OPENING READING

MY SEARCH FTMT2 p.143

I sought throughout the heavens for God, in light of suns and moons, in all the waters of the earth and fires beneath; till spent with toil and search, despairingly I lay me down to rest.

I gathered and devoured the knowledge others in search of God had culled and booked, then turned away distraught.

Everywhere were Witnesses of God, but nowhere could I find that God for whom my soul had sought so long in vain.

The years sped by, my youth was spent, and old and weak and worn I reached the brink of that great mystery which man termed "Death's stream."

Patiently at last, I lay with fast closed eyes awaiting what might come, when lo! my sight was quickened, and I knew that I was seeing God.

Not the God whom I had vainly sought, and even feared; not a lonely figure seated on a throne to judge and sentence erring man; but as the Universe Itself with not a missing star, a blade of grass, a gnat or human form.

And strange and stranger still, I saw as in a glass within my failing human heart, that single Universe unfold, and from its depths another and another without end arose, and then I knew, and marveled that I knew, that I was God, in God, of God. All things, all creatures, were in me and I in them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sunday, April 28, 2024

- 1. The Temple Healing Service is held every day at noon here in the Blue Star Memorial Temple. Join us in spirit if you can't join us in person. The healing service prayers are posted on the Temple website under the Events menu.
- 2. Temple study classes are held Tuesdays and Fridays on Zoom at 5:30pm Pacific Time.
 - The Tuesday class is studying writings from William Quan Judge.
 - The Friday class will study <u>Causes</u> from Teachings of the Temple, Vol. 2.
- 3. Next Sunday at 10:30am we will hold the Feast of Fulfillment, the Temple communion service. Offerings for the Widow's Mite may be made on the Temple website or delivered to the Temple office.
- 4. You can join classes, learn more about the Temple, make donations, or reach us through the contact link on the Temple website: templeofthepeople.org.
- 5. Special Announcements:
- The monthly Temple cleanup is held the first Saturday of each month from 10-11am. We hope you'll join us here next Saturday for that opportunity to work together.
- The Judge Library is open on Mondays from 9:30am to noon.
- We look forward to a special weekend on May 18-19, with special guest Vladan, a longtime student of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. On Saturday Vlad will read from his book, *Into the Heart of Gold*, and screen Part 3 of his documentary, *Tibetan Trinity: Life, Death, Time.* On Sunday he will speak here in the Temple, and on Sunday evening will be present for a one-hour meditation to Buddhist chants he recorded. See the Temple website for more information.