THE GROWING EDGE

Look well to the growing edge.

This is the growing edge concept.

The birth of a child—this most dramatic answer to death—
when worlds cease and dreams within this shell,
and where have lost their reason the source of confidence
The elusive to carry on when time are out of joint
The promise of hope in moments of despair
The upland reach of the open wilderness closer in upon all endeavor
The one more thing to try when all else has failed
It is the extra breath from the exhausted lung
Such is the growing edge
Against the line when there shall lie flowers, fresh blossoms, green fruit.
The roots are steadily at work in the darkness of the earth
The leaf begins on the tree
All around us life is dawning and the is being born.

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Howard Thurman

Per the all cause
Deep River, Abercrombie
1956
There is something strangely comforting and reassuring about

DEDICATION

TEACH US TO PRAY

CONCERNING PRAYER

PART II
He is trying to arouse a sense of His love.
And you will also go among the people who don't care, whom
and the things that they say about Him will be said about you.
But of course, you will also go with Him before His enemies.
Fellowship of your friends,
and that you will be allowed to bring Him into the
He will accept you if you will come to Him. He will ask you to help
and you know that you know. But you know that you know that
yet you will not come. He does not know what He wants you, and you know what kind of wanting that is.
You make no stipulations, that is not your part; you know
not.
He first says: "Come to Me", and you say: "I will", or I will
Happiness; or in kindness.
Perhaps you will be with Him in pain, in calamity, or in
mist where you will not be able to see Him.
Perhaps He will take you into the light with Him, or into the
Perhaps He will take you up on the mountain with Him.
You can choose at all about it, except just in choosing to be
Prayer is being with God.
THE ADVENTURE OF PRAYER

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If you and know my thoughts.
Search me, O God, and know my heart,
of the act
of the act
of the act
of the act
of the act
32 that Jesus was most fully compatible. So something was the
This is important because it signifies that it was in the area of
the nearest concerning prayer. "Lord, teach us to pray,"
request the disciples of Jesus made of Him for themselves was
It is of very great significance to me that the only specific

I take II:1
Lord, teach us to pray.

MARK CARRER

the adventure of prayer.

want, so that the most glorious souls in all the age do choose
But all the same it is a choice which the best part of you
and self-importance, and self-importance.
means that some things must go. Like pride, unkindness,
be with God, although it is simple.
and prayer must be feasting difficult because it isn't easy to
In Him instead, because He does not fail you.

you who have no self-confidence. In only a growing confidence
and all the time you will see Him so often that by and by

name as He does Himself.

thought that you were; or He may ask you to face death or complete
You will find that He will ask you to do things which you can
and amused.

locked before you and the people on the other side

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Very much in order: It takes time to learn how to lay the re-

Now, if this presents a fine picture, then some preparation is

It's within me. "The beyond is within" is the way to put this.

many concerns connect with the resource that is beyond

by which spiritual power is available to us. AMONG me with

It's important to recognize that we cannot prescribe the rules

and go to sleep in peace,

It's difficult to make you do things in which you can sit down

provide a quiet place once a week, in which you can sit down

more in which you live six and a half or seven days a week, I read

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Now that I have arrived your home and seen the kind of live-

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years ago. I'm in the experience of prayer. Some years ago. I'm

seats of letters between a philosophy professor and a physics

there are two reasons. The first is that it keeps you so

more, I know you wonder why I sleep away Sunday during your

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such a resolution. You must have the courage and some

Over here the winter is a certain day, who set about four

nless, before what is useful begins to move inside our conscious.

we have an atmosphere of grace and some

I'm in the experience of prayer. Some years ago. I'm

When we can have an atmosphere of grace and some

I'm in the experience of prayer. Some years ago. I'm

than mine. It's part of the nature of faith itself

There, she settled down before the television and the doorknob. Then she settled
down from the time each Sunday morning. She always went to

in my first column there was a certain day who set about four

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Keep firm with all my ultimate hopes and fears,
The forms that stir within the chambers of my mind,
Within my hidden sea,
The eb and flow of thought,
To me alone.
That host inward part seems known to me,
So inside the perfect working of desire,
The deed is a thing so private.
From thee is there some hiding place?
Whither shall I go from Thy Presence?
There is the peace that comes when streams of sleep,
and the whole landscape is drenched in rain.
Guard my heart and thoughts.
THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING, SHALL

PRAYER AND PRESSURE

INTERPRETED BY LOVELY
THE SILENCE OF ETERNITY
WHERE JESUS KNEEL TO SHARE WITH THEE
O CALM OF HILLS ABOVE,
O SABBATH REST BY CALAHEL

nothing that life can do will destroy you,
becomes different and you know that, whatever awaits you,

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burn my heart and thoughts.
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall
fill thee.

Hold thou, O peace of God, until the perfect work is in them

Summing still
the ambitions, dreams and restlessness of my
the overwhelming hunger for God that underscores all
appear.
year,

I pray,

I, the unnamed anxiety brought on by nothing in particular
Casting his shadows down all the corridors of my days;
the moving light of love, unheeded or unnoticed,
The bitterness of a great heart, my heart dispossessed;

There are feelings, undefined and unanswerable in my heart:

Of this the peace of God

And hence from mine.
So that I cannot tell mine from mine
The peace of God, settle over me and within me
His shade and his spirit,
His refuge and success.
With his strength and wisdom

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concerning prayer,

Final prayer, bees, make use of the

"in those days," for him in these days for me: days that fly

"saw the hour of the dear and perilous way of the

and we know what to say in the

and that the spirit is made subject to the spiritual

and the will is made strong, and the body is

...
do the best you can. I have no suggestions to make.

Now I must, I have given you all the good I can. I have
about us, and about the minister, and then when I finished, I
about us, and about the minister, and then when I finished, I
Then I said, "Now I must, I have given you all the good I can.
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Forget that this heart is quite so strong as it was. Any constant
nature of the excitement and joy and enthusiasm—how must our
never forget, in all of the details of this thing, wherever the
He knows that he is perfectly normal in many ways but the must
when a person has some kind of disease that has no to which,
that we make it in some ways like the thing that happens
that is already present in the things that we do in the decisions
human spirit to God is that there is this unique point of eternal
result of the conviction of the
We are developing the habit of holding in mind that our
esthetic
within us. We are not pursuing something esoteric and
consciousness of God in the shadow of our minds, day
who are sometimes heard in the presence of us. It is a
Now, the world cannot do unless we practice the habit of focus.
We are not making the experimental
obligation to do make the experimental
from some aspects of it. All of that is the divine repository. Our
broken and fashioned it into what it will bring, which will
the spirit of God. Brooding over this stuff of our lives, as
declared to be the responsibility of the human spirit.
We must gather those ideas and hold them in exposure
the nature of our hearts—all of the aspects and dimensions of
the love of our lives. The convictions of our lives, the conscious
which is not just for us—questions and answers as this is. We must
promote that we are conscious and can always understand,
self to be in exposure to God. Not to be God orders. Not to
or pressuring is upon me, upon you, to bring my life, your life, in this
Presque should not be put upon God. The right place for

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