

Kahil gibran teaching

***T**HEN said a teacher, Speak to us of Teaching.*

And he said:

*No man can reveal to you aught but that
which already lies half asleep in the dawning
of your knowledge.*

*The teacher who walks in the shadow of the
temple, among his followers, gives not of his
wisdom but rather of his faith and his lovingness.*

*If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter
the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to
the threshold of your own mind.*

*The astronomer may speak to you of his under-
standing of space, but he cannot give you his
understanding.*

*The musician may sing to you of the rhythm
which is in all space, but he cannot give you the
ear which arrests the rhythm nor the voice that
echoes it.*

*And he who is versed in the science of numbers
can tell of the regions of weight and measure, but
he cannot conduct you thither.*

*For the vision of one man lends not its wings to
another man.*

*And even as each one of you stands alone in
God's knowledge, so must each one of you be alone
in his knowledge of God and his understanding of the earth.*