A PERSIAN ROSARY

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1. Love and serve humanity.
2. Praise very soul. If you cannot praise him, let him pass out of your life.
3. Dare, dare and then - dare more.
5. There is no saint without a past. There is no sinner without a future.
6. See God and good in every face. All the perfections and virtues of the Deity are hidden in you. Reveal them. The Saviour also is in you. Let his grace emancipate you.
7. Be cheerful. Be courteous. Be a dynamo of irrepressible happiness. Assist everyone. Let your life be like unto a rose; though silent it speaks in the language of fragrance. You are a trinity of body, mind and soul. The food of the soul is Divine Love. Therefore, feed your soul on Divine Love - so that the body and the mind be invigorated. Be deaf and dumb concerning the faults of others. Do not listen to gossip. Silence the tale-bearer with virtuous conversation.
8. Stop the circulation of the poisonous germs of religious fanaticism through your veins and arteries and those of your children. Never argue with any soul concerning his religious beliefs. Religious controversies lead to hatred and separation. Religion is Love and Fellowship not theological dogmas and creeds. When you have Love and Sympathy in your heart for your fellowmen, you have the highest type of religion, no matter by what name you may call yourself. Rest assured that the emancipation of the world is through the Nameless God of Love and in Nameless Religion of Love.
9. Develop the qualities of essential goodness. Every soul is endowed with the attributes of intrinsic beauty. Discover those attributes and hold them before the world.
10. Religion is a personal relation between man and his maker. For God's sake, do not interfere with it, do not organize it, neither try to reduce it to so many statements. Organization, in whatever form is the death-knell of religion. Do not preach this. Practice and teach it. Let no one dictate to you regarding what you should or what you should not believe and do in your spiritual life. The ultimate authority is the Authority of the Spirit within you and not that of any man, dead or alive. The Unerring Witness is standing in the centre of
your being - all powerful, mighty and supreme! His is the final testimony. His
is the court of last appeal.
12. God's love is in you and for you. Share it with others through association.
   Do not court separation from the creatures, but unite with them in love.
   To know yourself through your fellowmen is to know God.
13. Have courage. Realize your divine origin. You are the ray of the Sun of
   Immortal Bliss. You and the Father are one. The deathless, radiant Self
   is in you. Reverence your Celestial station. No harm will ever come to you.
   God's perfect image and likeness you are, abiding in the fort of his Protection
   Association with all the people will lead to spiritual unfoldment and not to
   the deterioration of the soul. Live above the world of faith and infidelity;
   religion and atheism; orthodoxy and Liberalism, truth and error; angel and devi
   and you will be living with, and in God...THE GOD OF ABSOLUTE GOOD, the GOD OF
   ABSOLUTE BEAUTY, THE GOD OF ABSOLUTE PERFECTION.
14. In religion there is no compulsion. The path to spiritual unfoldment is
   not by restrictions and constraints; not anathema and excommunication, but
   by constant progress from world to world, from star to star, from constellation
   to constellation, forever and without end.
15. The light of lights is in your heart. Uncover it, and let it shine for the
   illumination of mankind. Do not expect a favor from friend or foe, and you shall
   never be disappointed.
16. Overcome malice, envy, personal spite and prejudice, and you are the
   master of Destiny.
17. Do not condemn a single soul. In condemning him, you are condemning youse.
   Never for an instant forget that he is also the child of God. Upon the great
   sea of spirit, there is room for every sail. In the limitless sky of truth
   there is room for every wing.
18. Do not murder the character of a soul, under the guise of religion, either
   by bitter blame or faint praise. Spiritual murder is worse than the taking
   of a man's life. Have a sin-covering eye. See only the beautiful, the lovely,
   the noble.
   Walk in your chosen path and let no criticism disturb you in the least. This
   is the way to success, to happiness, to health, to prosperity, to glory. Let
   me walk in it during the days of my life!