



AFTERWORD

More from
Glenn Clark

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Glenn Clark, founder of the worldwide prayer movement Farthest Out, was a professor of literature and a highly successful athletic coach.

A Christian mystic and a man of prayer and deep faith, he authored dozens of books and other writings on creative spiritual living.

The prayer movement continues to spread through camps, retreats, the planting of prayer groups and service groups.



Glenn Clark's prayer life had a progression of growth and depth. His writings each emphasize our individual prayer life and spiritual growth while focusing on developing a world view and praying for peace.

In ***Islands of Light*** he explores Light as a Source, a Doorway and a Path to experience meaning in life through "turning on the light" of living prayer as taught by Jesus.

Islands of Light has been edited into four parts:

- Part 1 The Age of Light
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The Camps Farthest Out are dedicated to the purpose of discovering the wholeness of the abundant life which Christ promised, that life which is our rightful heritage whenever we dedicate our body, mind and soul completely to God through play, work and worship. For the highest art of life is a living prayer, a continual, dynamic and whole-souled communion with God and man in His image, through Jesus Christ. *Windows of Heaven, 1954*

In this perfect universe there is nothing done by halves or fragments, but always in wholes; therefore there is no question that is separated from its own answer, no need separated from its supply, no desire separated from its own fulfillment.

This is not a matter of feeling but of understanding. And a mere intellectual understanding and a mere inner, mystical feeling is not enough. One must step forth and act as though his universe were actually so ordered and so organized.

He must be prepared to see in every event that comes to him, even in every mistake that he or others make, and in every persecution or misunderstanding that comes his way, a part of the infinite fabric of God's goodness. He must see that to act upon this hypothesis is not a result of belief or thought so much as an act of the will. This is more important than all the rest of the things put together. He who heareth these words will not enter the Kingdom, said Christ, but he who doeth them...

He who thinks my philosophy is based upon mysticism and feeling alone does not understand it. It is based upon the will in perfect harmony, in perfect orchestration with the Mind and Feeling of God. It is a projection of the entire being, the totality and completeness of one's entire self into the Kingdom of God.

The Thought Farthest Out, 1930

THE AGE OF LIGHT



Light is the source of all life. The earth was created from the sun, as though projected from its womb, and ever since has turned back toward the source of its creation like a child seeking to derive its sustenance from its mother's breast. And all that grows upon the earth looks toward the sun for life.

The lily of the field is blessed with some primary inner alchemy which converts the light of the sun directly into its life. But the cow and sheep have not this same primary alchemy, and so they turn to the lily, and to other growing plants of the field, for their sustenance. The sun which filters through the porous blades of the grasses enters the flesh and blood of flocks which graze in the fields.

Man, still further removed from the elementary alchemy of nature, cannot be satisfied with eating grass and other products of the field, so he turns to cattle and sheep—beef and mutton—and thus takes the sustenance of the sun thirdhand for his consumption.

All things, insofar as they wish to live, find themselves dependent upon the sun.

Now prayer in its simplest form is just looking up toward the Son of God as the Source of Light and Life. Unfortunately we often build sheds of resentment or fear or indifference over our heads, and live in shadow much of our lives. And yet if we could step out directly under the Son, and yield ourselves like the lily to His Light, we would be as carefree and content as children in homes of happiness.

Be Thou Made Whole , 1953

And God Saw That It Was Good , Windows of Heaven 1954

SEARCH FOR LIGHT

"In the summer of 1930 seventy people of all ages, of both sexes, and of many vocations, met at a beautiful lake in Minnesota and spent three weeks questing together to find the secret of praying as Jesus prayed. Their purpose in coming together was not merely to talk of and about prayer, but rather to immerse themselves in the beauties and the mysteries of prayer and experience all its heights and depths and powers. There they discovered that just as the great elemental riches of the earth, such as gas and coal, and air and sunshine, are not something that we can manufacture, but are things that may be obtained in almost unlimited quantities if we can sink a shaft to them, or open a window toward them, so the great treasures of heaven and the riches of God may also be obtained in unlimited abundance as we learn how to tune in to them or open the windows of our souls toward them. The greatest thing learned at this "Camp Farthest Out" was the value of making this tuning in and opening the window process an automatic and unconscious habit of one's daily life, a habit literally practicing the presence of God."

The Lord's Prayer and Other Talks on Prayer, 1932

"Four years of experience in the Camps Farthest Out have revealed to us that most of our troubles as well as most of our sins are caused by lack of understanding of things as they are, by seeing only a part instead of visioning the whole. . . The purpose of this camp is to bring every atom, every fiber, every cell, every muscle and every sinew of body, mind, and soul into complete and harmonious adjustment to the great rhythms of the spirit ... The Camp Farthest Out was founded in 1930 as a retreat for the purpose of studying the wholeness of the spiritual life."

"The Camp Farthest Out The Summer of 1934"

"The object of these camps is to teach people how to pray; teach them a definite technique a man can depend upon and use with his body--a technique by which a man can make himself sensitive, radio-like to the Unseen; open himself soul and body to God ...in these camps the Arts are used as avenues for losing our self-consciousness in a sense of oneness with God and with the universe. Finally, in the Spiritual Orchestration hour and in the evening Galilean Hour, the deepest fundamental laws of the Spirit are examined and tested and made the basis for building a rhythmical, harmonious, balanced spiritual life--a life filled with creative and efficient service, a life that is contagious in its radiation of love and joy and peace."

Power in Athletics, 1944



SOCIAL VISION

Ideals are not complete unless we put them into action ...a camp is inadequate unless it takes upon itself some of the features of everyday living, with abundant opportunity for stepping ideals down into action...We believe camps should be places where people put themselves in complete surrender to God and in alignment with the great laws of Jesus, and let Christ's vital religion flow through them...a camp should not produce a book of Ecclesiastes or a Book of Proverbs, but a book of Acts.

The Third Front, 1944



The complete vision of the Camps Farthest Out was born on the Island Farthest Out in the summer of 1929...The one central, underlying principle of the camp is that, like Jesus robe, it must be all of one piece and always woven from above..."all of one piece" means that the inpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Camps Farthest Out is to flow down over every area of the personal life—the spiritual, mental and physical as well as in every area of our corporate life — church, business, school, government and international...

All of One Piece and Woven from Above, 1952

The secret of the popularity of these camps is that they take the whole of Jesus' teachings and apply them to the whole of life. We respect every sacrament and every ritual of the church, but we don't stop with the rites, rituals, and sacraments, no matter how sacred; we press on to the very soul of Christ himself; and consider ways and means of expressing that soul in every phase of life: the church, the hospital, the home, the athletic field, and statesmanship and business as well. That is one reason they are called "Farthest Out."

The Grasp of God, 1956