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MEDITATION  
V P O N T H E X X I I I  
Chapter of GENESIS

By H. W.



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**I**n this wonderfull  
Piece of Sacred  
Story, Behold the  
Father of the Be-  
leevers, at ex-  
treame Age surprized (as it should  
seeme by the Circumstances of the  
Text) in his Bedd by a Comman-  
dement from God, to sacrifice his

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only Sonne; In which case All  
the Powers of his Minde being so-  
denly shaken with an infinite combat  
betweene Faith and Nature; wee  
may vpon the whole matter conceiue  
Him to haue broken foorth into  
some such Discourse with Himself,  
as followeth.

**W**hat? Could this possi-  
bly bee the voice of God  
which I heard? Or haue  
not rather some strange Impressi-  
ons of the Night deluded my Fan-  
cie? Yea, Thy voice It was  
(My God) It was Thy voice.  
How can Thy humble Servant de-  
nie it? with whom seven times be-  
fore descending from the Throne  
of Thy Glory, Thou hast vouch-  
safed



deare Isaac) although the Heavens  
know how much I love Thee : yet,  
if Thou wert, or couldst be Millions  
of times more precious in the eyes of  
Thy trembling Father : I would  
summon together all the Strength  
of mine aged Lymnes to render  
Thee vnto that gracious God  
from whom I had Thee. Alas  
(poore Boye) how sweetly Thou  
slumbrest, And in Thy harmeles  
Bed doest little thinke what change  
is towards Thee. But I must  
disturbe Thy Rest. Isaac arise,  
and call vp my Servants ; Bidd  
thē prepare for a Iourney which we  
are to make vnto the Mount Mo-  
riah, And lett some Wood bee  
carried for the burning of a Sacri-  
fice. Meane while I will walke  
out

out a little by my selfe to contemplat  
the declining Starres, and approach  
of the Morning.

O yee Ornaments of the Skie,  
who when all the World is silent o-  
bey your Maker in the determinat  
Order of your Motions. Can  
Man behold his owne dutie in a fai-  
rer Volumne? Why then stand  
I gazing heere, and doe not ra-  
ther goe my Selfe to hasten my Ser-  
uants, that I may execute his will?  
But stay: His Will? Why?  
Is His Will contrary to the Exam-  
ple of his owne Iustice? Did He  
not heavily pnnish Caine even at  
the beginning of the first World  
for killing but a Brother? And  
can I slay my Childe and imbrue



my hands in mine owne Bowels  
withont offence of His Immortall  
Maieftie? Yes? VVhy not.  
The Act of Caine was the Act of  
his owne sinnefull malice: But I  
have received an immediate Com-  
mand from God himfelfe. A  
Command? VVhy? Is his  
Command against his Law? Shal  
the Fountaine of all Truth be ser-  
ued with Contradictions? Did  
not the same God streight after the  
univerfall Deluge (as our Fathers  
haue told vs) denounce this Iudge-  
ment; That VVho so sheddeth  
Mans Bloud, His Bloud shall be  
shedde? How then can I herein  
obey my God, But I must withall  
difobey Him?



O my weeke Soule; what poore Arguments dost thou search to cover thine owne rebellious Affections. Is there any VVarrant higher then His VVill? Or any better Interpreter of His VVill then Himselfe? If the Princes of the Earth (who are but mortall Types of His invisible Glory) can alter their Edicts at pleasure; Shall not the Lord of the whole (whom Angells and Men adore) have leaue to dispence with His owne Prohibitions? Yes surely: But then how shall the Blessing that my Good God hath determined vpon my Seede, and euen vpon this very Childe be accomplished, if I destroy the Roote? O Lord, was not  
Thy

Thy Divine Goodnesse pleased in  
the depth of Thy Mercie to accept  
my Beleeve for Righteousnesse?  
And shall I now frustrate Thy  
Promises with my Obedience?  
But what? Am I fallen againe  
into a new Reluctation? Have  
I before contested with Thy Iu-  
stice? And shall I now dispute  
Thy Power? Didst Thou not  
create the Light before the Sunne?  
And the Effect before the Cause?  
And shall I binde Thee to the Pas-  
sions of a naturall Agent? Didst  
Thou not make this All of No-  
thing euen by Thy word (which  
was Thy Wisdome) And foment  
All that Thou hast made, by Thy  
Spirit (which is Thy Love?)  
And shall I doubt but Thou canst  
raise

raise innumerable Nations out of  
the very Ashes of my poore Isaac?  
Nay, Did I not even at first re-  
ceive Him in a manner from a dead  
VVombe? And art not Thou  
still the same Almighty and ever-  
living God? Mercifull Fa-  
ther, full of all tenderesse and  
compassion, That seest from Hea-  
ven whereof we are made; Par-  
don my Discourses, and forget my  
Delaies. I am now going to per-  
forme Thy good Pleasure. And  
yet there is remaining one humble  
Suite: which refuse not (O my  
God) though it proceede from the  
weakenesse of Thine unworthy  
Creature. Take my Child, and  
All that is Mine. I haue resigned  
Him with my whole Heart unto

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*Thy VVill. Hee is already  
Thine, and Mine no longer;  
And I glory that He shall Die vpon  
Thy Holy Altar. But yet I feare  
withall, That these my shaking  
Hands and fainting Limbes will be  
seazed with Horror. Be not ther-  
fore (Deere Lord) displeased, if I  
use my Servants in the Execution.  
How now (My Soule) Doest Thou  
shrinke in the last Act of Thy Loy-  
altie? Can I yet walke vp and  
down about vile and ordinary Fun-  
ctions? And when my God is to  
be serued, do my Joints and Mem-  
bers faile me? Have I humbled  
my desires to his VVill? And  
shall I denie Him the choice of His  
own Instrument? Or if His in-  
dulgent Mercy would permit it,  
shall*

shall I suffer another to anticipate  
the cheerfulness of my Obedience?  
O Thou great God of Life and  
Death! Who mightest have made  
Mee an insensible Plant, A Dead  
Stone, Or a Poisonous Serpent  
And yet even in That likewise I  
should have conduced to the varietie  
of Thy glorious VVisdome: But  
hast vouchsafed to endue vs with the  
forme of Man, and to breath into  
our first Parent that sparke of Thy  
Divine Light which we call Rea-  
son, to comprehend and acknow-  
ledge therewith Thy High and in-  
disputable Soueraignty over all  
Nature, Thou then (Eternall  
Maker and Mover, whose VVill  
is the First of Causes, and whose  
Glory is the Last of Endes) direct



my Feete to the Place which **T**hou  
hast appointed, Strengthen there  
these poore Hands to accomplish  
**T**hy Pleasure, And let **H**eaven  
and Earth obey **T**hee.

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...the elderly are not only the recipients of care but also active participants in their own lives. This perspective is central to the concept of "active aging," which emphasizes the importance of social participation, lifelong learning, and the utilization of one's skills and experiences. The article discusses how these factors contribute to the overall well-being and quality of life of older adults. It also explores the role of family and community in supporting active aging, and the challenges that may arise in this process. The authors argue that a holistic approach to aging is necessary, one that recognizes the individuality of each person and the diverse needs of the aging population. This approach involves a combination of social, psychological, and physical interventions, all aimed at promoting a sense of purpose and engagement in life. The article concludes by highlighting the importance of ongoing research and evaluation in this field, as well as the need for continued collaboration between researchers, practitioners, and policymakers. The authors believe that by adopting a more comprehensive and person-centered approach to aging, we can better support the needs and aspirations of our elderly citizens, and ultimately, create a more inclusive and vibrant society for all.





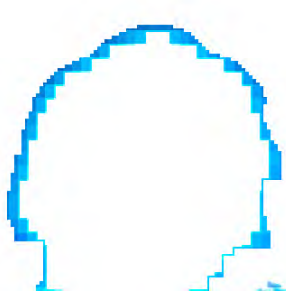
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the 1990s, the number of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia has increased in the United Kingdom (Meltzer and Pebody 1998).

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the lives of people with mental health problems. The United Kingdom has a national strategy for mental health care (Department of Health 2003) and the World Health Organization has published a strategy for mental health care (World Health Organization 2003).

The aim of this paper is to describe the development of a national strategy for mental health care in the United Kingdom. The paper is organized as follows: first, the current situation in the United Kingdom is described; second, the development of a national strategy is described; and finally, the implications of the strategy are discussed.

## Background

The current situation in the United Kingdom is described in terms of the prevalence of mental health problems, the current services, and the current policy. The prevalence of mental health problems is described in terms of the prevalence of schizophrenia, depression, and anxiety disorders.

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the 1990s, the number of people with a diagnosis of schizophrenia has increased in many countries (Murray & Lopez, 1996).

There is a need to understand the nature of the illness and to identify the factors that influence its course and outcome.

The present study was designed to explore the experience of people with schizophrenia and to identify factors that influence their recovery.

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