

Prayer to Conquer Fear and Sever the Roots of Misfortune

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SINCE EVERY HUMAN BEING receives his life in this world as a self-realization of God, everyone possesses God's "infiniteness" within himself, and its manifestation is his mission in life.

When I desire something, it is because God who dwells within me wants that wish to be realized. Infinite power is behind me and constantly pushing that wish outward toward realization. Therefore, it is impossible for me to have a wish and not have it realized. I have now gained a deeper understanding of this Truth, so I shall never fall victim to fear, worry, or the like about my wishes not being fulfilled. It is stated in the *Holy Sutra, Song of the Angel*: "When fear is destroyed, / All misfortune and sickness will vanish of their own accord." By virtue of the power of his thoughts, one who is fearful will attract to himself what he has feared in his mind and go on to actually materialize it in his life. In the Old Testament, the prophet Job was a truly fine person. However, because he had much fear in his heart, he was troubled by all sorts of difficulties and suffering, causing him to cry out in sorrow, "For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me" (Job 3:25). Hardship and pain never come from God. They are created by a person when he fears something and pictures it in his mind, and his imagination materializes and appears before him as hardship and pain. This is the "secret" behind the deception of hardship and pain that fate has dealt to mankind.

Until now we did not know the secret behind the deception. We have been deceived by the magician called fate into believing that hardship and pain are real, and as a result, we have been caught up in them to become victims.

However, we now know the Truth that "man is a child of God and God's self-realization." We have become enlightened to the Truth that since God did not create any evil or misfortune whatsoever, they do not really exist. We are now aware of the deception that led us to falsely believe that hardship and pain do exist. The trickster called fate can no longer deceive us by causing suffering, such as misfortune, disease, poverty, and strife, to appear before us as real. All misfortune has already vanished from before our eyes. All trouble has already vanished from before our eyes. All sickness has already vanished from before our eyes. All discord has already vanished from before our eyes.

Since we are all children of God, there cannot possibly be any strife among us. Wherever we go, everything is in harmony; wherever we go, everyone is filled with happiness. Prosperity appears as a self-realization of God, and from everyone's lips come words of blessing and voices raised in praise of God. Indeed, here and now, our homes have turned into heaven on earth. We are grateful to God who has made us aware of this Truth.

—From *Shinri No Ginsho*, "Recitations of the Truth," pp. 244-247