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The Power of Understanding: Not Illusion but Truth is Divinity

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Feb. 22, 1922.

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Two great Dangers.

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The power of understanding, vision of reality!

Insight in contemporary life.

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