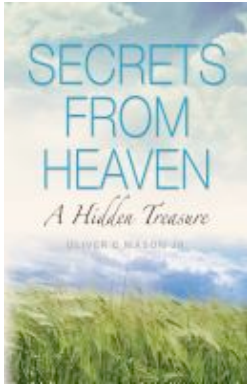




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A man journeyed into the forest, hoping to discover what life was all about. *Why are we here? Who am I...What am I supposed to be doing?* After hiking for several miles with no answer, he heard the faint cry of a baby in the distance. Concerned, he hastened in its direction until he finally came upon a little baby wrapped in blankets, lying on a blanket of green grass. The man gazed in each direction perplexed, about why this baby was left here alone. "Who would just leave you lying here?" He picked up the baby and rocked it in his arms. "It's ok." The baby smiled. "Who are you little one?"

At that very moment, wind whistled from the trees above and a voice came from it stating, "This is my child, whom I love."

"Who said that?" The man looked around to see where the voice was coming from. "Who's there?" he demanded, but there was no reply.

A warm light shined through the trees and hovered over the man's shoulder, descending upon the baby. The man was overwhelmed with a feeling of peace.

"This is my child whom I love!" The voice declared again. Realizing whom he was holding, chills ran up and down the man's body. "I am holding God's beloved son." Tears of jubilation streamed down his face.

"This is my child whom I love." The voice proclaimed again.

The man looked up in the direction of the peaceful light. "Thank you, God!" he cried. "Thank you for letting me see and hold your beloved son."

Once again the man turned his face to look at the baby, when he all of a sudden, realized he was holding a large mirror. He stood there staring at himself, faintly hearing those words

replaying in his head. “This is my child whom I love.” Puzzled, the man continued staring at his reflection when he heard the voice declare one last time, “This is my child whom I love.” Finally, the man smiled. He understood that it was he the voice was referring to.

With tears in his eyes, the man sat on a nearby tree stump. *I am God’s child. I am God’s son...I am...* Never before had these words held so much meaning and impact. As he stood, a row of ducks crossed his path. It was a mother duck and her ducklings. He watched them waddle past, but his attention was interrupted by the wind violently whistling through the trees. He watched a pinecone fall from a tree and crash to the ground. To his amazement, the pinecone immediately took root and grew into the likeness of the pine tree from where it had fallen. When that tree was fully-grown, a pinecone from it fell down and immediately took root and grew in the likeness of that tree. This happened two more times. The man pondered its meaning as he continued to walk through the forest. He finally came upon a small stream. He wanted to splash his face with its cool water. As he approached the stream, a group of ducks waddled in front of him. He realized that these were the same ducks he saw before, however, this time, the ducklings were much older and began to take on the likeness of their mother. Confused, the man bent down at the bank of the stream and splashed his face with the cool water. He paused for a moment to look at his reflection. It was blurry due to the flowing of the stream. Suddenly, the water became still, allowing him to perfectly see himself. After a few seconds, the water started to flow again making his reflection blurry.

While he sat there pondering all of this, an angel suddenly appeared before him standing on the banks of the river. “What is it you are seeking?” asked the angel.

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Amazed at the sight of the angel, the man humbly bowed before him and said, "Please help me. I have been seeking to discover the truth about what life is all about and who I am."

"So tell me then, what have you learned so far?" the angel asked.

"I have only learned that I am God's son," The man answered.

"Do you understand the meaning of the ducks, the trees and the still water?"

"No, I do not," he admitted.

The angel sat down next to him, "Indeed, you are God's child, His beloved son whom He loves and whom He misses. He created you in His image and in His likeness, but you have yet to reflect it. Understand this: life is about growth; life is about becoming who you were meant to be. You were created in God's image so in God's image you shall be. Just as the ducklings slowly grew into the likeness of their mother, just as each pinecone that fell grew into the likeness of the pine tree it fell from, so are you to grow in the likeness, in the greatness, in the image of your Father, your Creator, your God, God Almighty. This is what life is all about, but this is not how you live. As a child, you spent most of your time learning from the world about the world, so you became worldly. You spent very little time learning from God and about God so you can become Godly. For anyone who learns from God will become like Him. What you are now is the blurry image you saw in the flowing stream. Who you are is not clear because you have yet to imitate your Father in heaven. Nevertheless, you are to grow and become like that perfect reflection you saw when the waters were still. You are to become a mirror image of your Father, God Almighty. This is what life is all about, growing to be like your Father, God Almighty."

"But that's impossible!" the man cried out.

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“Nothing is impossible for God and if anyone tells you it is impossible, they are liars and thieves. They are liars because the truth is not within them and thieves because they are trying to steal your life as well as deny you your place among greatness. You are God’s child and just as your own children grow in the likeness of you, so are you to grow in the likeness of God, your Father. He would not ask you to do something if it were not possible. Even more, he has given you a teacher, a savior to help you find your way. Find and then follow the one who said ‘I am in the Father and the Father is in me,’ for he is the gate, the good shepherd and the way. No one can get to the Father except through him. He goes by the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, but I warn you! There are many who do not want you to grow into your Father’s likeness. Watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teachings you will receive. Keep away from them. For this is the only way the enemy can keep you from becoming who you are. For as long as you are divided you will never stand and be, for you will not know, therefore you will not be. Wisdom brings freedom, freedom from ignorance. For with ignorance, you will always struggle and fail to be what God intended you to be.”

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One's own hand demonstrates the teaching of one's own mind. Be careful how you think, for your life is shaped by your thoughts. If your thoughts are not in line with God, then it should be clear who your teacher truly is, for the heart reveals its master's teachings and the mind executes them.



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