

Faith and the Divine Grace

FAITH

Faith is spontaneous knowledge in the psychic.

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Faith is a certitude which is not necessarily based on experience and knowledge.

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Faith — confidence in the Divine and the unshakable certitude of the Divine's Victory.

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It is good to have this unshakable faith — it makes your path easier and shorter.

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True faith does not depend on circumstances.

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Faith in spiritual power must *not* depend on circumstances.

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A faith based on material proofs is not faith — it is a bargaining.

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Faith first, knowledge afterwards.

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They who have faith will go through.

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It is indispensable to keep the faith and the will to conquer.§

2 May 1949

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Faith: you flame up and triumph.

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Faith is the surest guide in the darkest days.

16 August 1954

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In an unshakable faith lies all our hope.

3 September 1954

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The night always is full of promises and we must face it with full faith and confidence.

18 October 1954

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At every moment all the unforeseen, the unexpected, the unknown is before us — and what happens to us depends mostly on the intensity and purity of our faith.

3 November 1954

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If we had a truly living faith, an absolute certitude of the almighty power of the Divine, His manifestation could be so evident that the whole earth would be transformed by it.

5 November 1954

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Keep an immutable faith. Truth will triumph.

10 November 1971

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Have faith in the Divine, and go deep inside yourself. My help is always with you.

7 April 1972

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Have faith and go on.

13 July 1972

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Our best help is faith — the Divine is all merciful.
With love and blessings.

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CONFIDENCE

There is a great power in the simple confidence of a child.

17 November 1954

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It is with the confidence of a child that our heart implores the Divine.

5 December 1954

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The best way of meeting difficulties is a quiet and calm confidence in the Grace.

13 August 1966

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Keep faith and confidence and remain cheerful.

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Any advice?

Be steady and confident.

3 September 1972

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Everybody is imperfect and has to progress. Keep firm and confident.

17 December 1972

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Be confident, you will become what you have to be and achieve what you have to do.

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One must have entire confidence in the Victory of the Divine — and this general Victory will include in itself the personal victory of all who will have remained faithful and confident.

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With confidence we shall advance; with certitude we shall wait.

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CERTITUDE

We must march on with the quiet certitude that what has to be done will be done.

6 July 1954

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Certitude: assured and calm it never argues.

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Certitude of victory: it is not noisy but it is sure.

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THE DIVINE GRACE

The Supreme has sent his Grace into the world to save it.

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It is the Divine Grace that must be prayed for — if justice were to manifest, very few would be those who could stand in front of it.

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Justice is the strict logical determinism of the movements of Universal Nature. Illnesses are this determinism applied to the material body. The medical mind, basing itself upon this ineluctable Justice, strives to bring about conditions that should lead logically to good health. The moral consciousness acts in the same way in the social body and *tapasya* in the spiritual domain.

The Divine Grace alone has the power to intervene and change the course of Universal Justice. The great work of the Avatar is to manifest the Divine Grace upon earth. To be a disciple of the Avatar is to become an instrument of the Divine Grace. The Mother is the great dispensatrix — through identity — of the Divine Grace, with a perfect knowledge — through identity — of the absolute mechanism of Universal Justice.

And through her mediation each movement of sincere and confident aspiration towards the Divine calls down in response the intervention of the Grace.

Who can stand before Thee, Lord, and say in all sincerity, “I have never made a mistake”? How many times in a day we commit faults against Thy work, and always Thy Grace comes to efface them!

Without the intervention of Thy Grace, who would not often times have come under the merciless blade of the Law of Universal Justice?

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Each one here represents an impossibility to be solved, but as for Thy Divine Grace all is possible. Thy Work will be, in the detail as in the whole, the accomplishment of all these impossibilities transformed into divine realisations.

15 January 1933

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Divine Grace, Thy goodness is infinite. We bow before Thee in gratitude.

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Mother,

What is the rationale of Divine Grace? Is not the Supreme Mother always ready with Her Grace for those who can call it down?

Yes.

Is it not true that even most of the seekers after God cannot call it down? And yet they can receive it if someone, a guru or avatar, has once called it down within him. Is it so?

Yes.

So can we conclude that Divine Grace works best when it is established in the earth consciousness? Is it the aim of your endeavour to establish it permanently?

Yes.

Please explain to me the whole principle.

The Divine Grace cannot be explained through words and mental formulas.

7 April 1939

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It is only the Divine's Grace that can give peace, happiness, power, light, knowledge, beatitude and love in their essence and their truth.

30 November 1954

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Who is worthy or unworthy in front of the Divine Grace?
All are children of the one and the same Mother.
Her love is equally spread over all of them.
But to each one She gives according to his nature and receptivity.

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Say — “I have received his Grace: I must be worthy of it”, and then all will be well.

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Let us give ourselves without reserve to the Divine, so best shall we receive the Divine Grace.

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The Grace is equally for all. But each one receives it according to his sincerity. It does not depend on outward circumstances but on a sincere aspiration and openness.

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Right use of the granted Grace: no deformation, no diminution, no exaggeration — a clear sincerity.

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Call of the Divine Grace: not noisy but persistent and very perceptible to those who know how to listen.

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THE DIVINE HELP

Whenever there is sincerity and goodwill, the Divine's help also is there.

19 April 1954

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Be ever one-pointed in your surrender and sincere in your aspiration and you will constantly feel the presence of the Divine's help and guidance.

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With the Divine's help nothing is impossible.

7 June 1954

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For nobody would sadhana be possible without the Divine's help. But the help is always there.

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The help is always there.

It is you who must keep your receptivity living.

The Divine help is much vaster than what any human being is able to receive.

28 December 1972

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Those who will be able to become receptive by the mastery of the psychic upon the ego, will know what this help is and will have the full benefit of it.

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Everyone is given his chance and the help is there for all — but for each the benefit is proportionate to his sincerity.

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Divine help: modest in appearance, powerful in action.

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FAITH IN THE DIVINE GRACE AND HELP

Have a steady faith in the divine Grace.

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Continue to have full faith in the Divine's Grace, Will and Action and all will be all right.

6 November 1934

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All depends on the intensity of the faith and the firmness of the right attitude.

30 May 1935

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The Grace is always with you; concentrate in your heart with a silent mind and you are sure also to receive the guidance and the help you aspire for.

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The Grace and the help are always there for all who aspire for them and their power is limitless when received with faith and confidence.

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The Grace is always there ready to act but you must let it work and not resist its action. The one condition required is faith. When you feel attacked, call for help to Sri Aurobindo and myself. If your call is sincere (that is to say, if you sincerely want to be cured) your call will be answered and the Grace will cure you.

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Yes, faith in the Grace always brings about its intervention.

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For the Grace to have a perfect and total result of its action, the faith must be *total and perfect*.

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Once more, the lack of faith of the human mind brings complications and pain where with a quiet faith in the Divine Guidance all could be very simple and easy.

It is for the growth of this faith and confidence that I have been working for many years.

Obviously the resistance is obstinate.

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Why disappointing? If there is one in a hundred who has a true faith, it is already a miracle!

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The Grace will never fail us — such is the faith we must keep constantly in our heart.

10 May 1954

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It is our lack of faith that creates our limitations.

30 July 1954

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The Divine Grace is with us and never leaves us even when the appearances are dark.

17 August 1954

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The Supreme's power is infinite — it is our faith that is small.

23 August 1954

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At each moment of our life, in all circumstances the Grace is there helping us to surmount all difficulties.

8 October 1954

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In failure as well as in success, the Divine's Grace is always there.

1 December 1954

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The closer you come to the Divine, the more you live under a shower of overwhelming evidence of His immeasurable Grace.

15 August 1955

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Our faith in the omnipotence of the Grace is never equal to what the Grace itself is.

July 1956

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An absolute faith and trust in the Grace is, in the last analysis, the Supreme Wisdom.

15 August 1956

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Through this apparent chaos a new and better order is being formed. But to see it one must have faith in the Divine Grace. Cheer up.

13 October 1956

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In the present growing conflict what should be our attitude?

Faith and total confidence in the Divine's Grace.

2 November 1956

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It is when all seems lost that all can be saved. When you have lost confidence in your personal power, then you should have faith in the Divine Grace.

28 January 1970

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“At the very moment when everything seems to go from bad to worse, it is then that we must make a supreme act of faith and know that the Grace will never fail us.”¹

I mean, act according to our inner conviction regardless of all consequences and keep our faith unshaken in spite of the apparent so-called proofs to the contrary.

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Surely, all this comes to teach us to have a *quiet faith* that what is *truly needed* we shall have and that, for the rest, we must not bother.

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In the final analysis everything really depends on the Divine Grace and we should look at the future with confidence and serenity, progressing at the same time as quickly as we can.

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In an ardent faith lies salvation.

In the final analysis, it is the Supreme Lord who does all.
We must be faithful instruments.

29 August 1972

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Have faith and unshaken confidence. The Divine Grace will do the rest.

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¹ New Year Message of 1947, CWM, Vol. 15, pp. 168–69.

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Let us offer our will to the Divine Grace; it is the Grace that accomplishes all.

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The Grace, the Grace alone can act. That alone can open the way, that alone can do the miracle.

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Keep good faith in the Grace. She is the doer of all miracles.

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We must learn to rely only on the Divine Grace and to call for its help in all circumstances; then it will work out constant miracles.

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However long the journey may be and however great the traveller, at the end is always found exclusive reliance on the Divine Grace.

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The divine Grace alone shall be our support.

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TRUST IN THE DIVINE GRACE AND HELP

The Grace is infinite for him who sincerely trusts the Grace.

15 March 1935

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The Divine Grace is always with you and by your trust you allow its action to be effective.

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It is in proportion to our trust in the Divine that the Divine Grace can act for us and help.

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Integral trust in the Divine: the trust that gives the true support to life.

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Our trust in the Divine must not depend upon outward circumstances.

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Very few are those who can stand firm on the rock of their faith and trust in the Divine.

11 October 1936

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It is absurd to ask for help and yet to have no trust; on the contrary with confidence everything becomes so easy.

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With trust in the Divine's Grace all obstacles can be surmounted.

20 April 1954

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When we trust in the Divine's Grace we get an unfailing courage.

15 May 1954

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Have full trust in the Divine's Grace and the Divine's Grace will help you in all ways.

4 June 1954

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Like the child who does not reason and has no care, trust thyself to the Divine that His will may be done.

27 September 1954

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Whatever happens we must remain quiet and trust the Divine's Grace.

25 October 1954

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Keep a *cool head*, strong and *very quiet nerves*, and a *complete trust* in the Divine Grace.

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Aspiration for trust in the Divine: an intense need for that immutable peace given by the certitude of the Divine Grace.

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Nothing can be compared to the peace that comes from a total trust in the Grace.

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Leave all care to the Divine's Grace, including your progress, and you will be in peace.

5 May 1958

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Sweet Mother,

How can I subdue the children's naughtiness when I tremble before it? How can I call down an atmosphere in which these wrong movements will not occur and no bad talk will come from the children's lips? How can I bring peace and wisdom into this chaotic mob? I am

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too weak, too shy. How should I act so as to be able to control this movement in them?

In order to bring peace and wisdom one must be wise and peaceful; you say that you are weak, but nobody is asking you to rely on your own strength; your strength, your wisdom and your peace belong to the Divine and you must rely on Him alone. Have an absolute trust in the Grace, set aside your little personality and allow the Grace to act; it will make you do what is needed and everything will be all right.

4 July 1962

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The more one knows, the more one realises that one knows nothing.

For one who has total trust in the Divine, in His wisdom and mercy, there are no more problems.

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The triumph of the Divine is *certain*. If we keep the *true* trust, we shall never take the wrong path.

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THE DIVINE GRACE AND DIFFICULTIES

It is only by remaining perfectly peaceful and calm with an unshakable confidence and faith in the Divine Grace that you will allow circumstances to be as good as they can be. *The very best happens always* to those who have put their entire trust in the Divine and in the Divine alone.

9 February 1930

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When, in your life, you meet with a hardship, take it as a Grace from the Lord and, indeed, it will become so.

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In any case and whatever happens, always consider events as a gift from the Divine Grace which is leading you by swift paths towards the spiritual goal of your life.

14 January 1963

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What can be done will be done, but it is a matter of regret that you waited so long for the warning.

In any case, the only thing which is really effective is to will what the Divine wills, and to keep an unshakable confidence in the supreme compassion of the Divine Grace, for through that it is always the best that happens; not the best according to human ideas but the best according to the supreme Truth.

Be calm and full of a solid and pure faith.

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I have received your letter and understand your aspiration.

But the doctor says you have fever still and it is impossible to let you go, because it would be dangerous for your health.

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So, the only thing to do is to accept quietly the conditions in which you find yourself, knowing that for him who has faith in the Divine it is always the best for him that happens. The Divine does not want human beings to suffer, but, in their ignorance, human beings react in such a way that they bring suffering upon themselves. In peace, quietness and surrender is the only solution.

9 February 1964

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All depends on what you want. If you want Yoga, take *all* that happens as the expression of the Divine Grace leading you towards your goal, and try to understand the lesson that circumstances give.

23 April 1964

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For those who have given themselves to the Divine each difficulty that confronts them is the assurance of a new progress and thus must be taken as a gift from the Grace.

19 June 1966

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When difficulties besiege you, know that the Divine Grace is with you.

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People believe that the Grace means making everything smooth for all your life. It is not true.

The Grace works for the realisation of your aspiration and everything is arranged to gain the most prompt, the quickest realisation.

26 May 1967

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The Grace is something that pushes you towards the goal to be attained. Do not try to judge it by your mind, you will not get anywhere, because it is something formidable which is not explained through human words or feelings. When the Grace acts, the result may or may not be pleasant — it takes no account of any human value, it may even be a catastrophe from the ordinary and superficial point of view. But it is always the best for the individual. It is a blow that the Divine sends so that progress may be made by leaps and bounds. The Grace is that which makes you march swiftly towards the realisation.

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Of one thing we must be convinced — all that happens is exactly what must happen in order to lead us and the world as quickly as possible to the goal — the union with the Divine and ultimately the manifestation of the Divine.

And this faith — sincere and constant — is at once our help and protection.