

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday November 18, 2024 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5 for meditation and inspiration.



Dear Lakesiders and friends,

According to an ancient Hindu legend, there was a time when all human beings were gods. However, they treated their divinity with such disrespect that Brahma, the chief god, decided that their deity should be taken from them and hidden in a place where they would never again find it. The question was, “Where to hide it?” Brahma consulted with all the lesser gods on the problem. The lesser gods said, “Let us bury man’s divinity deep in the earth.” But Brahma said, “That will not do. Man will dig into the earth and find it.” Then the lesser gods said, “Let us sink man’s divinity in the deepest sea.” But Brahma replied, “That will not do. Man will learn to penetrate the deepest waters and will find it on the ocean bed.” Then the lesser gods said, “Let us hide man’s divinity on the highest mountain peak.” But Brahma again disagreed. “Man will surely climb to the top of all the earth’s mountains and someday find it.” The lesser gods were discouraged. “It seems there is no place on land or sea that man will not eventually reach.” Then Brahma said, "We will hide man’s divinity deep in man himself. He will never look for it there." And ever since then, the legend concludes, man has been climbing, digging, diving, exploring — searching for that which is already within himself.

It has been said that two thousand years ago, a man named Jesus found it, but in the Movement that sprang up in His name, the Divinity in man has been the best kept secret as we read that God created each of us in His Image. Jesus helped us understand that we are the children of God as Jesus is our brother. We need to look no further than to look at Jesus to show us the Way to fulfillment, the Truth about our sin and the remedy given on Calvery's Cross, and the Life of Purpose and Meaning.

God's Holy Spirit be in you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.

Roger