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We Travel an Appointed Way

To the child of God, there is no such thing as accident. He travels an appointed way. The path he treads was chosen for him when as yet he was not, when as yet he had existence only in the mind of God.

Accidents may indeed appear to befall him and misfortune stalk his way; but these evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evils only because we cannot read the secret script of God’s hidden providence and so cannot discover the ends at which He aims.

When true faith enters, chance and mischance go out for good. They have no jurisdiction over them that are born of the Spirit, for such as these are sons of the new creation and special charges of the Most High God.

While sojourning here below, these children of the eternal covenant may pay token tribute to nature;
sickness, old age and death may levy upon them, and
to the undiscerning eye, they may seem to be as other
men. Here, as in all its other judgments upon Chris-
tianity, the world is completely fooled by appear-
ances, for it cannot see that these believing ones are
“hid with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

The man of true faith may live in the absolute as-
surance that his steps are ordered by the Lord. For
him, misfortune is outside the bounds of possibility.
He cannot be torn from this earth one hour ahead of
the time which God has appointed, and he cannot
be detained on earth one moment after God is done
with him here. He is not a waif of the wide world, a
foundling of time and space, but a saint of the Lord
and the darling of His particular care.

All this is not mere dreaming, not a comforting
creed woven as a garment to warm the shivering
hearts of lonely, frightened souls in a dark and
unfriendly world. Rather it is of the essence of
truth, a fair summation of the teaching of the Bi-
ble on the subject and should be received rever-
ently and joyously along with everything else
which is taught in the Scriptures of truth.

Here then I doubt no more,
But in His pleasure rest,
Whose wisdom, love and truth, and power
Engage to make me blest.