

When Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome came to the sepulcher and found not the Body of Jesus, but, instead, an angel of the Lord waiting for them, were not the first words of the angel, "Be not afraid"?

And after the three women told the disciples and they came to see for themselves, and Jesus met them on the way, did He not say to them yet again, "Fear not"?

In every instance, when that which was of heaven made its appearance, even though the question was usually asked, "How can this be," the backdrop answer was quickly brought into focus, "Do not be afraid!" And they believed! So must it be with us all when the angel of God presents himself to us and tells us of the will of God (in sickness, or death, or any misfortune) and grief-stricken we ask, "Why should this be?" or "How can this be?" And in our grief, in every case, has the angel not whispered, "Do not be afraid"? In every case when the angel of God brings to us the holy will of God, it is certain that he will also bring along with him the grace and blessing of God, enough to carry us through the darkness of that which we do not understand.

The holiness of Zachary and Elizabeth and Mary and Joseph and Anna and Joachim, and countless thousands of others, was always carried aloft by a cloud of suffering and danger and even death. So will it be with all children of God whose wills are good; in their holiness, they will also be carried aloft, and so they will reach the heights of the vaults of heaven.

Let us never forget that the very breath of heaven is love. God cannot, He will not, forsake the children who love Him, and will go to every extremity to help. Was it not love that brought God to create all things both big and small? Was it not for love that He made you and me and us all, so that we could be with Him for all eternity? And when Adam and Eve brought disaster down upon us all, was it not for love that He sent His only Son to save us, and to open once again the gates of heaven for those who seek entrance? From the very earliest days to our very own day has the "Divine System" been in effect. God made us for Himself, and His protecting angel is always there to protect any and all who want God for themselves, and when danger approaches, that angel will confront it. This is our belief, this is our faith, this is our hope, this is our trust - and that is that!

Our true and holy faith must be the very foundation of everything good we do. Our true and holy faith must be in everything good we do. Our entire effort must be our faith. Without faith everything we do is foolishness and a total waste of time. Our faith must be a living thing, and we must in every instance support it and nourish it, not so much by