

First Week

Sixth Day

You Become What You Adore

Experts on handwriting claim they can read personality in handwriting. Physiognomists claim that character is revealed in the finer points of skin texture, shape of the nose and set of the jaw. Phrenologists ponder the bumps on the skull. Psychologists claim that personality traits, emotional tendencies and vocational aptitudes can be determined by charts and test.

But I can show you a simpler way. Tell me what you adore and I will tell you what you are. If you adore gossip your face will wear the mask of a gossip. If you adore money, the dollar sign will darken your brow and shape your handclasp. If you adore landscapes and sunsets, tranquility will be expressed in your gaze and your voice. If you adore Jesus and look up to him long and often, you will take on the aspects of divinity.

Everyone should read a book about Jesus each year. Better yet, read each day from the gospel records, and come to know the Carpenter of Nazareth. As he becomes real to you through the words he spoke and the report of his deeds on earth, his Presence and Power will be transforming you. You will walk with a new dignity, according to the stature of a child of God. Your motions will be graceful and relaxed because you have yielded to the controlling guidance of that inner Light. Your countenance will radiate Love, and your features will be softened in that radiance until you appear as you really ARE. For the first time you will have become what you *sincerely* adored all the years before.

To whom then will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto him? (Isaiah 40:18) Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (Isaiah 40:28-31)