

...The very fact you have consciously begun the quest is itself a manifestation of Grace,

...You are not really walking alone. The very love which has awakened within you for the Overself is a reflection of the love which is being shown towards you.

...Thus the very search upon which you have embarked, the studies you are making, and the meditations you are practicing are all inspired by the Overself from the beginning and sustained by it to the end.

...The Overself is already at work even before you begin to seek it. Indeed, you have taken to the quest in unconscious obedience to the divine prompting. And that prompting is the first movement of Grace.

Even when you believe that you are doing these things for yourself, it is really Grace that is opening the heart and enlightening the mind from behind the scenes.

...Our initiative pushes on toward the goal, whilst divine Grace draws us to it. Both forces must combine if the process is to be completed and crowned with success. Yet that which originally made the goal attractive to you and inspired you with faith in it and thus gave rise to your efforts, was itself the Grace.

...We do not get at the Real by our own efforts alone nor does it come to us by its own volition alone. Effort that springs from the self and Grace that springs from beyond it are two things essential to success in this quest. The first we can all provide, but the second only the Overself can provide. 2.9.67