

*First Week*

*Fifth Day*

## **Growth Is a Continual Process**

We often have the mistaken idea that education should provide external stimulus that will make inner growth possible. Actually, growth is constant, and the true purpose of education should be to open wider and wider the channels of impression and expression so that the inevitable process of growth may proceed in an orderly and normal fashion.

Great geniuses are not men who received “adequate” formal educations. Edison, Lincoln, Socrates and Shakespeare were fortunate enough to have found freedom to grow great from their own inner Light. The purpose today in our educational systems seems to be “learning for earning,” as though the mere acquisition of factual knowledge is the key to success in life.

Undoubtedly Christ’s disciples were uncouth and unlettered at the time he chose them to follow him. Yet how many of us are worthy to be called the “light of the world” and fishers of men”? How many of us have been educated to be the “Sons of God”?

When we return to a study of the beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount we discover that eternal verities are not to be measured with mental reasonings. If our whole educational system could be geared to teach us to live as sons of God, debate and rationalizations would be replaced with faith that moves mountains of fear and hate. Then indeed would peace reign in the hearts of men. So, why do we wait while men destroy each other with the implements of Mind?

O Master, we would hear they call, “Come follow,” and drop the little, idle efforts for so-called civilization to go along the Way which thou hast trod before us. Though it lead us into shows of death, or into green pastures, we are they servants, prepared to live for Thine eternal purposes. In Jesus’ name. Amen

My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: But he that seeketh His glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.  
(John 7:16-18)