

# The Life of Integrity and Wisdom

Some beliefs are like walled gardens. They encourage exclusiveness, and the feeling of being especially privileged.

Other beliefs are expansive and lead the way into wider and deeper sympathies.

Some beliefs are like shadows, darkening children's days with fears of unknown calamities.

Other beliefs are like sunshine, blessing children with the warmth of happiness.

Some beliefs are divisive, separating the saved from the unsaved, friends from enemies.

Other beliefs are bonds in a universal brotherhood, where sincere differences beautify the pattern.

Some beliefs are like blinders, shutting off the power to choose one's own direction.

Other beliefs are like gateways opening wide vistas for exploration.

Some beliefs weaken a person's selfhood. They blight the growth of resourcefulness.

Other beliefs nurture self-confidence and enrich the feeling of personal worth.

Some beliefs are rigid, like the body of death, impotent in a changing world.

Other beliefs are pliable, like the young sapling, ever growing with the upward thrust of life.

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## The Abiding Presence

George Wallace Briggs, 1931

PELHAM STREET C.M.

William King Covell, 1960

1. O God, in whom we live and move, In whom we draw each breath, Who  
2. Our hands may build thy hal-lowed fane, No bound thy pres-ence owns; The  
3. And when we gath-er in thy name, To pray with one ac-cord, A -  
4. Thou art a - bout our path, where-e'er We seek to tread thy ways; All

fill - est all the height a - bove, And all the depths be - neath;  
heaven of heavens can - not con - tain, The low - ly heart en - thrones.  
round, with - in us, still the same, We find thy pres-ence, Lord.  
life is sac - ra - ment and prayer, And ev - ery thought is praise.

CELEBRATION AND PRAISE