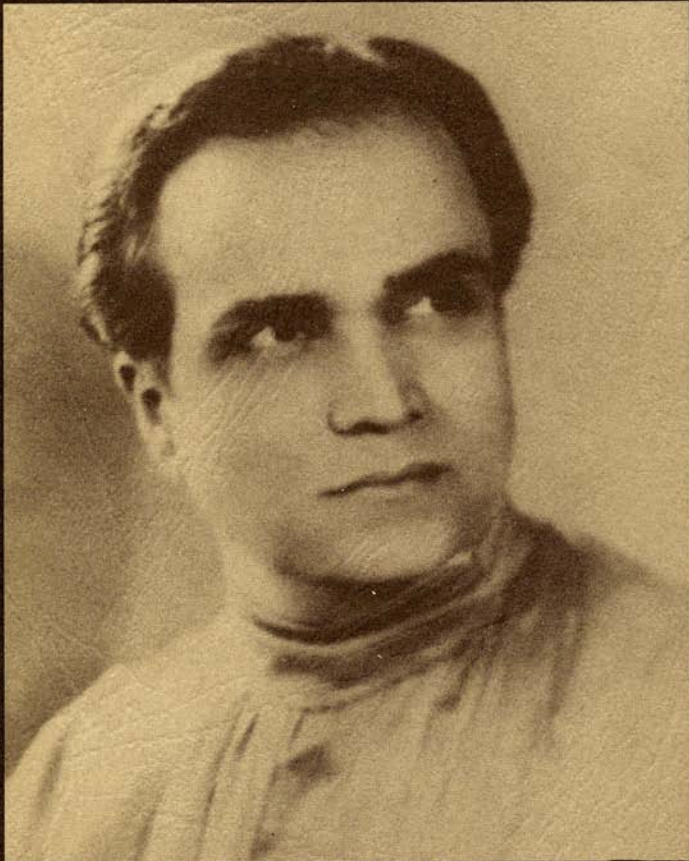




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If you believe in your Divine Destiny, nothing else matters. Your conquering, positive desire will overcome all obstacles. Your life will be moulded according to your belief and vision. Not a hair of your head will be harmed until your life-mission has been fulfilled.

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The people, things and conditions that are positive and that you create in your mind, are real. When you create in your mind, you are simply recognizing that which Eternally Exists in God.

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Whatever quality or condition you vision and permanently photograph on your mind, the same you manifest.

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If your mind is ready to receive help, God is ever ready to help you, regardless of your previous thoughts and actions. Salvation of Christ is unconditional.

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CHAPTER I

CREATIVE IMAGINATION AND REALITY

ONE day I was imagining that Christ was before me and was speaking to me. I was also imagining what He was saying. Suddenly a startling thing happened. As my imagination grew vivid, the presence of Christ became real. I found myself asking questions and Christ answering, without any effort on my part. He was telling me things that I had never before read, nor heard, nor thought of. Just for a moment I had a doubt. I thought, "Can this be a phantom of my imagination?"

But the Voice answered my thought clearly and distinctly: "If I were a phantom of your imagination, how could I tell you things you have never known before? You are neither a scholar nor a philosopher. You have never in your life thought a subject through consistently and to its rational conclusion. Most of your thinking has been inspirational, and most of your conclusions have been intuitive; and yet your thoughts have been rational. Has it ever occurred to you that perhaps an unknown source was supplying you with those wonderful thoughts and ideas?"

I answered in the negative. Then said Christ, "Ask

Me anything you desire to know about Myself, and I will answer."

This gave me an opportunity to ask Him a question concerning His teaching. "Master, what particular thing did You come to teach? I do not see any difference between Your teaching and that of other great world teachers."

"Yes, there is a difference, a great one," He replied. "This difference means that My teaching is not only very practical and rational compared with other teachings, but also quite radical. For instance, whereas the other teachers and masters taught that one must realize God through one's personal effort or through certain austere practices or through the observance of rituals, I taught that none of these things is necessary. *You have not come into this world through your own personal effort. The Infinite Power that has brought you here is ever with you and about you; not only that, It is also always trying to help you to have the realization of It as being ever with you and about you. It is your part to become conscious of that help and to receive it. It stands to reason that the power that is moving quadrillions and quadrillions of stars and constellations is also moving man to his inevitable Spiritual destiny.*" The Master paused.

"Why is it necessary for us to become conscious of that help?" I asked. "Surely the Infinite Power

that has created us can at the same time make us conscious of the help It gives us."

The answer came simply and convincingly.

"Man has been made as a self-conscious mental being. It is his nature or function to be conscious of a thing before it can come to exist to him. Naturally, as long as man does not become conscious of God's All-Pervading Presence or of His help, it does not exist to him. God has bestowed upon man the faculty of creative imagination by which man may become conscious of anything he chooses. No condition can exist to him without his conscious or subconscious recognition or acceptance of that condition. Whatever he recognizes and accepts becomes a reality to him. This conscious knowing and this power of imagination distinguish man from the rest of the animal creation."

"What should we do to realize God or to receive His gifts?" was my next question.

"Imagine, accept, and believe that God is helping you," came the reply.

This ended our conversation. You may interpose and say that it was an imaginary conversation. Was it? That is the question. It was as realistic as anything can be.

This little conversation opened up a new world to me, making the invisible visible—making a con-

structive imagination a reality. I found a new road to travel from reality to reality.

You are likely to ask here, "What is the difference between imagination and reality?" The difference is this—one is the means and the other is the end. *Your imagination becomes a reality to your consciousness. That which you become conscious of, comes to exist to you.* Naturally, the question arises in your mind—Is there any reality in the thing itself—the thing that we imagine? You mean, in other words, Does it exist independently of our imagination? I answer, Yes, it does. If the thing did not have an independent existence, we could not imagine it nor could we demonstrate its existence later.

Once a young woman, a highly talented musician, told me a strange and unusual experience of hers. She said: "Having read that it is possible to communicate with dwellers on other planets, and that many of these planets must be more highly evolved than our own, I determined to see what I could do in this direction. My wish was to contact some globe where the inhabitants were far advanced in the art of music, and to call upon one of the celestial beings there for help in the composing of a new piece of music. I lay thinking upon this one night when, before I knew it, I found that I was imagining such a presence before me. By and by this presence became a vivid reality. I could see his countenance

clearly. Then I made known to him my desire for a new composition. He remained silent for a moment while a humorous, kindly smile slowly lighted his noble features. Then he commanded gently: 'Take your pencil and paper, and write.' Mechanically I obeyed, and instantly there was unfolded to me a wonderful melody. I hastily noted this down and then fell asleep. When I awoke in the morning I tried this wonderful composition on the piano, humming the melody. It was a marvelous work of art. Later, when played before the public, even the most fastidious critics in the musical world were much impressed with it. If such be the product of my imagination, can you tell me the difference between so-called reality and imagination? If an imaginary person can give one something truly valuable and constructive, is not that imaginary person as real as a real person?"

What we imagine and what we are capable of imagining may be two different propositions; but the beings, things, and conditions that we imagine, do exist. Therefore, *that which we imagine not only becomes a reality to our consciousness, but becomes possible of demonstration and realization by us.* This has been demonstrated at every step in human progress. All through the ages, in the degree that man has imagined and idealized, he has realized. The stimulus for this imagining may have come either

from so-called external sources or from the inner impulses of man himself; but it is the actual compelling force of the imagination, or the image-making power, that has determined the destiny of man.

Your creative imagination starts a steady flow of thought that leads you to the realization of the thing that you imagine. It seems as though the Infinite Creative Life first created all the wonderful things scattered throughout the length and breadth of this vast universe, and then created man with the creative imagination with which to reach and realize these wonderful things. That which man cannot imagine and appreciate, he cannot actualize.

A monkey may hold a tool like a man, yet he cannot use it in any constructive way, because his creative imagination is very limited. Also, a monkey lacks the human sense of valuation. If you put before it a banana, together with a diamond, it is likely to prefer the banana. In the presence of both a master mind of the civilized world and a bushman, the monkey would probably take to the bushman, because the latter is nearer to his kind. And on the other hand, a bushman might prefer a monkey to a civilized man, believing the monkey to be safer. But why limit our comparison to that of monkey and man—we know that, as between man and man, the man belonging to a lower scale of life cannot

appreciate the value and achievements of a man belonging to a higher scale, because the creative imagination of the former cannot reach that far. There are many people in a civilized community who cannot imagine the higher spiritual possibilities inherent in man. They refuse to think along any line not related to their immediate surroundings.

The other day a perfectly honest, civilized gentleman asked me this question: "How can a sane man believe in the hereafter?"

I asked in reply, "How can he believe in anything at all?"

"That is what I say," was his cynical remark.

"Yet you do not believe what you say," I went on. "If you did, you would never grow up mentally and carry on your work in life. If you did not imagine and believe in certain possibilities, how could you ever undertake to carry on your business?"

"That is different," he maintained with self-assurance. "What I deal with is something tangible, something related to my present life; but to believe in the life-hereafter is beyond me."

"You did not see every step of your business when you first started it," I pointed out; "yet you went ahead on the strength of the possibilities suggested by your imagination. There was nothing tangible as yet about these possibilities. What was it that gave you hope and the courage to press forward to suc-

cess? Was it not your creative imagination? Every faculty that Providence has given man has its particular function, and every function serves a definite purpose. As God has given man the sense of sight, so He has given him the objects to see; had He not given him objects to see, man's sense of sight would have no meaning. The same can be said of all the faculties with which man is endowed. Providence would not give man hope for a future life and deny him the realization of it. Man could not imagine a picture of the world beyond if there were not a world in actuality. As man can think of tomorrow and experience it, so he will experience the hereafter because he can think of it."

This simply shows that man's imagination not only regulates the ventures of his life, but also controls his thinking process. Simple reasoning will tell us that the very fact that man can imagine the hereafter proves there must be a hereafter. That hereafter may be variously interpreted in the unbroken continuity of life. To some it may mean another embodiment, and to others the transferring of a person to another environment or another state of consciousness. All this simply goes to show that the projection of our thought into the future is related to the continuity of our existence. Although there may not be any such thing as time in the absolute sense, yet we live in the concept of time in our imag-

ination and realization. The very continuity of life indicates the existence of time. Since man's every constructive imagination has been fulfilled and is being fulfilled, what reason have you to believe that our imagination of the life-hereafter will not be fulfilled—likewise that our dream of the conquest of disease and death will not be fulfilled?

Most people are afraid to leave the beaten track. They will not permit their creative imagination to go beyond their herd instinct. The history of the world shows us that progress along any line has been achieved by only a few adventurous souls. You cannot separate adventure from the creative imagination, whether it be in the case of Columbus discovering America, or Lindbergh flying across the Atlantic, or Christ giving His life-saving message. Such achievements are ever noble adventures in the creative sphere of God. This life is an eternal adventure—not to those whose vision has become dimmed by constantly gazing at defeat and despair, but to those accustomed to take cosmic flights on the wings of imagination.

Once a little child who had the stammering habit was brought to me. I said to him: "My boy, can you imagine yourself being as good a talker as any other boy?"

"Yes," he replied, haltingly.

"Then when you are alone, in your imagination talk to yourself fluently. See what happens."

One day soon after that the boy's mother discovered him talking to himself without stammering. But the moment he became conscious of the presence of his mother, he began to stammer again. I heard about it and sent for him. When he came I said: "Listen, my boy, you are getting along wonderfully well. Now extend your imagination a little further. Talk to your father, mother, brothers, and sisters, in fact to everybody you know, in your imagination. Sometimes picture them as before you and then talk to them orally."

The boy followed my instructions implicitly and overcame his stammering habit.

If you wish to know why he could overcome this habit, I will say definitely that it was because he had a vivid imagination. In other words, he could form a very clear picture of the ideal condition that he was striving to realize. That which we can imagine clearly and consistently, we can actualize.

Another person with the same habit became free through the use of a different method. The idea was given to him that God, Who cannot have any impediment in speech, was controlling his tongue and speaking through him; that *God is All-Power*, in fact his very Power-to-speak. The man formed a

very clear mental picture of this procedure and soon got over his impediment in speech.

When we imagine and believe that we are being helped through some agency, we become free from all mental anxiety and worry. In that case we obtain the desired result through the mental acceptance of that help. Our physical conditions are mental, and our subconscious system controls our physical conditions.

As I have hinted before, that which you cannot imagine and idealize, you cannot actualize; but your meaningless, idle imagination, lacking consistency and concentration, may not yield you any result. Sometimes even the abstract, philosophical idea is not strong enough to overcome a certain negative condition.

A prominent business man once said to me: "Mr. Mozumdar, I cannot get rid of my worry. I have tried every metaphysical means and method, but to no purpose."

"Very well, I will give you a method that will surely eliminate your worry, if you can form a clear picture of the functioning of that method," I said.

He was willing to try it, and so I told him what to do. "Put God into your mind. Perhaps you do not know how to do it. The idea is very simple. Science tells us that everything can be reduced to vibration; that is, that everything is made up of

vibratory energy. The highest vibration is God, All-Pervading and Omnipresent. Now the law of vibration is that the higher dominates the lower. The reason a stimulant stimulates our body is that the atomic vibration of the stimulant is higher than our physical vibration. Now the God vibration, from which all vibrations have come, is all-pervading. The moment you imagine and become conscious of its existence in your body and mind, you contact it mentally. The effect of this contact on your body is the same as that of a stimulant or a tonic, provided you rest your mind on that idea. Do not worry about the result. Let all thought of curing worry alone. It is sufficient to imagine that the effect of this highest vibration is more potent than any so-called curative medicine, and that it is working in its own way, dissipating your negative vibration of worry."

By the application of this simple principle, the man soon became free. The reason that this particular method was suggested to him was that his mind was very objective or mechanical. It was not a believing, mystical, or metaphysical mind. This man understood everything in terms of concrete objects. The moment I gave him something concrete and yet scientifically true, his mind formed a clear picture and accepted it.

All conditions must exist in our mind, since a condition cannot exist without our mental recogni-

tion. Any idea that our mind accepts produces a certain mental effect within the bounds of reason.

One day my mind was torn by a distressing thought. Though I tried very hard, it seemed I could not control it nor establish my usual peace and serenity. Then suddenly an idea came to me from somewhere. This was the idea: *The Creative Life that has created all things is likewise controlling and regulating all things*; then why not imagine that this same Creative Life is controlling your mind, and why not let It do as It pleases with your mind?

It was a wonderful idea, and the more I took hold of it, the more I found peace in my consciousness.

A thing that gives rise to a positive imagination exerts a certain positive influence over us by producing a mental impression. If that thing is based on eternal facts, it not only establishes a positive conviction, but also produces a lasting effect.

Modern science is destroying many of our superstitious beliefs, and at the same time it is also building our faith on a substantial and permanent basis. Whatever we accept as true, the same becomes true to us. That which is true to us today was not true to our savage ancestors many thousands of years ago. The limitation of their creative imagination would not permit them to see beyond their limited surroundings. Therefore they lived and died within the confines of their narrow perspective of life. But

their descendants through successive generations, as they rose higher and higher in the scale of life, were able to see further and further. Their ever-widening mental horizon continued to establish ever-new boundaries. On and on this climb continued through struggle and strife. It was a slow process. Every innovation or new idea would be fought strenuously by the older generation, for all through human history we find it the case that a lower mentality is not willing to permit anything higher than itself to pass unmolested. This is as true today as it was thousands of years ago. If you do not believe me, observe your statesmen, politicians, editors, publishers, preachers, and so-called patriots. Can you imagine their allowing a progressive idea to get by easily? Their extreme selfishness will not let their creative imagination expand. They are so absorbed in their personal exploits and glories that they have no time to think of the ruinous and worthless heritage they are leaving behind for their children and their children's children. Yet we are told that the ordinary civilized person is proud of his family and children. Fortunately for all of us, in this rapidly changing age the progressive elements of our civilization are sweeping the others before them. For this happy condition of affairs we may thank, in part at least, the advances of modern science and the prevalence of universal education.

The greater your creative imagination, the greater your achievement. Then why not make your achievement a divinely ordained self-expression instead of a selfish gain and self-exploitation? The infinite possibilities in the infinite realm of beauty and grandeur are forever inviting you. Only refuse to confine yourself to the selfish gain of your present little life, and you will find before you the vast expanse of an infinite domain awaiting your exploration. Instead of facing death and decay with the passing of time, you will be ever ready for new ventures. Since nothing in this life stands still in the ever-flowing cosmic current, why lose your vision of the infinite expanse by allowing yourself to be lured by the false gain of the moment?

No one stays forever in one place. Thousands of generations passed before you came here, and thousands of generations will pass after you have left this little earthly concept of life. Why make this moment's stay the be-all and end-all in your life, and thereby create problems and worries that do not exist in God's Eternal Kingdom? Suppose it to be true that this life falls into the mighty ocean of the Universal Life from which it has risen, and like a drop of water loses its personal identity; even then the thought that life is an eternal adventure makes your present sojourn on this earth a happy experience. It gives you hope, courage, inspiration, and

the thrill to press forward and finish your task with a carefree spirit. But life really is an eternal adventure because you can think and imagine it as such. You can think of other habitable globes and other homes more beautiful and more exalted than this.

Through the abuse of their God-given power, many lose their soul—the romantic thrill of an expanded vision. At the twilight of earthly life, with dimming vision they try desperately to seek refuge somewhere. But they find only a vast and desolate waste into which the shallow river of their life is gradually disappearing. This pathetic sight meets one everywhere. Yet, with a little stretch of the creative imagination the weary traveler may see a sunrise beyond the twilight horizon. The splendor of another world, happier and brighter than this, unfolds and invites him. Other beings, more exalted and more divine—friends of tomorrow's dawn—are ready to receive and to guide him. In Eternity's Omniscient Presence, years fade away. Sorrow and suffering, like the bad dreams of yesternight, are forgotten. His creative imagination becomes a reality to him, and his dream comes true.

You ask, "And beyond that, what?" Beyond that which you believe, feel, and know is eternal sleep. But such a sleep is unthinkable in the ever-wakeful universe. Even the electrons and atoms cannot sleep. They sing—they dance and get into the cosmic

moulds. They do not stop there. They go on and on, appearing and disappearing into the Infinite Bosom of That from which they have come. Thus they play hide and seek throughout eternity. Nothing sleeps, my friend, in this ever-wakeful world. You are a conscious being. Therefore, that which you are conscious of is real to you. As a conscious being you could not have come from something that is unconscious. An inferior quality cannot produce a superior quality.

A man once said to me: "My mind is in a whirl. I cannot think or plan. I do not see my way out of my present plight."

I replied: "Before ever you could think or plan, Something did your thinking and planning. If it were not so, you would not be here. Why not imagine that that Something is thinking and planning for you even now? This imagination will be a reality to you, and it will release your mind from all anxiety and worry. When your mind becomes free from anxiety and worry, it becomes the clearest medium for clear thought. The psychological effect alone of that thought is invaluable, not to speak of the spiritual effect produced by the realization of the Spiritual Reality."

"I wish I had faith such as yours," was his sad remark.

"You can have this faith if you try to understand

what I am trying to tell you," I continued. *"Whatever you imagine God as doing for your life, the same He does through your mental acceptance and belief. That which you imagine with a positive assurance becomes a reality to you and governs and regulates your life. The most comforting and productive imagination you can have is that God is helping you at every turn of the road. Imagination about Truth gives you the realization. Only that of which you become conscious is real to you. Unless you become conscious of Reality, It is never real to you. Your imagination makes you conscious of It. The very fact that you can imagine the existence of the All-Pervading, Superconscious Being shows that you have the ability also to realize it."*

After the above conversation this man not only found perfect peace, but also received inner direction for the solution of his problem.

The underlying Creative Principle of this universe is one and indivisible. No one can live in isolation and still have his mind function in an unbroken continuity. We are compelled to take cognizance of the Universal Creative Principle—to build and rebuild our dreams and to realize them. We are compelled to go to the First Principle to elevate our mental perspective to the boundless expanse of the Infinite. In our failure to respond to the call of our Eternal Creative Life, we find ourselves facing death

and darkness. To man, who is a self-conscious mental being, mental darkness means death. Everything that inspires his faith and hope is gone. Then existence becomes a meaningless drudgery—mere fruitless effort. Even the so-called good deeds that we improvise to get into the good graces of the Supernal Being are not sufficient to sustain the vitality of our mental life.

The more we attribute all positive thoughts and actions to the Creative Principle, the more we come in touch with It. There is a greater peace and satisfaction in the thought or imagination that God is thinking through our mind than in any thinking and planning we may do through our own personal efforts. When we let God think through us, we forever look upward and wait for the God-thought to pass through our mind. This very mental attitude gives us a sublime repose. The idea that after all we are important vehicles of God takes away all the worry and barrenness of our personal effort, together with that dreadful sense of isolation which makes lonely our life. It is then that we begin to find our personal identity closely knitted with the Indestructible, Self-Existent Principle of all that is.

After all, God and His creation are inseparable. Amidst various apparent changes, the Fundamental Principle of this universe remains intact. If you lack this sublime philosophic discernment or imagination,

you still have another approach to the Eternal Truth. It is this: *If your conscious life is the product of something, how much more important than anything else that Something must be*—that Something that is forever pushing you forward by bringing to you ever-new inspiration and revelation! As a conscious being—man—your richest heritage is the expansion of your vision or consciousness. By vision you live, and to the extent that you become conscious of your infinite heritage, to that extent you live. Can you not have a little trust and faith in that Power that has given you such a possibility? If that Power fails you, what can you do? But that Power cannot fail—that Self-Existing, Eternal Foundation cannot break down. When you become conscious of that fact and live by that principle, you become free from all worry and care. Since you are not responsible for your being here, why not cast your burden upon that Power that has brought you into this field of manifestation? The more you imagine this All-Pervading, Protecting Power, the surer you become of that protection. Therefore, we maintain that *the greatest gift of God to man is his creative imagination. By this gift man makes himself part of that which he imagines.*

We are imaginative beings. That which has made us as such, how can It be less than ourselves, and thus defeat Its own purpose? Since we are personal

beings in our thought and conception, it is natural for us to imagine the Universal Creative Principle as a Universal Personality. Also, since all experiences are related to our personal thinking life, the imagination and realization of that Universal Personality is within our human rights. *That realization of the Universal Personality is the most thrilling experience that we can have.* It is a divine ordinance that that which we accept and make real, becomes real to us. Beyond that, all else is a meaningless speculation.

Your contemplation of the Infinite Being as impersonal leaves a void or darkness in your mind. It causes your believing, thinking, and realizing life to sink into abysmal nothingness. If you are a thinker in a small way, what an intimate feeling of closeness you have with the Universal Creative Life by imagining It to be the Universal Thinker! The more you come to share the thought of that Thinker, the surer you become of the reality of your positive thought. All that is true and good and positive becomes not only a part of the universal thought, but also a genuine reality to you. That which you are conscious of is real to you. Beyond that nothing affects you. Since your conscious thought and idea make you conscious of this life as real, how much more real your life becomes to you when you imagine that you are thinking the thought of the Universal Thinker, Who is Eternal and Self-Existing!

Instead of thinking of space as void, why not think of it as the Presence of the Universal Thinker with Its ever-protecting thoughts of goodness? In the realm of good thoughts no idea of death and destruction can exist. These good thoughts are all about you. This consciousness will make your thinking good and you will automatically make demonstration of all that is good. This also will enable you to have dominion over all your unhappy, negative thoughts. Such dominion is infinitely greater than all your conquests and your acquisitions of name, fame, and wealth.

In the realm of the Indestructible Essence all constructive thoughts are good thoughts. Not only should you think good thoughts, but you should also imagine yourself as you are in the Cosmic Thinker. This is another picture of yourself, ever-vibrant, perfect, and free. If you can claim it, believe it, and live in it in your imagination, you are sure to manifest it. The picture that becomes a part of your mental life is automatically projected. After all, all the things you see are the pictures of the Cosmic Painter. That which you comprehend in the third dimension has its foundation in the Intangible Spirit. In a third dimensional object you can easily trace other dimensions from the solid to that of the Ever-Vibrant Cosmic Energy. Only by imagination can you contact other dimensions.

Who cares to speculate on what is beyond this thinking, believing, and realizing life? If you use your thinking life for the purpose of speculating upon a state beyond the thinking state, what do you profit by such a thought? By thinking of a void or of nothingness as the ultimate goal, you cannot annihilate your thinking life, because even in thinking of a void or of nothingness, you still remain the thinker. This thinker is more than that void or that nothingness. It is a reality. If it were not so, your ultimate void or nothingness of life would be as nothing. It would simply prove by contradiction that your thinking life was something. Then why think of thoughtless nothingness as the ultimate goal of life and thereby mar the joy and thrill of this thinking life?

So when you speak to your God—the All-Pervading Creative Life—imagine that He can hear and understand you like a person. It will bring your mind quickly in tune with the Universal Superconscious Principle. This Superconscious Principle is in you and about you. In other words, It is All-Pervading and Omnipresent. When you say that the Superconscious is in you, you really mean that It is in your mind, or consciousness.

Can you imagine the Superconscious pervading your mind and sustaining it? If you can, then you will not think the unholy thought. When you per-

sonify this Holy Presence in your mind, you are compelled to be honest and true to yourself by the very nature of this Presence. This personified Superconscious will not permit you to encourage anything that is not true and good. Moreover, It will undertake to guide and direct you, and you will be hearing Its soundless voice at every turn of the road.

One day, for some imaginary offense, a man began to abuse me terribly by calling me all sorts of names. Just for a moment I lost contact with the Superconscious in my mind. As I was about to explode in the spirit of retaliation, a voice rang through my consciousness: "Silence. Be patient. I will take care of the situation." I responded to this inner voice and said: "I will obey you, Lord." Then I saw an astonishing sight. My accuser could no longer look me in the eye. He hung his head in shame and lowered his voice and began to mutter an apology. But unfortunately, we do not always keep our faith and trust in this Superconscious Life.

The more you treat the Superconscious as being real, the more real It becomes to you. In whatever significance you imagine and receive It, It responds. The more you listen to Its voice, the clearer It becomes to you.

All positive thoughts and ideas eternally belong to the Eternal Positive Being. So anything positive that you imagine the Superconscious as saying to

you, will be true of the Superconscious. This imaginary speaking of the Superconscious will become real to you; that is, independently of your imagination the Superconscious will speak to you in accordance with your timely need.

Once a man said to me: "Mr. Mozumdar, I have been a student of metaphysics and spiritual philosophy for some time, but I have never once heard the voice of the Superconscious. In fact, my idea of It is very vague. Will you please tell me how to contact It and how to determine Its existence?"

"I shall be very delighted to help you," I replied. "Now, do what I tell you to do. When you are alone, imagine that the Superconscious exists in you in a vital, personal significance; that is, that It can hear and understand you. Then speak to It as though you were speaking to a living person. Ask any question that you desire to ask, but have no premeditated answer in your mind. Continue to ask until your imaginary Superconscious becomes a vital reality; that is, until you begin to feel Its living presence in you. It will surprise you to see how the answers to your questions come independently of your imagination."

Within ten days this man had astounding results from this experiment. In telling me about it he said that the first day or two he did not get any results. The third day he noticed some improvement, for he

found that he was beginning to feel the vital presence of the Superconscious as if It were a person. The fourth day that presence became very vivid. From that time on the answers to his questions began to come very clearly. Later developments and incidents proved every answer to be true.

There is one thing we should remember: we can feel the vital presence of the Superconscious in us as quickly as we may desire to. To do this requires only a little vivid imagination, understanding, and faith. If my imagination is very vivid with regard to help from the Superconscious, I receive that help immediately. When we become conscious of the Providential help by the aid of a clear imagination, it never fails to come. The law is: *That which we become conscious of becomes real to us. Every positive thing or idea that we can imagine is true of the Eternal Positive Being.* The very fact that we can imagine it shows that it is our part to imagine and our part to realize it. Means or methods do not matter. Nothing gives our thinking-and-believing life such death-defying courage and comforting assurance as the contemplation and vivid imagination that the All-Pervading and Self-Existing Immortal Principle is together with us and trying to help us. Then comes the realization that, no matter what happens, it will happen in that All-Pervading, Creative Essence. When we think of this wonderful creation and

our equally wonderful life from a broad, universal point of view, it takes away all our worries and cares. We begin to drift in the Infinite Cosmic Current which is ever moving us onward and upward. Everything negative seems so futile and so immaterial that we feel we can well afford to ignore its phantom existence and to forget the many unhappy incidents of our dead past. Then we begin to realize that the infinite possibilities in the realm of Omnipresent Spirit are beckoning us onward with ever-new inspiration. This is called the Life Eternal. Outside of this glorious thinking are only darkness and death.