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Prayer to Be Reconciled With Everything in the Universe

I AM A CHILD OF GOD. This means that God is dwelling within me, and my True Image has all the attributes of His perfection.

However, as long as I am thinking of my perfection as that of a physical being, God will not clearly manifest through me. He will appear only when I close my eyes to my physical self and quietly meditate on my inner divine nature.

The physical body is a tool for the spirit of a child of God to descend and perform his duties on earth. Since my body is a tool, I may sometimes wallow in the mud, be in discord with others, or be injured. But this does not mean that the child of God is being muddied or hurt. Since I am a child of God, no matter what my physical condition may be, I will never be in discord with others, nor will I be hurt, for I am essentially pure and immaculate, an indestructible spiritual reality.

Only when I realize my True Image that is essentially pure, immaculate, and sinless will I be able to forgive those who may appear sinful and harmful. As long as I see them as evil and immoral, even if I wish to forgive them, it would be forbearance, not forgiveness.

Though they may appear sinful, I will be able to forgive by knowing that they have not committed any

sin. Though they may appear to be defiled, I will be able to forgive them when I know that they are not truly defiled. Though they may appear to be hurtful, I will be able to forgive them when I realize that I am not hurt at all.

Furthermore, though they may appear to hurt me, I will look at their perfect True Image that has not committed any sin, and by being grateful to them, realize that they have appeared as the Goddess of Mercy, wearing the mask of the devil to polish my soul.

When I realize their True Image and become grateful, I will no longer be angry and forbearing. I will transcend forgiveness and become truly reconciled with them. To be grateful to all things in the universe means to perceive their True Image through the compassion of the Goddess of Mercy and become grateful to them.

O God, I am grateful to You for teaching me this Truth. I do not have a single enemy in this world. Thank you very much!

—From *Hikari No Izumi*,
"Fountain of Light," July 1969, pp. 26-27