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OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

By Mary Baker Eddy

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

THINK UPON THIS

To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings. (S&H vii: 1-2)

**FOR OUR NATION
VOTING**

Pray to see each representative as a perfect child of God on all city, state, or federal levels of government; and as such, they make the universally best choice when voting.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

As the National Holidays approach, could we celebrate at least four such days each year by reading the Constitution? I do. Also, keep ample time to pray for our country, a most worthy activity. Our country needs prayerful support from all.

JOIN US

We would be most grateful for any and all contributions to our Newsletter. Together, we can transform a good Newsletter into a great one! Just contact either Carol ccat156@aol.com or myself jdible@suddenlink.net.

JIM'S JEST

Did you know our modern automobile was mentioned in the Bible?

“The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.” Naham 2:4

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By

William Shakespeare

All the world is a stage,
And all the men and women merely players,
They have their exits and their entrances,
And each man in his time plays many parts. . . .

We have passed our parts as the “babe” and the “whining school boy,” and now we press on to provide the very best for our church in growth and advancement. Let us be “a terror to error.”

BULLETIN BOARDS

In my home town we have just a few bulletin boards for placing business cards. I do, however, check them regularly, assuring that our church is advertised. Ask about cards for this purpose. See sample below:

Visit...

www.PlainfieldCS.com

for...

- *Healing*
- *Spiritual refreshment and comfort*
- *Fresh insight into the Bible*

OUR FREEDOM

God governs our nation. All our brothers and sisters are subject to God and cannot be separated from His love and comfort. Animal magnetism cannot separate any child of God from the joy, peace, and comfort of freedom. Nothing can infringe upon the freedom so necessary for pure Christian Science to grow and prosper.

VISITORS

Plainfield members are always most grateful to welcome all members to our lovely church. Each local member will strive to make your visit a memorable one. They did for me. Thank you.

From a Recent Visitor

At a recent Wednesday meeting I heard Joseph give a beautiful account of the churches in Barcelona. It reminded me of a church experience I had recently.

In November my husband and I had the privilege and honor to visit the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent. We arrived in Plainfield, and as we were getting closer to the church the GPS said. "You have arrived at your destination on the left."

As we were looking left, I was expecting to see buildings or houses and trees on either side of the church. I thought it might be set back off the street. Instead, there in the center of the intersection, all alone, was a beautiful brick building with stately white columns looking so grand. My husband and I remarked, "Wow! How beautiful!"

It warmed my heart to see it standing there as a symbol of "Truth and Love," standing there for all the world to see, for all the world to feel the love, truth and dedication pouring out of it.

I later learned that Plainfield was originally built as a Christian Science Church. My home church was another denomination prior to becoming a Christian Science Church. Sadly it no longer exists. Because Plainfield was always a Christian Science Church, it was all the more special to me.

As we left that day, I was already anticipating a return visit.

I know through God's guidance that all of you in Plainfield have made this beautiful church an oasis in the desert for those who visit. You certainly did for me.

I hope those of you living outside of New Jersey will take the opportunity to visit Plainfield. I promise you that you will be so happy you did.

Thank you to all in Plainfield for your hard work and dedication in maintaining that beautiful church. You all are dearly loved.

Janet Morgan
Georgia

WE ARE PERFECT IN GOD

Every time you declare you are perfect in God, there goes through the body a health-giving power. When you realize this Truth of Truths, that you are NOW – not will be perfect in God; without a single doubt, wonderful changes will come to pass.

CS Journal, Sept 1889, p. 296

UNITY WATCHES

Each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:55 PM (Eastern Time) we hold a Unity Watch. Join us via telephone. Mrs. Eddy was a firm supporter for "Watches" in her household.

Watch for Plainfield Church

Plainfield Church is a perfect idea of God. There is no possible chance of any malpractice or malicious animal magnetism entering or disturbing the peace, comfort, and harmony of the unity of the Church.

Jim Dible
Arizona

Watchers

In this spiritual warfare we must, like soldiers, each stand in our appointed places. We can know that we have power from on High to remain vigilant so that we are not fooled by the evil one.

Florence Roberts

“There can be no counter attraction to draw Love’s ideas away from their appointed place.”

Wartime Activities, the Story of CS pg.301

Soldiers in training do not complain when they are given difficult conditions to meet, since they know that every effort is made to duplicate actual fighting conditions, so that they may meet them successfully when the time comes. Once Mrs. Eddy wrote to Marjorie Colles, “Let us rejoice that the Captain of our salvation is training us for higher service.”

Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Precepts,
Vol 4, p. 480

Soldier on!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thank you for the 2015 church calendar! It is the first thing I see when I get up in the morning. It starts me off on the right road for the day.

I use these citations in many ways. For example, the citation for January 8th was, “Goodness makes its own heaven, sin its own hell, and belief its own sufferings,” by Mary Baker Eddy. I do a daily Watch for our nation and the world, and I have used this three times this past week. If I have a problem and need support during the day, I refer to the citation many times during the day to keep me in the right Mind. I have even shared citations with my neighbors where appropriate.

Again, thank you for this work of love.

Elsie Boros
Alabama

A TESTIMONY OF GRATITUDE

Recently, I read a report concerning a research professor at a west coast university, whose expertise is “gratitude.” He claims that for one to adopt what he calls an “attitude of gratitude,” your happiness will be increased by 25%.

This has been a very special part of Christian Science for over 100 years, and is the “research community” just now catching on?

I am most grateful for the foresight of Mrs. Eddy and her ability to listen for God’s guidance as

she was writing our textbook. She said that she was “a scribe under orders.”

OUR FORUM—A PLACE TO SHARE YOUR INSPIRATION

We recently heard that the Forum Highlights is one of the most active areas on our church website. So, now that we know what is shared on the Forum is making a difference, we can trust that many more will feel encouraged to share their inspiration from the Bible Lessons.

A simple inspired Truth is all that is needed to change someone’s thinking for the day. Let us allow our love for God and man to lead us to more seeking for Truth’s freeing messages and share them freely to bless others.

We know what mortal mind can attempt to do to discourage the effort to help others. We have also learned in this Church how to handle error. So let’s go forward doing our best to impact world thought for the freedom of all mankind!

Florence Roberts
Georgia

TRUSTING GOD Peter V. Ross

Troubles, whether in the nature of sickness, confusion, discouragement, or whatnot, come from our misinterpretation, not only of the world about us but of our own selves. We fail to see situations as they are. Diseases of all types, and interferences with our careers, are not what they seem. Right where they appear, the full perfection of being, which we misinterpret, is in operation.

You have seen the surf riders of the South Seas, at least you have seen pictures of them. They appear to lean back on an unseen power and receive its support and propulsion. Thus reinforced they glide over the waves with as much assurance as others walk the city streets.

You can lean back on all-knowing Mind and enjoy its intelligence and direction. Or rather you can allow that Mind to be in you and propel every process of your economy. Indeed, this is precisely what is going on, anyhow. It is

up to you to admit the fact and be young and well.

Do not wrestle too hard. Take time off occasionally to be just lazy and ordinary. Then it is that you are most likely to hear what the Lord is saying. Never doubt it; He is talking to you pretty constantly. All of which is perfectly natural, because He is your Mind.

This same Mind shapes all your affairs, whether personal or business. It is a case of the Almighty being at the helm. Acknowledge this and permit Him to direct your course.

What if you are now and then assailed by troublesome symptoms? Happily you can always say to them: "You have no intelligence, no animation, no occasion, no presence. The divine Mind knows nothing about you. The divine Mind is my mind and my only mentality. Therefore, I know nothing about you. Depart, you workers of iniquity."

Put on a command performance. Do not be a sluggard. Be a hero in the strife. You have the authority to speak in this way, for the kingdom of God is within you. Hence it is that yours is the kingdom, the power, the authority, and the victory. Do not hesitate to make demands on the Almighty. Literally He is in the midst of you. He enters every fiber of your being. No tempest can move or disturb you.

**"THE SPIRIT OF THE
LORD GOD IS UPON ME"**

Mary Beth Singleterry

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

Each day we have opportunities to share this wonderful Truth of Christian Science with

others. Sometimes it might come as an encouraging word, or a cheerful smile; sometimes it requires more.

I would like to share an email sent to me from Jim in Arizona. He writes, "Just today I met a new care giver. While talking, I discovered that she had been diagnosed with cancer. Besides this, her husband has just had a seizure and is off work. She attends a church, so we talked about the synonyms for God. She knew nothing about Christian Science, so I introduced it to her. Reading a number of testimonies to her she became very interested. I then offered her a Science and Health, which she accepted quite willingly. I then suggested that she start reading the Fruitage chapter. She went on her way and promised to start when she arrived at home. I am so grateful! I have now given out all my texts (S&H) and must order more."

Jim in a matter of a few weeks has given out 5 copies of Science and Health and comforted people in need. The Spirit of the Lord GOD is certainly upon him! The living of this Truth makes it real and practical. The Lord created us to bless others. Is the Spirit of the Lord GOD upon you? It can be, you know!

Mrs. Eddy's Prayer

"Pray without ceasing: O God, show me Thy way and keep me in that way."

EDITOR, JIM DIBLE

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