

adventure of the spirit of a man who dares all in response to some mighty urge within him, pressing him far beyond the limits of common sense, prudence, or reason—... (54).

To be strongly and strangely impressed to do something or to go to a certain place,

does not necessarily mean that such impulses are

[cont'd] ...they would say, though the mental processes might be the same, 'The Lord spake unto him saying, "Get thee from thy kindred . . . into a land that I will show thee"' (54).

the leadings of the indwelling spirit.

V. JESUS AND OUR CONFLICTING HUNGERS (77)

... The worldly man is as happy as he is able to be, but he is not able to be very happy... Like a shell-fish, he manufactures his own shell, thinks it is the world, and settles down...

Fortunately for him, God has not forgotten him... God has made him for something else, and God has influences at work which can break up that shell just as one might break a shell of a shell-fish, and leave it on the shore of a boundless ocean. The self-enclosed life that felt itself so safe and so happy is awakened to the fact that there is another world... A certain mood creeps over a man ... and [he] knows that he belongs to the Infinite and that the finite can never mean complete happiness.

You notice that this invasion is marked with a sense of unhappiness. The other world in which we have lived is broken up, and for a little while we are between two worlds, and for a time there will be a succession of conflicts within the soul (79-80).

? Forewarn all believers regarding the fringe of conflict which must be traversed

For some of us it will take a long time to resolve these conflicts by the very nature of the life we live. For instance, we have to make our living, and do our business in a material world where the world of the spiritual counts for so little... On Sunday night we really do honestly and sincerely desire God; by Monday night the lure of lower things fills all our world.

by all who pass from the life as it is lived in the flesh to the higher life as it is lived in the spirit.

And that is why some people come to think of religion as not real at all, but as an emotional fringe on life (80-81).

[cont'd] That is also why, I think, so many religious people are miserable. They haven't resolved their conflicts.... In a way, they are not even as happy as the worldling, because the worldling, at any rate, has an undivided mind and is enjoying his pleasure to the full (81).

To those who live quite wholly within either realm, there is little conflict or confusion,