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Romans 8:28.

All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are ~~there~~ called according to His purpose".

Paul is here speaking of the life of the believer, of the one whose life is ^{near to the heart of God;} hid in Christ; of the one who seeks to know and do God's will. He called according to God's purpose.

All things do not work together for good to all men. All things pulled

together for the downfall
and destruction of Pharaoh
and of his kingdom. - Even
* the grace and mercy
of God made his collapse
more decisive. The
harder Nero fought and
the deeper he planned to
exterminate Christianity,
the more baffled he became.
All things are working to-
gether for ^{good to} some and all
the way some things are
uniting for evil to others.
The reason is found, not
in things but in the
individuals. Their attitude,
their actions, their character

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which shapes their life
for positive or for negative
results. A Pilate asks:

"What shall I ^{do} with Jesus?"

Then listens to hear what
the public cries: "Crucify
Him!"

A Pilate obeys
their voice, and from
that moment, the name

~~A~~ Pilate starts down
history in ^{and disgrace} shame.

A Paul asks: "Who art
Thou?" Jesus says: "I
am Jesus".

From that
day till now the man
who bears the name of
Paul is honored thereby.

All things mean all of life.
Life is made up of all
things - fortune and
misfortune, plenty and
poverty, health and sickness,
commendation and condem-
nation, ^{realization of our hopes and disappointment} joy and sorrow,
fellowship and loneliness,
strength and weakness,
conviction and doubt,
daylight and darkness,
good report and evil
report, loyalty of your
friends and disloyalty
of your enemies, ^{some of} all these things that work
together for good to the
one whose path is

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is directed by the
heavenly Father's hand
and lighted by the radiance
of His love.

Life is very much like
mountain climbing. There
are times we have to
go down to reach the top.
At times the divine
path leads us in an
opposite direction to
what we think is the
right one. There break
before our vision deep,
ragged gorges and ugly
chasms, while our
path ~~ragged~~ ^{dim} path
hugs the mountainside

on the brink of perilous
precipices. After what
was almost a continual
repetition of fears and
hardships mingled with
delightful scenery and
balmy air we finally
reach the mountain
top. Now that we are
on the top of the first
ridge of mountains we
can catch the outline
of still higher peaks. And
we are now sure of two
things. One is that our
guide knew best and
was wise when he in-
sisted on our keeping

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to our original path even when we rebelled and wished to return or to seek out another way. Our guide knew best. The other fact is: that with our backward look from the heights above, we know ~~two~~ things, — that in order to have attained our present position of a large vision from the highest ground it was necessary to have kept close to the pathway; to have gone down time and again

in our ascent; to have been led in an opposite direction in the winding way up; to have traveled through the dark canyons before reaching the sunlight of the mountain top; to have felt the dampness of the wooded lowlands; to have sunk knee deep in mud; to have swum swollen streams; to have gone by the perilous precipices and to have jumped over yawning chasms; to have become wearied, thirsty, and hungry; in order now

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to appreciate fully our present ^{opportunities and} surroundings.
Many times we cried out: "All things are against me." We were ^{at that time} in the dark places with the smoke of battle settling down around us. But now we look back on life's winding way up and down and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose".

"I'll bless the hand that guided,
" " " heart that planned

When throned where ^{devellet} glory
In Emmanuel's land".

Sometimes our life
is as placid as a lake,
again it is as turbulent
as a stormy sea. Joseph
was carefree and happy
as an obedient lad in
his father's house. Then
the things of life struck
him and he was cast
by his own brethren into
a pit and left to die.
He was taken out of the
pit and sold to strangers
who in turn sold
Joseph into slavery
of Egypt. There Joseph

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won favor and distinction
in the eyes of his master
only to be falsely accused
by his master's wicked
wife, and cast most
unjustly into prison.
~~After~~ All this ill treatment,
misrepresentation and
imprisonment was
meant for Joseph's
downfall. But he
rose above the littleness
of his fellowmen, to the
position of second in
the kingdom of all Egypt.
As Joseph looked back
over his life of struggles
to his brethren; "you meant evil against me
but he said: God meant

it into good". All things worked together for good, in Joseph's life, to develop the finest example of true manliness recorded of man in all history. Jacob, his father, cries out: "My son is dead. Joseph without doubt is dead." Jacob's life was lived under this gloom, years stretched out into decades. One day Jacob's sons returned from Egypt ~~and~~ saying that Joseph was ruler of Egypt - and had sent for Jacob. After

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long days of travel ~~was~~
bumpy, ^{roads, in} wooden wheeled
carts, Jacob arrived
in Egypt. Joseph in
all the decorations of
royalty and regalia
of oriental splendor
gets into his chariot and
drives out to meet
his father. The old
man with long flowing
white beard runs
to meet the royal chariot,
forgetting Joseph's
splendor as he em-
braces his long lost
child. Through his
tears of joy, he now
sees it all plain

as day ~~was~~ - a rich
land, plenty of food to
sustain life, protection,
peace - and the best
of all his boy Joseph
as ruler of Egypt. All
things work together for
good to them that love
God who are the called
according to His purpose."

/// The peculiar thing
about life is that the
things which help most
are the hard experiences.
Fair days and abundant
sunshine are soon for-
gotten, yet they are necessary.
No soul can stand reverses

all the time. There must
be at times level ground
along with the climb
up. The fact is we
have fewer dark days
than fair days. Life
moves smoothly most
of the time. We need
the rest, the let up
in the struggle. Were
it not for that in us
which inclines us
to carelessness and
to settle down in our
ease, I am of the opinion
God would send us
fewer trials. The "all
things" of the text, means

The joys as well as the sorrows,
the easy tasks and the hard
duties. We should never
lose sight of the fact that
nurses never kill the
soul of man. The finest
character this world
has ever seen was "made
perfect through the things
he suffered."

Success with its
attend-ant days of ease
is the destruction of
more souls than any-
thing else. We persuade
ourselves that when
all goes well, we are
alright. We come to believe

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That we are really better
That is what has been wrong in Americans for decades. We
do not see that our quality is due to our having followed
in the steps of Jesus. We thank

God that we are not made
as other people. The result
of such self adulation
is spiritual stagnation,
and economical depression,
ending in death. We
forget God.

The tendency of continued
prosperity is towards
a deterioration of relig-
ious convictions. Of
course this should not
be so. Our joys and
our blessings should
and would bring us
nearer to God and
fit us for better service
to mankind, if we

received our blessings
as we do our sorrows and
reverses. If we sought
as diligently to find out
God's will for us in our
blessings as we do to find
that will in our reverses
we could be helped as
much by our blessings
as by our trials. God
blesses us that we may
grow and become pro-
ductive. He sends re-
verses that we may
know that He is God,
the ~~not~~ ruler, director,
yea, the planner of all
these things that seem

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just to happen in our lives. All things work together for good to them who love God, who are the called according to His purpose."

Had there been no order of Pharaoh to slay the Hebrew children, Moses would never have been reared in a king's palace where he received his training for leadership. Had there been no persecution of the disciples the Gospel would not have extended so rapidly to other cities.

and countries. Had not St. John been banished to Patmos we probably would not have had a picture of the new Jerusalem.

Had John Bunyan not been locked up in the Bedford jail for 13 years there would have been no Pilgrim's Progress.

Out of blindness, ^{will} pictured Paradise Lost; Fanny Crosby wrote our sweetest religious hymns and Helen Keller ~~blind and mute~~ astounded

the world today. ~~When~~ Last June Glasgow conferred on Helen Keller the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Taking her diploma in

without eyes to see and ears to hear,

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her hand, she said:

"This parchment is a sign that the race is not so swift. Love lifts the rim of vision and gives mind a glory of meaning that it never had before. Not until Jesus looked with pity upon the shunned and the outcast did men begin to give a helping hand to the afflicted. This is education of the highest order: that which reveals the infinite possibilities of life. There is a glow in my thoughts as I accept the declaration of Glasgow University,

That darkness and silence
need not bar the progress of
the immortal spirit." She
accepted life as it was -
blind and speechless - yet
she sees and talks of more
things than are seen and
talked of by the multitude.
She turned her disappoint-
ment into this appointment,
~~and~~ "all things worked to-
gether for good" always to
all whom God calls.

To be sure the acceptance
of "all things working together
for good" does not for the
time being lessen pain,
but it does take away the
sting of things. It enables

Stephen to say as his fellow men gather round about him with rocks in their hands to kill him: "Lord lay not this to their charge". It strengthens Job as he cried out in the affliction of loss of possessions and of his family: "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away,

Blessed be the name of the Lord" ^{It enables fathers & mothers to hope and pray when Paul was beaten} ^{their children go astray} ^{St. Augustine's motto:} five times with whips,

three times with rods, stored and left for dead; in shipwrecks, in perils, in weariness and pain-

fulness, in hunger and thirst,
in cold and nakedness, in
chains of the prison, and later
still greater suffering. As
Paul looked back upon this he
said: "I would ye should
understand, brethren, that the
things which happened unto me
have fallen out rather to the
furtherance of the Gospel"
"All things work together for
good to them that love God,
to them ~~that~~ who are ^{they} called
according to His purpose.

~~How is it with you? Do all
things mean your advancement
or your downfall? All things
work together for good to them
~~that~~ who love God; to them~~

How is it with you? Will all things mean to you of the class of 1933, your advancement or your downfall? The answer to that will depend on how you meet your daily tasks; ^{on} your attitude to the "all things" of life.

For those who are the called according to the purpose of God; for those who live near to the heart of God "where sin cannot molest, where we our saviors meet, where all is joy

and peace, near to the
heart of God" - to all
these "All things work
together for good"