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TODAY'S SERMON:

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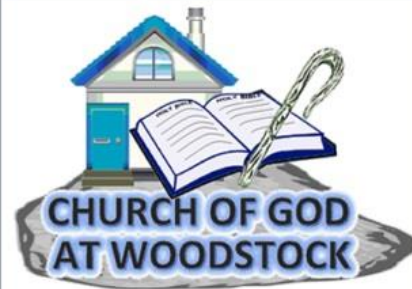


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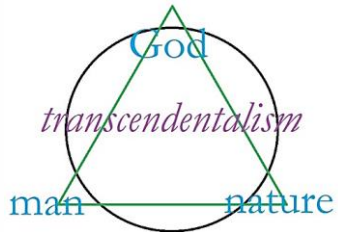
EPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

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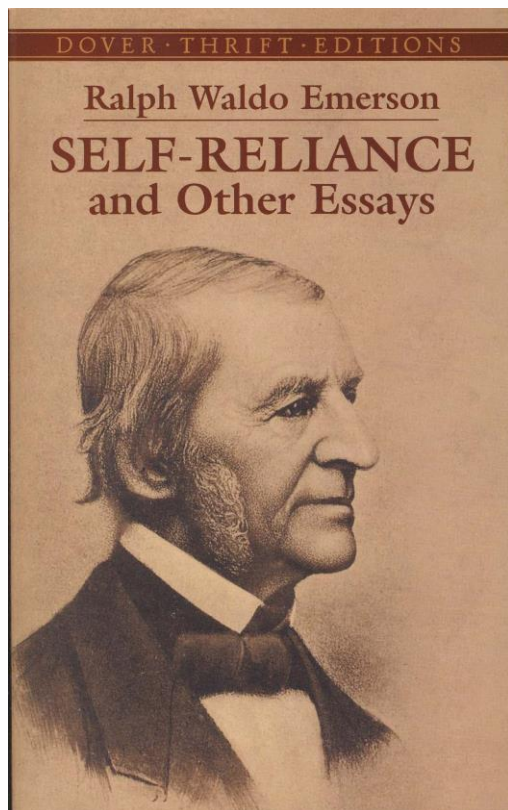
Transcendentalism

19th-century movement of writers and philosophers in New England who were loosely bound together by adherence to an idealistic system of thought based on a belief in the essential unity of all creation, the innate goodness of humanity, and the supremacy of insight over logic and experience for the revelation of the deepest truths.



Encyclopedia Britannica, online version

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“Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen.”

“It is easy to live for others, everybody does. I call on you to live for yourself.”

“Shallow men believe in luck or in circumstance. Strong men believe in cause and effect.”

“Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string”

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If thou therefore wilt worship
me, all shall be thine. (KJV)

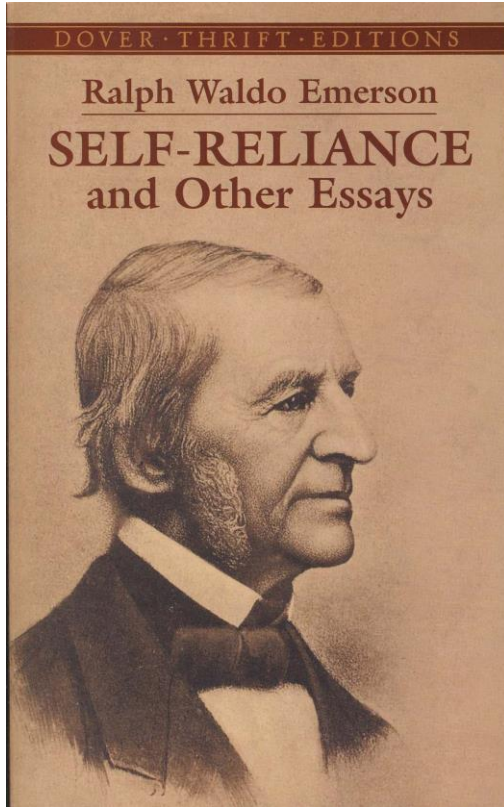
—Luke 4:7

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“What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.”



“Failure Will Never Overtake Me If My
Determination To Succeed Is Strong Enough.”

Og Mandino

“The Man Who Has Confidence In Himself Gains
The Confidence Of Others.”

Hasidic Proverb

“Things Work Out Best For Those Who Make The
Best Of How Things Work Out.”

John Wooden

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“There is no substitute for hard work.”

Thomas A. Edison

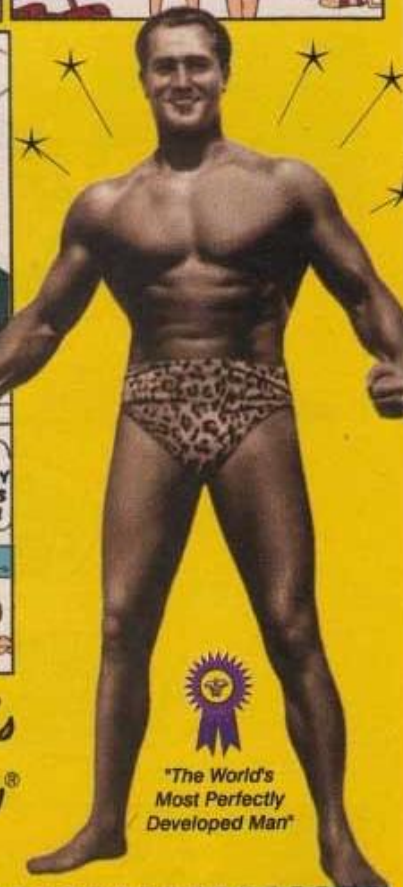
“The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.”

Mark Twain

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Genesis 2:14

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work** it and keep it.

English Standard Version

Genesis 4:7a

If thou **doest well**, shalt thou not be accepted?

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Proverbs 6:6

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; **consider her ways, and be wise:**

Proverbs 10:4–5

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the **hand of the diligent maketh rich.**
He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

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Proverbs 14:14

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be **satisfied from himself.**

Galatians 6:4–5

But let every man **prove his own work**, and then shall he have rejoicing **in himself alone**, and not in another. For **every man shall bear his own burden.**

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Ephesians 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him **labour, working with his hands** the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that **if any would not work, neither should he eat.**

Romans 12:11

Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. *(GNT)*

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Psalm 146:3–5

Put not your **trust in princes**, nor in the **son of man**, in whom there **is no help**. His breath goeth forth, he **returneth to his earth**; in that very day his **thoughts perish**. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, **whose hope is in the LORD his God**:

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Jeremiah 17:5–7

Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that **trusteth in man**, and **maketh flesh his arm**, and whose heart **departeth from the LORD**. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that **trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is**.

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Galatians 3:1–3

O foolish Galatians, who hath **bewitched you**, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, **Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?** Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now **made perfect by the flesh?**

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Proverbs 14:12

There is a way which seemeth **right unto a man**,
but the end thereof are the **ways of death**.

Genesis 3:6

And when the woman **saw that the tree was good** for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, **and did eat**, and gave also unto her husband with her; **and he did eat**.

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Ecclesiastes 7:29

Lo, this only have I found, that **God hath made man upright**; but they have sought out many **inventions**.

Philippians 2:13

For it is **God** which worketh in you **both to will and to do** of his good pleasure.

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Psalm 33:13–18

The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth **all the sons of men**. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. **He fashioneth their hearts alike**; he considereth all their works. There is **no king saved** by the multitude of an host: a mighty man **is not delivered** by much strength. An horse is a **vain thing for safety**: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them **that hope in his mercy**;

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Luke 12:16–21 [16-19]

And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And **I will say to my soul**, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; **take thine ease**, eat, drink, and be merry.

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Luke 12:16–21 [20-21]

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? **So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**

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Luke 12:22–34 [22-26]

And he said unto his disciples, **Therefore I say unto you**, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? **If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least**, why take ye thought for the rest?

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Luke 12:22–34 [27-30]

Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And **seek not** ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, **neither be ye of doubtful mind**. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

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Luke 12:22–34 [31-34]

But rather **seek ye the kingdom of God**; and all these things shall be added unto you. **Fear not**, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **Sell that ye have**, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

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Matthew 11:25–27

At that time Jesus answered and said, **I thank thee, O Father**, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast **hid these things** from the wise and prudent, and **hast revealed them** unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and **no man knoweth the Son**, but the Father; **neither knoweth any man the Father**, save the Son, and he to **whomsoever the Son will reveal him**.

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1 Corinthians 4:4,7

For **I know nothing by myself**; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

4:7 For **who maketh thee to differ from another?** and what hast thou that thou **didst not receive?** now if thou didst receive it, **why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?**

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John 8:28

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that **I do nothing of myself**; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

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Romans 12:3

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Acts 17:28

For in him **we live, and move, and have our being**; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

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Matthew 18:4

Whosoever therefore shall **humble himself as this little child**, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the **poor in spirit**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Deuteronomy 8:11a

Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God...

Deuteronomy 8:17–18

And thou say in thine heart, **My power and the might of mine hand** hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is **he that giveth thee power** to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

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Proverbs 30:8–9

Remove far from me vanity and lies: **give me neither poverty nor riches**; feed me with food convenient for me: **Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.**

Romans 1:21

Because that, when they knew God, they **glorified him not as God, neither were thankful**; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

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Isaiah 14:12–14

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

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Luke 7:40–43

And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, **which of them will love him most**? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom **he forgave most**. And he said unto him, Thou hast **rightly judged**.

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2 Peter 1:3–4

According as his divine power hath **given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

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Philippians 4:6–8

Be **careful for nothing**; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**

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Philippians 4:11b–13

...for I have learned, **in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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Proverbs 3:6

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Ephesians 5:20

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In every thing give thanks: for **this is the will of God in Christ Jesus** concerning you.

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Job 1:21

And *[Job]* said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; **blessed be the name of the LORD.**

Colossians 2:6–7

As ye have therefore **received Christ Jesus** the Lord, so walk ye in him: **Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith**, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

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Colossians 3:15–17

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; **and be ye thankful**. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God** and the Father by him.

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Romans 5:3–5

And not only so, but **we glory in tribulations** **also**: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts **by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

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Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father **give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**

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Ephesians 4:30

And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby **ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 1:13

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**,



2 Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also **sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit** in our hearts.

Ephesians 5:18

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;
but **be filled with the Spirit**;

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Luke 6:46–49

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and **laid the foundation on a rock**: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: **for it was founded upon a rock**. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that **without a foundation** built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and **immediately it fell**; and the ruin of that house was great.

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Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 19:13–14

Keep back thy servant also from **presumptuous sins**; let them **not have dominion over me**: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

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Psalm 86:5

For thou, Lord, **art good, and ready to forgive;**
and **plenteous in mercy** unto all them that call
upon thee.

Hebrews 4:16

**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of
grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace
to help in time of need.**

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1 Corinthians 3:11

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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