Our Quality for the month

April 2015

~ Concern ~

Another name for prayer is **concern**. To show genuine **concern** for humanity is to become a supremely chosen instrument of God.

Morning brings A bountiful supply of God's Love and Concern. ~	May my heart Be flooded With world- concern-necessity. ~	How do I serve humanity? I serve humanity through My heart's inner concern. ~
G od's Concern for humanity Is His unparalleled speciality.	The essence of service Is Life-concern. ~	C oncern Is the perfection Of the heart. ~
~	Compassion and concern	Encouragement is
Each thing on earth Needs and deserves Concern and care. Concern and care	Have the power To change everything. ~	compassion and concern in action. ~
not offered, Love	M y heart-tears Quicken	M an shows sympathy. God
immediately forfeited.	God's Concern for me.	is Concern.
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What I do may not concern God, But what I feel does concern God, Always.	May my heart solve All my mind's problems With its tremendous concern. ~	We must value The love and concern That every minute Has for us. ~
~	G od's Concern Sees	Each seeker Must try to
M y soul always Looks at me With motherly concern.	everything in us And does everything for us. ~	perfect the world With his concern-heart.
~	Like God, I shall include	God's Concern-Eye not only
My only concern Is to see	the entire Universe In my	has Concern for me, But
that happiness Is	concern-heart.	also protects me In every
spreading everywhere.	~	possible way From
~	W hen I am Inside my	temptation-life.
Every day My Lord	heart, It is all compassion,	~
energises me With His	Concern and love.	God's inner Name Is
unreserved Love And	~	Compassion. His outer
Concern.		Name Is Concern.

Excerpted from the writings of Sri Chinmoy For more inspiring quotes, visit www.GenevaMeditation.ch \sim

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Question: What is concern?

Sri Chinmoy: Concern is a most complicated word. Sometimes we say that we have concern about someone, but it may not be real concern. It is concern when you are offering something for the sake of love, for the sake of God, when you are showing oneness with mankind. If God is the bridge between two individuals, then God must unite the two of you. Then it is real concern. If God unites an individual to the world at large then there is concern. But if God is out of the picture when you want to do something for somebody, then it is all attachment, because one is trying to possess the other.

Question: Is there any difference between Messages from God and messages from our own soul?

Sri Chinmoy: There is no difference between God's Messages and the soul's messages. God's Will and the soul's will are the same, for the soul is the representative of God. The soul resides inside the heart. God's Concern is offered to the heart, and the heart offers it to the entire being. When we are aware of God's constant Concern, we will not make any mistake. When God's Concern becomes ours, we feel that God is the Doer, God is the Player, and we are only the instrument. And God, being the Supreme Musician, will naturally play most divinely and supremely on us.

Exercise to Develop Concern

Sri Chinmoy: If I have love, if I have concern for mankind, I have to know that this love can be increased, this concern can be increased. Any of these qualities which I have, I have to know that I can increase. But for that I have to work. If I go to an office and work, then I get a salary. My salary I can give to my friends or I can do whatever I want to do with it.

If I pray soulfully and devotedly to increase my capacity, then I can increase my capacity. There is no way for any human being to increase his capacity without praying.

Before you pray you can take a picture of yourself and see what you look like. And after you pray, take another picture and see the difference. You say you don't want to pray but only want to appreciate something and identify yourself with the beauty of nature; that is the same thing. I will say before you start appreciating nature's beauty, which you call God, before you identify yourself with nature's beauty, you can take a picture, and afterwards you can take another picture. This second picture will be totally different! On the strength of your oneness you are growing into something. The more you identify with the divinity that you have, the more you bring to the fore your good qualities, the more you are happy and the more you are making others happy.

My prayer is God's Concern For me. My meditation is my concern For God.