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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**

The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind, — that God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle. (S&H 275:6-9)

**JIM’S CORNER**

The source of the expression “half baked” is the Bible:

Hosea 7:8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

**A QUOTE FROM THE PAST**

From *Don Quixote*  
By Miguel de Cervantes

A word to the wise is enough.

This saying has been transformed into, “A word to the wise is sufficient.” This does not alter the original meaning significantly.

**LABOR DAY**

This was a day to read the Constitution. If you missed it, reserve Veteran’s Day to read this precious document.

**DAILY**

Recently, I have been reading a book, a portion of the title page reads: *Notes on Mary Baker Eddy’s Course In Divinity* Recorded by Lida Fitzpatrick, C.S.D., and Others.

A number of the quotes requested as ‘a daily’ will be included. Each quote will be followed by the position on the page from which it is copied.

**WATCH** – Know daily, there are no accidents, no disease, no old age and no death. Page 39.4

**WATCH** – Everyone in this house is better every hour, every half-hour, every moment they are gaining health and holiness.

All things work together for good to them that love God, etc.

(Mrs. Eddy says all things are possible to God and it is He that worketh with us both to will and to do His own good pleasure. This is the rule for healing.) Page 41.4

**Pray** daily twice at least to divine Love to give you success. Then realize for yourself that Love and Truth and action on your part (for Truth does not work for you unless you work) will give you the

victory. Guard reversal. There is no law of hypnotism to reverse God's law. Truth is unchangeable and cannot be reversed. Page 47.8

**WATCH** – Make supplication to God daily that you may be delivered from all beliefs of sin or of sickness, and after doing this, then turn to and demand of yourself to realize their unreality, and recognize your power over the temptation to yield to any such illusion. Page 48.2

**WATCH** – Work every day to know that the belief of impossibility has no power over you. Know that it cannot possibly affect you in any way, and can never for an instant hinder your demonstration, whether you are working for health, peace, joy, or any mental quality, thing or experience. Know that you are conscious of the possibility and realization of all that is good and true. Page 48.9

**WATCH** – The book of Isaiah is called the “Gospel of Promise.” We should apply it to our daily needs. Declare daily that no hard wicked, irreligious or anti-Christian thoughts can touch us from any mortal mind. There is no mortal mind, no evil. There is no decay nor death to the nerves, no destruction to the fluids, nor death to the secretions. Tomorrow you have no business with. We steal if we touch tomorrow. It is God's. Every day has enough in it to keep us occupied without concerning ourselves with things beyond. Page 50.1

**WATCH** – Mental malpractice must be met daily by all the students; met by your mental protest that breaks the so-called law of a lie, or you are liable to be affected by this lie all *unconsciously*. Dear one, *remember this*. Our Master

said, “Had the good man of the house watched, his house would not have been broken open.” Page 50.9

**WATCH** – Take time each day to say: “What is the most powerful thing in the world? It is God saying ‘I am’ in His own creation.” Page 51.5

**WATCH PRAYER** – Pray all the time. Pray this way: Love, just take me in. Give me one Mind, one consciousness, and make me love my neighbor as myself. All is Love, peace, harmony. Heaven is right here. Love reigns. There is no strife. Peace, be still. Truth has destroyed the error. Love has destroyed all hate. All is Love, peace and joy. After praying, be willing to be fitted to receive the blessing you ask for. Page 56.3

**Daily Prayer** – Let your prayer be daily: Reveal to me, O God, my secret faults, every error, every sin. Earnestly desire to know thyself, to have thy heart searched, to let thyself be humbled, and the man of God stand revealed. Never for one instant say, “Thank God, I am not as other men.” There is no I. If you are a personality, you are as other men; but if you are the *idea* of God, there is but one I, God. Page 64.3

**LIST OF CLAIMS TO HANDLE  
DURING A WATCH  
Florence Roberts**

*Following are some topics that may be handled during our watches. Let God lead you as to what to handle, and when.*

Mrs. Eddy's Place  
Receptivity to Science and Health  
Organized Materia Medica —  
vaccinations, epidemics,  
pharmaceuticals

Weather  
 Violence  
 Government Officials  
 Poverty and Hunger  
 Man displaced? Impossible  
 Man's true heritage...handle errors  
     about man  
 Greed and Selfishness  
 Sensuality  
 Fear  
 False Appetites  
 False Sense of Prosperity  
 The News  
 Educational Systems  
 Economic System  
 Political Personalities...One Mind, no  
     personalities  
 Christianity.....none other but through  
     Christ. Handle Roman Catholicism,  
     Buddhism, Islam, all other 'isms and  
     'ologies  
 Racial discrimination....All nations one  
     Father  
 World safety ... He has the whole world  
     in His hands  
 Only one Power ... Christ will Rule all  
     nations

**TRUE GOVERNMENT**  
**Marian W. Hering**

From the March 26, 1904 issue of  
 the *Christian Science Sentinel*  
 "The Christianly scientific man  
 reflects the divine law, thus becoming a  
 law unto himself." (Science and Health,  
 p. 458).

The above statement from the pen  
 of our Leader sounds the keynote of true  
 government, government not by one  
 mortal over others, but of individual man  
 by divine Principle in accordance with  
 Christ's demand, "Deny thyself." The  
 revelation of Truth promises infinite  
 blessings "to him that overcometh," even  
 that he "shall inherit all things."

As the strength of a nation or of any  
 body of people resides in the character  
 of its members, and the strength of  
 individual character results from  
 obedience to divine law, which is  
 possible only through the overcoming of  
 that mortal-self mind which is enmity to  
 God, so true government is established  
 among men through growth in Christian  
 character and in no other way. God does  
 not work through force, personal opinion  
 or undue influence, and therefore these  
 means are not to be commended. Their  
 tendency is toward disintegration and  
 weakness, rather than toward that unity  
 and strength which is secured through  
 individual freedom, patience, and  
 brotherly love. These will enable us to  
 work for the common good, to keep pace  
 with our neighbors, neither crowding  
 them nor falling behind, but walking in  
 that charity which "suffereth long and is  
 kind," and which is not "puffed up."

**WEDNESDAY MEETINGS**  
**Gilbert C. Carpenter**  
*Precepts III, pp.183-186, 188*

Our Wednesday meetings teach us  
 how to broaden our use of Science, and  
 to share it with the world. Those who  
 testify should always consider how their  
 testimony is going to sound to the  
 stranger. One should not talk over the  
 head of the stranger, nor use the  
 terminology of Science, that is like a  
 foreign language to one who does not  
 understand it. He must watch lest he say  
 that which will cause people to  
 chemicalize.

Testimonies that do the most good  
 are those that are sincere, simple and  
 convincing. They are given in the  
 language that the stranger will  
 understand. The healings that are set

forth should be clear cut and of value, since they represent the first proof that the stranger accepts of the truth of Christian Science. Having accepted its truth, he is then ready to learn of its doctrine, and see that it is true because it comes from God.

It is always God who does the healing in Science, and this fact should be stressed above everything else in testimonies. The stranger wants to know that God is ready to heal him when he turns to Him rightly.

If, when he would share his good with others in these meetings, the error of fear keeps him from speaking, he may know that he is remembering self. He is wondering whether he will forget, or whether he will be criticized for what he says, or the way he says it. All this is the result of a consciousness of self. The remedy is to forget self, and the moment one does, he becomes a channel for God to speak through. Then what he says is inspiring, helpful and meets the need. One must outgrow the conception of attending services merely for the good one can receive. He must work mentally during the services, in order that the cloud of falsity and mesmerism, which comes in with the stranger, may be lifted. Then the latter will be able to partake of the feast which is prepared for him, which he cannot do unless this demonstration is made for him.

Our testimonial meetings are a free clinic, where we invite the stranger to come and to partake of our healing atmosphere free of charge. In these

meetings we tell of the healing that Christian Science has performed, and at the same time give the stranger a sample of the healing. We really say to him, "Here you may learn of the miracles Truth is performing on earth today. Here you may also experience a foretaste of that healing, which you will receive if you are receptive."

When Mrs. Eddy enjoined the students to be meek, she saw that ambitious students might essay to use the Wednesday meetings to exalt themselves, by advertising their success in healing. To her the only right motive in speaking was to share with others. Again, she did not want students setting themselves up as being better than the members of other denominations. When we boast, because of the contrast between ourselves and members of other sects, the public is unfavorably impressed.

Finally Mrs. Eddy gives two mottoes for these meetings: "*Who shall be least and servant,*" and, "*Little children, love one another.*" The first one inculcates the fact that in Science greatness is not based on the development of the human mind, since the right effect of Science is to belittle the human sense, so that man may reflect God. The man nearest to God is the one who claims to have nothing and to know nothing apart from God, the one who regards himself as the servant of all.

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