until it is read.

Your name lives only when someone speaks it. It takes on meaning only in the hearts and minds of others. Your impact on those around you is the true test of your value in life. Measure yourself not in terms of material wealth or position, but in terms of your positive effect on others. If you write your name well, those around you and those to follow may not only speak it, but embody it.

Accomplishing this does not demand a life sacrificed in unending self-deprivation for others. Life is meant to be a joyous experience. All God asks is that you invest not only in your own welfare but in that of others – most of all children and future generations. He asks simply that you write your name with a hand guided by love, and a pen that flows with the free giving of yourself – and find your life fuller and richer in the doing.

Such demonstration of love *is* the single purpose for our lives. When we love, we write our names well. To do this you have but to recognize need in others, for love is a work of many means.

Too many of us live in the absence of purpose, passing time indulging in life's pleasures and accumulating material wealth - realizing too late that little of real value remains when we are gone. Too many of us view our lives as isolated, independent events unrelated to the lives of others. We wander devoid of purpose; accepting little responsibility either for what is, or what will be. You waste your life if you follow this path.

Adopt a broader perspective. View your life in context with the long and infinite chain that is the life of Man. Understand that you are not a single being but many. You are the product of all that came before, and the foundation for all to follow. You embody your predecessors both in substance and in spirit, just as your successors will embody you. They are your one true legacy and the imperishable treasure that remains when you are gone.

When you place yourself first and foremost in all things, you squander and degrade your birthright as a child of God. You reduce yourself from a vital link in a long chain to a visitor in life that leaves no lasting impression. You write your name in the weakest of inks - and it fades quickly with time.

Can there be any role greater than connecting the past with the future? Life is meant to be the most wonderful of experiences. Life doesn't just happen - it's given – *but given with purpose.*

The reclamation of God's house begins with a lifelong act of penmanship – the writing of your own name.

Responsibility

When you fulfill your purpose in life, you do so in terms of love and giving with the welfare of others in mind. You demonstrate an understanding of your *place* in life – that you are the product of all that came before and the foundation for all to follow; an important link in a long chain - a vital part of a greater whole.

In this connection with others, you know there is no greater purpose in living, no more meaningful investment in time, energy and resources than to help prepare the way for those around you, especially children and those to come. And you know that there's no better defense in the great struggle against the degradation of Man than to act aggressively to strengthen and preserve your fellow men and women. *You* are responsible for them.

You cannot write your name boldly and indelibly in life *without* recognizing and accepting this responsibility. If you choose otherwise, your contemporaries and successors will bear the burden of your negligence just as we endure the failings of our predecessors and those around us – war and violence, murder, hunger, homelessness, and loneliness. You must do your part to eliminate these conditions now and into the future. Preparing the path for others demonstrates your love for God, for you can't truly love and honor Him otherwise.

If you accept responsibility for others, then you must firmly believe that all people are your people, and that all children are your children. Their well-being is your charge, wherever you may encounter need. This is no trivial undertaking for it means you will not allow a child to go unloved, the hungry unfed, or the sick untreated. You will not permit a person without shelter to remain exposed, you will not ignore a cry of loneliness, nor will you allow a person to perish who might be saved. You must claim those in need as your own - just as God claims you as His.

Do the smallest thing and it will not go unnoticed. Make the least difference and it will be acknowledged. Perform the slightest act of kindness and God will be grateful. Engage in the faintest act of love, and you will be loved.

Do not be discouraged by the difficulty of what is asked. You are vested with God's strength and have the power to perform miracles. Do not call upon Him to do that which you are unwilling to do. Rather, demonstrate to others that what may seem insurmountable *can* be conquered.

Above all, to be successful remove the doubt and fear which can bar you from God's path and your good work. Doubt is a barrier to faith. You may doubt God, but you must not doubt the virtue of His way. *Believe first in what He would have you do.* Then, rest assured He waits along that good path if you seek Him.

As for fear, eliminate it within yourself. It is a barrier to action that can deter even those of great strength and faith. Recognize its many faces – fear of material loss, physical harm, failure, and ridicule – fear of taking a courageous step.

Seek encouragement and strength not from those who reject God's path, but from those who follow it along with you. Find your courage among them and let it grow with each step you take. Seek them out and you will find they are many.

And, remember always that your comrades in travel along the good path, however silent and invisible they may seem, are with you. And God, however you may envision Him, is at your side.

Along His path, you will never travel alone.

Simple Rules

God's path is one based on love and respect – a path bound only by two simple rules that help steer a steady and true course through life. They are the foundation upon which all else rests.

The first: *To love one another.*

And the second: *To act according to God's Law - and not in His name.*

These rules are exquisitely simple, yet all-encompassing. They neither mention the countless wrongs we might commit, nor any punishment for having done so. They rely on the idea that in understanding what lies along the good path; we will surely recognize what does not.

In most holy books, there is much said about God's laws (perhaps too much) – and inevitably Man's laws. The two have become almost inextricably tangled and we have lost sight of what is truly God's. Discernment, however, requires little more than recognizing God's voice.

Hear it as you consider the first rule – to love one another.

What does this mean? It means that you will not seek to kill, for in killing you destroy not only life but generations. You will not bear false witness to harm another. You will not usurp that which is not yours. You will honor others, as you would have them honor you. And, that you will respect the gift of life in all things.

While not explicitly stated in the rule of love, all is clearly demanded in its application. None of this is new. Indeed you may dismiss what I say simply because you have heard it all before. But, have you incorporated it into your life. Do you live it? In reminding you of this simple rule, God asks that you integrate it into all you do for you cannot fulfill your purpose otherwise.

I've spoken of love for one another, but what of love for God? Simply, there is no greater demonstration of love for Him than an expression of love for others. He would have you bend your heart toward another before bending a knee in worship to Him. Demonstrate your love for God through good thoughts, words and deeds.

He would have you worship no images for He has no face, and no single name. Rather, look for Him in the faces of everyone you encounter and in all good things - and know that He is called by many good names. Seek Him in all creation, in the hearts and minds of your fellow men and women, and above all, seek Him within yourself.

He would have you come together to celebrate your faith for in doing so your love for one another is strengthened and increased. And, remember always that the only ritual of true importance is the practice of love.

Call Him what you choose, celebrate your faith according to your traditions, but practice in all things according to the simple rule of love. Above all, recognize that those who follow His path are one people - and one with Him - as He is one with you. Be united in God – and not divided by your vision of Him.

As with God's first rule, the second is also very simple. It asserts and reminds us that no man or woman sits at the head of His table: act according to His Law and not in His name.

Throughout history and in the present day, God's good words have been corrupted with the self-serving words of Man. Indeed, we have imposed and continue to inflict great wrongs upon one another because of such words. Worst of all we have done so in God's name as if we are somehow empowered to inflict punishment or exact vengeance on His behalf. This practice is immoral and offensive not only to those who truly follow God's path, but to God Himself.

Recognizing the corruption of God's words requires that we distinguish His voice from Man's. Look for the signs. Recognize them in all who would subvert God's words to their own purposes, seek to impose God's will upon others, advocate hate, inflict harm, subjugate one person to another, incite violence, or exploit others.

Reject any person or cause that would discriminate among the family of Man or seek to exclude some from God's grace for there are no outcasts from God's family. All are equal, and all are loved equally.

Test the words you hear and actions you observe against God's simple rules and you will find the truth. His Law is absolute and knows no exception. If you know what is right and good, you will surely recognize wrong.

As for the practices and laws of Man, they are the affair of Man. These must not, however, violate God's Law which rules over the heart and mind. Our own laws govern only practice. If our hearts and minds follow God's path, then surely our practices and laws will as well. Reject any effort or law of Man that seeks to infringe upon God's domain.

God is the good wind that blows across our lives. He guides us toward meeting our highest potential through simple rules – asking only that we do our best to make them the foundation for our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so we demonstrate our determination to do what is right – and so we bend with the good wind - and follow His path to fulfilling our purpose.

The Gift of Life

Despite my Father's good messages, I grew troubled and confused. I could not understand why a God of such love would cause or condone the endless infliction of suffering and death.

So I called to Him. "Father, why do you permit atrocities against the innocent?"

And He replied, "*Do I commit such acts - or does Man?*"

Then, after a brief pause He asked, "*Will any fewer be dead in a thousand years?*"

The first part of His response is clear. The atrocities that offend us are self-inflicted. While we often take extraordinary steps to avert single acts of violence and destruction, we fail in the more difficult task of convincing ourselves that such behavior is unacceptable. God waits impatiently for us to learn this important lesson. Until that time, self-destructiveness will remain mankind's curse - and its own severe punishment.

There is little doubt that we as a people abhor and fear death. Why is it then that we glorify killing? We associate greatness with wars and victories; we exalt war heroes without recognizing any contradiction in the term. Killing is condoned and encouraged in the rhetoric of our leaders, the passivity of our clergy, and in our support for allegedly righteous wars. All the while, our children watch – and learn that killing is indeed permissible behavior. It becomes engrained in their minds. And we lose sight of the fact that death is the inevitable result of killing - ultimately standing aghast when a loved ones become victims.

We are inconsistent in our approach to killing because we have failed to adopt a single, clear code to live by – God's simple Law. It should come as no surprise then that many of those who cry out in favor of protecting the unborn are equally vocal in support of capital punishment and war. Under such conditions, we cannot and will not know lasting peace and we condemn future generations to suffer the same fate. We will continue to kill and, perhaps, even hold God responsible for what we ourselves have done.

After William Sloan Coffin's son died when his automobile ran off a bridge, he said this in a sermon:

"God is dead set against all unnatural deaths...The one thing that should never be said when someone dies is "It is the will of God." Never do we know enough to say that. My own consolation lies in knowing that it was not the will of God that [my son] die; that when the waves closed over the sinking car, God's heart was the first of all our hearts to break."

The same can be said of our war dead and all those lost through acts of violence. Surely God's heart is the first to break when a person is killed. We must come to understand that God does not deem His greatest gift an experience to be either cut short or spent in suffering. And so we must ask ourselves why we hold this gift in so little esteem – especially when it comes to lives other than our own.

Death is not pleasing to God. He takes no pleasure in it nor does He seek it. He places value not in death, but in the active pursuit of His path in life. Only in life can you fulfill your purpose. Only in life can you write your name.

It is a grievous reality that many people view pain, suffering and death as cleansing paths to God. Do not make that error. Do not seek to demonstrate your love for Him through the infliction of suffering or death upon others or yourself, but through adherence to His Law, service to your fellow men and women, and the protection of life.

Do not aspire to come closer to God in death if you spurn His path in life. You will not find in darkness what you did not seek in the light. Rather, rejoice in knowing that He is near you now, and you have only to follow His path to find Him.

But what of the question – *will any fewer be dead in a thousand years?*

At first this seems callous. But after careful thought His message becomes clear. It is a certainty that all those born will die. War, murder and destruction do no more than change the manner of death – not the fact of it. But, what of life and the *manner of life*? In the absence of killing how many more might live? How many would be born of those whose lives are cut short? And, in the absence of killing, how much better might life be for all? With His question, God focuses our attention on matters of *life and living* rather than death and dying.

We must understand that each life is an important link in a long chain. The destruction of a single person can mark a holocaust as the human cord grows weaker with each thread cut from it. In God's eternal view, no fewer will have died during the passing of a thousand years but how many generations might have been born of the murdered? There lies the tragedy.

God reminds us that the choice to protect what we claim to love most is ours alone. Only when we truly respect life in everyone and see them as part of ourselves - our family - will we finally reject killing. Only then will murder and war disappear from our vocabulary, and that of our children. And only then will we truly be able to appreciate God's gift to each of us – life itself.

Hate, Violence and War

If we are to preserve the sanctity of life, we must preclude the birth of violence and war. These are not creatures born of themselves. Violence and war are brother and sister, sired by hate and born of disregard for human life. Violence is its father's favorite son, and war stepchild of the apathetic who tolerate it in silence.

If you choose God's path, you must reject not only hate, violence and war but those who incite and engage in them. There is no satisfaction to be found in hate, no valid cause for the use of violence, no righteous war, and no place in human society for aggressors. Beware of them; repudiate their words, manner and means. Take warning from their rhetoric and recognize their true intentions.

Know that God's path begins with a declaration of love while aggression's with hate and the naming of an enemy.

Overcoming hate and aggression relies on recognizing, understanding and peacefully resolving differences. However, even when all efforts to find peaceful solutions fail, we must not place ourselves on the offense but on the defense. We must direct our energies toward protecting ourselves and others rather than destroying an adversary. And then, even as violence may come, we must be guided by a clear understanding that reconciliation is the better choice.

We must eliminate violence and war as acceptable solutions to problems. God would have us erase those words from our vocabulary. Future generations call out to us to take such bold action on their behalf. They beg us to prove our courage in dialog and acts directed toward the preservation and improvement of life - rather than the degradation and loss of it on the battlefield. In this they anxiously await the emergence of a new breed of heroes among us to inspire them when their time comes.

Become neither an aggressor nor a combatant. If you would risk your life and the lives of others in hostile acts for any cause, then direct that same courage toward the pursuit of peace, for there is no greater cause. Demonstrate heroism not by inflicting suffering and death, but by lessening and preventing it. Engage in discussion rather than combat; protect rather than destroy or kill. God challenges us to develop a different and greater form of strength than that of the warrior – the strength to control our darkest nature.

Remember that *all people are your people* and all are *your family*. through this belief you will surely avoid hate and find peaceful means to resolve differences. You will protect those threatened by aggression rather than becoming the aggressor. If you hate, incite violence, kill or cause suffering, you violate God's Law.

Peacemaking is not a passive endeavor, nor is it for the weak. It must be engaged in boldly and courageously. It is for the truly strong.

Violence and war degrade and destroy our present and future generations. Death is a natural consequence of life; we must not hasten the inevitable. Realize that the infliction of violence and war upon one another is its own punishment. We suffer as a people, destroy our future, and diminish ourselves in God's eyes.

God does not condone acts of anger, hate and violence but in our right to choose allows us to err, to bear the consequences of our actions, and to learn that there is a better way. He waits for us to recognize and accept life as a gift and to protect and preserve it. He waits for us to accept responsibility for future generations that rely on our wisdom to follow the good path to secure their places in life.

The War Can Be Lost

Even as I came to understand what God asked of us, I grew critical at what seemed His own inaction to end mankind's infliction of pain and suffering upon itself.

So I called to Him.

"Father, why do you not command good and force us to follow your path?"

In response there came nothing but silence.

But the silence was not empty, for in it lay the answer to my question.

The good path is ours to choose. And in not doing so, the great struggle against our own degradation and destruction can indeed be lost.

The persistence of violence and killing says little about God but much about us. It says nothing of His attention or inattention to our many crimes against one another. Nor does it say anything about God's ability or inability to stop these crimes. It speaks only of us, and the choices we make.

As creatures of free will, we must take responsibility for our actions – and their consequences. That violence and killing continue unabated is evidence that a great struggle continues. This is a timeless war incited by voices seeking our destruction. Whether they come from within us or from elsewhere, these voices speak to our darkest and most vulnerable nature. They appeal to us when we hunger most and we all too often heed their counsel and as a result we unleash unspeakable horrors upon one another.

We must neither be so foolish as to refuse to recognize the power of these voices, nor should we be lulled into complacency by the misconception that good must and will prevail. If good is the greater force in our lives there is scant evidence of it for sadly it is easier to hate than to love, to destroy than to build and to kill rather than save.

The many horrors we observe in life are of our making. In their continuation, we must recognize that evil can triumph over good.

To assure that it does not, you must freely choose God's path and actively engage in the struggle against mankind's destruction. While this war may be won in the absence of your participation, it might also be lost for the lack of it. Your choice is of critical importance.

Whether God allows this war to rage, or is powerless to stop it is of no matter. We cannot know the answer. We must simply have faith that His way is the path to victory and be strengthened in the knowledge that He is with us in the battle.

This struggle is ours to carry on – each of us must work to secure the future.

God shows us a clear path to success. We must have the good judgment to choose it.

The aggressor, the warrior and the killer do the unthinkable without fear or hesitation. They are bold in pursuing their destructive paths. We who choose the good path must show the same resolve in working to preclude violence and killing through love, compassion, and intelligence. We must rise without hesitation to protect the weak from aggressors, and to teach others to recognize and overcome the dark voices.

God's path is an arduous trail for those who travel it. Along the way, you will be confronted by influences that would confound and hinder you for the voices of good and of evil are akin to those of a truthful man and a liar. The liar confuses and entices so that you may not clearly discern right from wrong.

But God has given what is required to make such decisions – a simple law of love. The right choice will never violate this Law. Use it as your guiding star – it points constantly toward the good path, constantly toward victory in the great struggle.

In the direst of circumstances, those in peril look to God to pull them from certain destruction. Now God looks to you. He shows you a certain path to help secure the generations to come. The future depends on your strength and courage. Will you rise to the challenge? Will you answer His call?

The Greatest Invitation

Inspired by my Father's words, I ventured out to share His good message with others. But despite the value of what I carried, I encountered little more than rejection. Frustrated by my inability to reach into people's hearts and minds, I sank into such discouragement that I no longer believed I could do all He asked of me.

When I could endure no more, I called to Him saying, "Father, I am not the one you seek to do this work. I am weak and unworthy of the task."

And in response, He asked a simple question.

"Would you refuse the greatest invitation made of a man?"

God knows what we are. He knows our strengths and our weaknesses. And, He asks no question to which He does not already know the answer. He knew I would not refuse His invitation. Indeed, in inviting me to join in His good work He was telling me there could be no failure regardless of how much resistance I met or how insignificant progress might seem from my human point-of-view. In trying there can be no defeat. My Father's invitation was, in and of itself, the clearest expression of His confidence in me – confidence I needed to have in myself.

It wasn't long after that I realized something very important about my relationship with God. From the very beginning He identified Himself clearly and plainly as my Father. Unsatisfied, however, I yearned for the moment when I would hear Him call me His son. But he never did, and even when I pressed there came no response.

Then I realized my error. He had pronounced Himself my Father – something only He could do. And so it was with me. Only I could accept Him as such by declaring myself His son. It was up to me to complete the relationship between us – and to live up to it.

So it is with you. He comes as your Father. Only you can seal the relationship.

As children of God, many wonders are placed before us along with the ability to discover them. We must endeavor to do so and in that discovery be reawakened. The world we know and the future we bequeath our heirs is the canvas on which we paint our lives and write our names. In accepting kinship with God, we are obliged to do this well through the creation of a better world for ourselves, and those to come.

In creation we move closer to Him. In discovery we are reminded that we do not know all that is – and so our minds open to the endless possibilities of life, the greatest gift of all.

It is true that God asks much of us and it is difficult work. Find the strength to take up the task. Is it a fool who believes in something that cannot be seen and makes no sound, and who struggles for a better future he cannot know? Or is such a person a true child of God?

Be that child – and remember,

In this life you are but a visitor. The time has come to gather your tools and to do your good work.

God extends the greatest invitation that can be made of any man or woman.

Would you refuse it?