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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**

A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive. S&H (463:12-13)

**A QUOTE FROM THE PAST**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard round the world.

From: *Concord Hymn*

**JIM'S CORNER**

Are you aware that many feel that they are similar to an Egyptian Mummy?  
They are pressed for time.

**LABOR DAY**

Labor Day 2016 has now become part of history. Labor Day is often thought of as the last holiday of the summer season and that the fall of the year is upon us.

I again chose to spend approximately two hours of this holiday in the reading of our most loved Constitution, that document which guaranteed Christian Science a proper place in our country commonly referred to as, “Freedom of Religion.”

**THANKS GIVING**

**J. Elbid**

As we close the door upon one special day, we find another door opening for another holiday (holy day). This traditional day was emphasized by Mrs. Eddy who instituted a special service, a service where all could express their gratitude to God for the bountiful blessings showered upon them. This “traditional” day had its beginning with our Pilgrim settlers who gathered to give thanks for not only the bountiful harvest during their first year, but also for the freedom they cherished.

You are all warmly invited to join us for our Thanksgiving service. You will find there is no better way to spend your Thanksgiving!

**THE FALL OF THE YEAR**

**J. Elbid**

The Fall of the year seems to abound with holidays. Just one other “special day” we should think about is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Originally, this was known as Armistice Day, a day to celebrate the signing of the Armistice which brought World War I to a temporary close. This was the day that brought the Doughboys from the war trenches of France back home. In more recent years, the holiday was changed to Veterans Day, to honor all veterans who battled to promote a

hopeful peace to the world. Let us pause on this day and express gratitude to God for the freedom we so often take for granted.

#### **JUST ONE MORE HOLIDAY**

We must not forget an event celebrating the discovery of the "New World." Because we learn from the Bible (Rev. 7:1) of the "four corners of the earth," the earth must surely be a flat surface not a sphere, for a sphere has no corners. In spite of this "man-established fact," Columbus courageously sailed westward in spite of these "established knowns" to prove he was correct; and although the earth is much more vast than he imagined, his ships did not fall off the flat earth in the year 1492. This year we celebrate the 524th anniversary of this discovery.

#### **GIVE FAITHFUL TESTIMONY**

**Author listed as "X"**

**Journal Feb. 1884**

Those who have enjoyed the benefits of Christian healing should not be afraid to speak in its favor. They should herald the glad tidings everywhere, that others may know and be benefited in their turn.

There is many a poor, suffering mortal, who would turn with joy to the relief afforded here. Do not be afraid of being laughed at; for out of the many who hear, doubtless a few will joyfully give credit to it, and be willing to be awakened from their dream of suffering. Make known the fact everywhere that Truth is more potent than drugs, and thereby you will help to save many who are passing away. If you succeed in making but one believe, then you have done a little, for you have helped one on further in Life. If you are afraid to speak, then you are denying the Principle of your practice, and are likely to fall into discord yourself. Tell all whom you find

suffering that health and freedom from pain are possible for them. Get all interested in this cause that you can. It is a great work, and should be sustained. We want earnest, Christian support. Our works will bear the light. There is nothing hidden in our method of doing good. We work in love, and Divine Love brings our labors fruition.

Recommend our Sunday services to your friends. They will prove a help to all who attend them. Advise all to have our paper and our books, that they may get as perfect an understanding as they can without studying. Explain Christian Science to others, and you will find yourself growing to a higher understanding of it. Carry with you an atmosphere of Truth. Suppose that many are incredulous, and disposed to sneer at your report, what of that? Many are not all; and there will be some who will catch the strain and join in thanksgiving.

#### **MY DAILY WORK**

**J. Elbid**

God created the universe and all that is therein. God created man in His image and likeness. God saw that His creation including man was very good. All my characteristics were inherited from God and God alone. Since God is Good and Perfect, these inheritances must also be good and perfect. I am the very reflection of God and, being the reflection of the Perfect God, I must possess only that which is perfect. Animal magnetism cannot make me believe I am anything but perfect. No error or malfunction can be a part of me. No malpractice of any malicious form can influence me to believe anything but the absolute all-ness of God. I am a perfect child of the Perfect Father-Mother God and I share this inheritance with all of mankind.

**A MORE PERFECT WORLD**

**Peter V. Ross**

Every individual can make the world better. He can have part in quieting the present unrest. This he can accomplish by recognizing and insisting that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

**GLORIFY GOD**

**Doris White Evans**

“This is God’s day. All the events of this day are in God’s hand. He is my loving Father, and gives only good. I believe this with all my heart.”

Currently, I am re-reading the book published by our church, *Sermons and Articles on Christian Science* by Doris White Evans. The above quote is hidden among its pages. Although I felt a bit tired, I opened the book to a sermon titled, *The Carnal Mind*. All belief of tiredness disappeared in an instant. I am so grateful! Just pull this healing book from your bookshelf, dust it off, again read these healing sermons, and be sure to express gratitude for the resulting rapid healings. \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Dible

**COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE  
SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Forum Highlights Committee  
Florence Roberts**

Our Forum Highlights publication continues to be a welcome read for many who want to learn more about God and put into practice the teachings of Christian Science! Some of the favorite comments I hear are from people who are inspired by others’ examples of how they are using the Truth to maintain their dominion over discords.

We are grateful for the inspiring Bible Lessons, which make the sharing of our inspiration possible on the Forum. Just a few sentences can make a difference in someone’s day. The much longer posts may be used in some of our

other publications.

Recently an idea came to print the Forum Highlights in “quarterly” sections and offer them as available gifts, as we do the calendars. Price has not been determined yet, and we would appreciate some feedback on this.

Sincere thanks to Wendy and Jeffrey for their dedication in editing the highlights; and to Lillian and Jeremy for getting them printed and mailed out to our readers in a timely manner. Much gratitude to all who take time to write on the Forum.

Please remember to keep our Forum in your prayers so that we can keep it at a standard which will continue to bless all our readers.

**Website Committee  
Jeremy Palmer**

Just since our last Membership Meeting in May, our website, plainfieldcs.com, has had 5,197 different visitors from 117 different countries, who looked at over 90,000 pages.

On YouTube, we now have 1,782 videos posted online, which have been viewed 33,951 times for 166,638 minutes watched. And we have 230 YouTube subscribers worldwide. These numbers have increased dramatically since our May meeting. So please keep up your prayerful support that people will be led to our website, and be blessed.

Facebook has 149 followers, and SoundCloud has had 8,183 plays and 215 likes from 195 different countries. That is 1,863 more than in May!!

We continue with the building of the new version of the church website. Since September of last year, over 4 million lines of code have gone into the new website. The main page of the old website took over 16 seconds to load—but the new version of the website loads in less than one second.

And we now have three translation sections on the website for Dutch, Spanish, and French translations of Lessons, articles, etc. These have only been operating since July, but already the Dutch site has had 50 different visitors, the French has had 59, and the Spanish has had 1,809 different visitors!

There are a few people testing the new version of the store on our website, which will be usable when the testing is completed.

We are very grateful for all those involved in every aspect of the church website.

**Quote from the Saturday, September 17,  
2015 Bible Study,**

**Read by Mrs. Singleterry**

Moses, raised at Pharaoh's court, was commanded to deliver Israel. While he thought of his slow tongue, he was weak; but when he remembered the promise of God, "I will be with thy mouth," and dwelt on the entrusted mission he stood before the king with a strength and courage that could not be pushed aside. Life takes on new significance when men know, that whatever they have is given in trust, to be used for the glory of God in the welfare of men. Then is the work of life supported by the power of God.

Rev. William G. Schoppe

#### **PRAYING FOR THE ELECTION**

**Gary Singleterry**

With the election coming up, we seem to be bombarded with accusations of failure; failures of our financial system, failures of government, and failures of individuals. All kinds of failures. I used to be very concerned about elections and I would often think, with so many things wrong, we really have to elect the right person to every office, and I would get riled up and

pretty disappointed if the right person wasn't elected.

When coming to Plainfield, Christian Science has taught me that, that is not the right way to look at things. Politics is not the answer. The only place to turn for the solution to our problems is to God, and in following God's laws. One of the things I found a few years ago that was very helpful to me in this regard was an article written by Clarence Chadwick, in 1905, in which there is a sentence that reads, "We can truly welcome the failures of all false systems to bring health and harmony to earth, for these very failures can teach but one lesson, and that is, that the only real help comes from God."

This has been really helpful to me in stopping my getting all riled up about politics or any other human activities, and to realize that the answer is not to replace one broken human system with another human system. The answer is not to give up our individual freedoms so that another bureaucrat can tell us what to do. Those are not the answers. The answer is to individually and collectively obey God's law. And if, individually or collectively, we need to experience failure to bring us closer to God, then that failure is a good thing.

So, I am so grateful that I no longer fear the failure of any of these human systems around us, because anything that brings us closer to God is a good thing, and I look forward to everyone in this world, including me, getting closer to God, no matter how they get there. I am grateful to Christian Science for teaching me to place all of my confidence only in God and in nothing or no one else.

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and Carol Conroy

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