

knowledge, keyword and keynote, mutuality of spirituality, Divineness, whereof imagining and likening unto, man finds his needfulness, dutifulness, peacefulness, helpfulness, sureness as certainty unto destiny.

"As of these presentments, amidst dissolutions of faiths and hesitations of philosophy. Man finds his belief in Divineness infinitely resourceful, consoling, ennobling and enabling, confirming faith and justifying expectation, realization of destiny, eternal evolutionary process. Thus, as Rationality, Manifestation of Divineness, sole source of Authority, man has his inspiration and revelation, confirming faithfulness, assuring hopefulness unto destiny. A. C. M."

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A woman by her last-born's side
 Watched, at Damascus, heavy-eyed
 With weeping lest the child should die ;
 While through the windows open wide

The plashing of the fountain's spray
 Came with child-voices. At their play
 Her other children but most loved
 Was he who on his pillows lay ;

And still she watched when ran a maid,
 " Mistress, ill news ! " the damsel said,
 " The widow's son has sickened too
 And for his life they are afraid."

Then bowed the woman on her face
 And prayed that God would grant this grace :
 " Spare, Thou, the widow's son, O God,
 She has but one." But by the place

Where lived the widow, white-robed Death
 Had passed and ta'en the weak child's breath.
 Then God said, " Life and death are good
 In My pure hands. He suffereth

" No more who much had suffered Reap
 Thyself the grace ; thine own child keep
 Because in thy deep anguish thou
 For others' greater pain could'st weep."

The woman rose and looked upon
 Her child and knew the fever gone ;
 Straightway she called her maids around :
 " Praise God who giveth back my son ! "

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