

the common man from exploitation and regimentation, and to keep law and order within the framework of the consent and control of those governed. Then, perhaps, unity, equality and stability may be achieved in our lifetime. These principles must preface material considerations, and all human relationships, for they are fundamental to a disposition to live peaceably with all peoples on a Christian, civilized and cooperative basis.

—Henry S. C. Cummings

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HOW TO TAKE LIFE

Take it just as though it was—as it is—an earnest, vital and important affair. Take it as though you were born to the task of performing a merry part of it—as though the world awaited your coming. Take it as though it was a grand opportunity to do and achieve, to carry forward great and good schemes, to help and cheer a suffering, weary, it may be heartbroken brother. Now and then a man stands aside from the crowd, labors earnestly, steadfastly, confidently, and straightway becomes famous for wisdom, intellect, skill, greatness of some sort. The world wonders, admires, idolizes and it only illustrates what others may do if they take hold of life with a purpose. The miracle, or the power, that elevates the few, is to be found in their industry, application, and perseverance under the promptings of a brave, determined spirit.

— Mark Twain

UNDERSTANDING

Not more of light I ask, Oh God, but eyes to see what is; not sweeter songs, but ears to hear the present melodies; not more of love, but skill to turn a frown to a caress; not more of joy, but how to feel its kindly presence near—to give to others all I have of courage and of cheer. No other gifts, dear God, I ask, but only sense to see how best these precious gifts to use Thou has bestowed on me.

— Author Unknown