

CONSIDER THE LILIES

Keep turning to the Kingdom of God. You should do this as naturally as a flower turns to the light, water and air, which is its kingdom. A flower needs things to make it grow to be strong, sturdy and healthy. Its needs are its diseases, just as our needs are our diseases. Disease, or dis-ease, is the lack of ease, the lack of health, the lack of some spiritual thing. When we need something, or lack something, we are diseased. A flower's needs are its diseases, of small moment at first, but if those needs are not filled when they appear, the need, or disease, grows worse. If, for instance, it needs water, its disease is thirst, and if this need is not filled, it will droop and die. It is so with us also. When the flower turns to its kingdom, its needs are supplied and it is healed. When we turn to the Kingdom of God, our kingdom, our needs are supplied also, or our diseases are healed, which is the same thing; and this is what is conveyed to the writer when the Revelator to this age said, "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." (*Science and Health*)

The flower has no brains, no carnal or mortal mind, and so it turns untrammelled to the light, air and water, its kingdom, and it is supplied with whatever it needs. It should be so with us, but we are handicapped with brains, the carnal or mortal mind, and so we are deflected from the Kingdom of God, turned away from our natural source of supply and fail to get what we need. We, therefore, learn how to have in us that mind "which was also in Christ Jesus," just as the flower has this Mind. "The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it." (*Science and Health*) It was this to which Jesus referred when he said: "Consider the lilies how they grow; they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these," meaning, of course, "Consider the lilies which have but one Mind — they are taken care of though they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory [the glory of the carnal mind, clad in his intellectuality, his human wisdom and knowledge] was not arrayed in the Christ-mind [the Mind of God] like one of these," and so did not turn naturally to the Kingdom of God, and finally went the way of all flesh.

Try, then, to have this Mind, the Mind "which was also in Christ Jesus," and you will turn naturally to the Kingdom of God, your Kingdom, and all your needs will be supplied whatever they may be.