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Dear Friends,

As sit here in my office at home I can look out my window at the fruit trees in the yard. Already they are starting to bud, each with their own unique design and purpose for being they will produce fruit to the best of their ability to do so.

That got me to thinking what Charles Fillmore once declared, ***“Innate within every human is the ability to take care of themselves and this ability needs to be aroused and used by all of us.”***

How true this is for all of us. Within each of us there is a divine patterned, the divine idea for all humankind, the image we were made in, the image of God, as St. Paul so astutely put it, ***“which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** (Colossians 1:27)

From the book The Magic of the Word, by May Rowland, UNITY teaches that: *A person needs to direct their ability in some active way, not just hold it in their mind. They need to get to work in some practical way. Many people, who are brimful of ability, go through life not making any practical application of their abilities. They do not concentrate or make the effort to do anything about the abilities or ideas they have within them. A major reason why they do not express themselves to the fullest extent they can is because they feel at some level their abilities or ideas do not amount to much. This is not true, for we were not created to do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.*

Many times we grudgingly do little about our small abilities, thinking they are beneath us or not worthwhile, or do not pay enough, and we give no effort toward allowing them to help us create a life of health, happiness and abundance. They are not important to us. We instead look for "big deals" and important things to do.

Remember the parable of the mustard seed? Everyone has some qualities and abilities that will help them obtain their heart's desire no matter how small they seem to be. Think yours over and do not say, "I am willing to do anything," and then

turn your back on all the things there are to do. Everything that is yours to do is of value as you use it to express the divine plan God has for you and the world in which you live. This is the foundation for your belief -- YOUR HAVE VALUE!

To help people realize that they each had the Christ spirit within, their hope of glory as an ability to achieve their hearts desires, Unity published a twelve step process to help create a strong belief system to give power to all our abilities, no matter how big or how small:

1. *Believe in yourself - you are marvelously endowed.*

2. *Believe in your work - all honest work is sacred.*

3. *Believe in this day - every minute contains an opportunity to express God's plan for good.*

4. *Believe in your family - this is done by creating harmony by trust and co-operation.*

5. *Believe in your neighbor - the more friends you make the happier your life will be.*

6. *Believe in values - you can never go wrong doing what's right.*

7. *Believe in your decision - go to headquarters (God) first and then follow the guidance.*

8. *Believe that you are meant to live a positive life of well-being. Stop looking for things to always be wrong or waiting for the "other shoe to drop."*

9. *Believe in the now - yesterday is past recall, learn from it and move on; and tomorrow is not here yet.*

10. *Believe in your church - encourage others to attend by living the principles that are taught and by attending yourself.*

11. *Believe in God's promise you are never alone - "I am with you always." For the Lord of your being resides within you, you dwell in the Christ presence at all times.*

12. *Believe in God's mercy - if God loves and forgives you with an everlasting love, you can love and forgive yourself no matter what happens.*

Let your abilities spring forth this month.
Happy Easter!