

In ancient times the law of God
Various Aspects of the Inner Life — The Law of Life

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1. In an-cient times the law of God In let - ter was en - graved on stone;
 But now it is a law of life, Which in our heart is writ - ten down.

2. The law in letters good demands
 And thus our utter weakness shows;
 But now the law of life sustains,
 And strength for God to please bestows.
3. The law in letters brings to us
 God's knowledge only outwardly;
 But now the law of life supplies
 A deeper knowledge inwardly.
4. The law in letters can but rule
 By dead commandments outwardly;
 But now the law of life controls
 By living knowledge inwardly.
5. This living law is moving now
 In all of our experience,
 To regulate us from within
 And check us by our inner sense.
6. How deep its regulation is
 Within the inmost part of us,
 A living consciousness to give,
 And God Himself impart to us.
7. 'Tis by this living law of life
 We need no teaching outwardly,
 For all God's living knowledge now
 This law will teach us inwardly.
8. Lord, teach us by this law to walk,
 Its inner ruling to obey,
 That we may of Thyself partake
 And know Thee in a living way.