

i see God in everything

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." isa 26:3

nothing else but seeing God in everything will make us loving and patient with those who annoy and trouble us. they will be to us then only instruments for accomplishing His tender and wise purposes toward us, and we shall even find ourselves at last inwardly thanking them for the blessings they bring us. nothing else will completely put an end to all murmuring or rebelling thoughts. – h.w. smith.

“give me a new idea,” i said,  
while musing on a sleepless bed;  
“a new idea that’ll bring to earth  
a balm for souls of priceless worth;  
that’ll give men thoughts of things above,  
and teach them how to serve and love,  
that’ll banish every selfish thought,  
and rid men of the sins they’ve fought.”

the new thought came, just how, i’ll tell:  
'twas when on bended knee i fell,  
and sought from Him who knows full well  
the way our sorrow to expel.  
SEE GOD IN ALL THINGS, great and small,  
and give Him praise whate'er befall,  
in life or death, in pain or woe,  
see God, and overcome thy foe.

i saw Him in the morning light,  
He made the day shine clear and bright;

i saw Him in the noontide hour,  
and gained from Him refreshing shower.  
at eventide, when worn and sad,  
He gave me help, and made me glad.  
at midnight, when on tossing bed  
my weary soul to sleep He led.

i saw Him when great losses came,  
and found He loved me just the same.  
when heavy loads i had to bear,  
i found He lightened every care.  
by sickness, sorrow, sore distress,  
He calmed my mind and gave me rest.  
He's filled my heart with gladsome praise  
since i gave Him the upward gaze.

'twas new to me, yet old to some,  
this thought that to me has become  
a revelation of the way  
we all should live throughout the day;  
for as each day unfolds its light,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.  
life will, indeed, a blessing bring,  
if we SEE GOD IN EVERYTHING."

- a.e. finn

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do you see Him on the mountain and in the valley. do  
you see Him in troubled times and in good, in sickness  
and in heath, in anxieties and in peace, in the dark  
and in the light? as corrie ten boom used to say,  
"there is no pit so deep He is not deeper still."  
being a survivor of the holocaust, she ought to know.

i think of the story of the footprints in the sand. we look behind us and see only one set of footprints and think He left us, when in fact, He was carrying us. "and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." john 10:29

if anyone does the moving, it is us. "the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." james 1:17 if you've gotten off track, just turn around from where you might be heading and turn back to Him. His arms are still open!