

# The Plainfield Independent Newsletter

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## OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

By Mary Baker Eddy

“Every day, every hour, our work increases in effectiveness and power.”

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### THINK UPON THIS

Sin, disease, and death have no  
foundations in Truth.  
(S&H 415:4-5)

### A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By Alfred Tennyson

I am a part of all that I have met.

### LABOR DAY

Labor Day is a legal holiday, primarily in Canada and the U.S. The objective for the holiday is to honor the workers in industry. Often this is accomplished by events sponsored by labor unions. Is it not possible for us to celebrate this day by expressing gratitude for all who help in maintaining the peace and freedom this country was founded upon?

### JIM'S CORNER

What is the shortest verse in the  
Bible?  
John 11:35

### A TEACHER ASKED HER STUDENTS TO DAILY REPEAT

I am age-less.  
I am disease-less.  
I am debt-less.  
I am death-less.

### PRAYER OF THE WATCHERS

From: *Collectanea*, by Mary Baker Eddy

The effect of this prayer *is not reversed*. God, good, reigns; there is no *other mind*. Love reigns, there is no hatred, no envy, no revenge. All things are working together for good to those that love good. We do love good, God, and He gives us all our thoughts, motives, and governs all our acts. The divine Life preserves our life and health and they cannot be taken from Christian Scientists and Christian Scientists cannot be made sinful. We love God and God loves us and is guiding us every moment. This prayer cannot be reversed. This prayer bears fruit after its own kind, it does good, it blesses us and all others.

### THE HABIT POEM

By John Di Lemme

From 1905 Sentinel

I am your constant companion.  
I am your greatest helper or heaviest  
burden.  
I will push you onward or drag you  
down to failure.  
I am completely at your command.  
Half of the things you do, you might as  
well turn over to me and I will do  
them — quickly and correctly.

I am easily managed — you must be firm with me.  
Show me exactly how you want something done, and after a few lessons I will do it automatically.  
I am the servant of great people, and alas, of all failures as well.  
Those who are great, I have made great.  
Those who are failures, I have made failures.  
I am not a machine, though I work with the precision of a machine plus the intelligence of a person.  
You may run me for profit or run me for ruin — it makes no difference to me.  
Take me, train me, be firm with me, and I will place the world at your feet.  
Be easy with me and I will destroy you.  
Who am I? I am Habit.

#### **FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES**

One morning I sent him (her 4 year old) into another room to get for me *No and Yes* by our Leader. He returned with the book and said, “What a funny name, mother, ‘No and Yes;’ I s’pose it’s ‘No’ to error, and ‘Yes’ to God!”

*From 1905 Sentinel*

#### **FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS**

When a hungry heart petitions the divine Father-Mother God for bread, it is not given a stone, — but more grace, obedience, and love. If this heart, humble and trustful, faithfully asks divine Love to feed it with the bread of heaven, health, holiness, it will be conformed to a fitness to receive the answer to its desire; then will flow into it the “river of His pleasure,” the tributary of divine Love, and great growth in Christian Science will follow, — even that joy which finds one’s own in another’s good.

## **ATTITUDES CHANGED**

### **Keep It Simple!**

Jeremy Palmer

I have had a tendency in my life to overly complicate everything. It got to the point where I couldn’t make a decision because I saw too many variables and too many options. Since coming to Plainfield, however, I have discovered that there is only one option, which is God, and the only variable is whether I am going to be awake and listen to His voice, or not.

The other day I found the following from Bicknell Young’s 1936 Association Address: “The temptation to become complicated in thought and explanation, if yielded to, obscures Christian Science and prolongs or perhaps prevents demonstration.

“Christian Science is intellectual in the highest sense, but that sense is Love, and lacking the simplicity of interpretation which the demonstration of Love alone can give, Christian Science is not correctly explained.”

I felt chills when I read that, because I only want to be simple, to express Love, and to do right by God. Anything else feels wrong, and I have spent enough time living that way.

I am so grateful for what I am learning here, for the daily support of my practitioner, the weekly Lessons, and all this church offers, because all of it is helping me to move forward as simply as possible.

### **Stand With Principle**

Sharon Welsh

When I began to study Christian Science, I never spoke up if something was wrong. I didn’t want to hurt anyone’s feelings, and so I became a door mat that error would walk all over.

At the time I was having marital problems, and in working with a practitioner, she asked me who I was trying to please — God or man. I realized I was trying to please man. With the help of the practitioner I learned to speak up and be obedient to God, and the marital problem was healed in God's way and in His time.

I thank God for this healing and for how it has changed my life.

### **Stay Positive**

Lil Linnell

I feel like I've awakened out of a bad dream. When you're in a dream, you can't see it, or see your way out of it.

My thinking had become negative for quite a while. Thank God for a practitioner who woke me up to see this. I was told to keep my joy and stay out of the negative. I was also reminded that there is much work to be done here, and I have a purpose.

I was also told that bad thoughts poison the world and to stop loving self more than God. With this help, I feel alive again! Thank God for practitioner help!

### **Don't React!**

Luanne Tucker

Yesterday the electrical inspector came to finalize a building project I've been working on. He had come once before and told me that I had to make a change in some of the wiring, and as soon as I did that, he would come back and give his approval. I made the changes and called him back. When he came, he told me about more changes that needed to be made and again, told me, as soon as I make those changes to call him back.

In the past, something like this would have made me so upset and angry,

that I would have yelled at him and then ruminated for days about how badly I had been treated. Instead, when I started to feel the onset of those negative emotions, I turned to what I have learned in Christian Science. I saw him being very thorough in his job and governed by God. I welcomed the idea that these regulations are in place for safety. That was the end of it. I went out and bought some lights today and should have them in place tomorrow.

I am very grateful to know that God is working in my life. I am grateful for all the blessings I have received.

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### **GRATITUDE FOR THE CHURCH CALENDAR**

Janet Morgan

I am so grateful for the quotes on the calendar that this church publishes. This year I sent three calendars to family members. They all said how much they were enjoying them.

I recently received an email from my niece. She said the following:

“My most favorite part of the day is when I go downstairs in the morning and look at my calendar and read my thought for the day. Most of them I really like and think about throughout the day. Some I LOVE and are totally fitting to the day. The one on my anniversary was on love — how did they know? I have a handful of papers I tore off and hung on my bulletin board because I didn't want to get rid of them, and I enjoy reading them every time I walk by. So I wanted to say thank you for sharing this with me and putting a little more God in my life, especially at the start of each day!”

I am so grateful for this expression of gratitude from my niece. This is proof that by Plainfield reaching out to the world, the world responds.

## TITHING

When a minister was asked, “Where should I send my tithe?” He said, “Wherever you are getting fed.” He went on to explain that you do not eat at McDonald’s and pay for the food across the street at Burger King.

I thought that was the most practical answer I’ve ever heard, and find peace in following it. That being said, I would like to send my tithe to your church, because it is where I am getting fed the most at this time. I love your articles and follow the weekly Bible Lessons.

D. P., E-mail

## VISITORS

We are most grateful to have had the opportunity to welcome a goodly number of “out of town” members on a recent holiday weekend. Visitors came from Maryland, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Susanne even drove five hours from Vermont, and then five hours back again! We all had a wonderful visit, and each had the opportunity to participate in our weekend church activities.

We’re always happy to see our members, live and in person — so please feel free to visit!

## OUR NEWSLETTER

During May, even *more* copies of the April Newsletter were downloaded from the church Website, in addition to what were downloaded in April when it was first published. *And* the subscription rate has *doubled* recently!

We are most grateful to all who contribute to this success. Thank you.

Let us all join together and help make our Newsletter an even greater success. I am reminded of a quote from past years, “A pair of shears and a pot of glue make a *great* newspaper.” When you add all the love and inspiration of every member, it’s a *fantastic* newsletter!

## MY DAILY WORK

Jim Dible

There is one God and He has all power. God is the only Cause, the only Creator of all there is. God is reflected by man. God is Perfect and therefore man, His reflection, is perfect. Man consists of an infinite number of Divine Ideas and I am a Divine Idea of God. I am perfect because I reflect God’s Perfection. I am spiritual for I reflect God, Spirit. As I rise to this spiritual level, it is revealed to me in a perfect human form. No error can affix itself to me in the form of a false belief. It cannot, and never did and never will. Animal magnetism cannot change or alter a Divine Idea. This statement of Truth embraces me and all of mankind.

## BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE NIGHT, REMEMBER

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety. (Ps. 4:8.)

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. (Ps. 31:5.)

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and Carol Conroy

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