

# 4 WAYS TO DEVELOP AND DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIVINE

1. To grow into a new and higher order of peace we must remember at the first sign of resisting some unwanted moment that we must work to detect and dismiss any tendency we have to identify with that negative reaction.

HOW? Instead of being the passive instrument of those dark thoughts or feelings that have come to justify that pain, we work—in deed—to be the active, impersonal observer of it... that we might embody a new Will that can't act against itself.

2. To grow into a new and higher order of faith we must work to remember this truth, and then ground ourselves in it as best we can: the limit of our present view in these moments is not the limit of our possibilities. And then deliberately, consciously test the reality of any resistance we may feel to that moment.

HOW? Work—in deed—to at least attempt to take one step past what we are sure was the end of what we can do. The way out is through. Find out!

3. To grow into a new and higher order of compassion we must work to remember that we are not the only ones who suffer.

HOW? Work—in deed—to practice being consciously patient with whatever may be the unpleasant manifestations of others. So that before we blame anyone or anything for our negativity, to bring that painful reaction into the awareness of ourself...that we might suffer ourselves before we blame others.

4. To grow into a new and higher order of wisdom we must remember to be fully present to the lesson in every moment, especially the ones we don't want... that have come to give us an insight intended to reveal, and then help release us from our dependency on failed, or otherwise incomplete beliefs.

HOW? Work—in deed—to remember, no matter what, our first task is to *work in the garden of the revelation, rain or shine.*

— Guy Finley