
PLAINFIELD INDEPENDENT NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mary Baker Eddy

For students to work together is not always to co-operate, but sometimes to coelbow! Each student should seek alone the guidance of our common Father — even the divine Principle which he claims to demonstrate, — and especially should he prove his faith by works, ethically, physically, and spiritually.

Remember that the first and last lesson of Christian Science is love, perfect love, and love made perfect through the cross.

I once thought that in unity was human strength; but have grown to know that human strength is weakness, — that unity is divine might, giving to human power, peace.

... God will give to all His soldiers of the cross the proper command, and under the banner of His love, and with the "still, small voice" for the music of our march, we all shall take step and march on in spiritual organization.

(Miscellaneous Writings, p.138)

Spiritual Organization

Is a spiritual organization one without a building, without services, without a visible governing body, etc.? – and

maybe only a virtual organization online? – individuals praying in their homes, not having to deal with others? Surely we are off track if we think spiritual means invisible, intangible, and solitary. Surely a spiritual organization has more to do with the instructions given by Mary Baker Eddy in the above letter.

We are aspiring to include those who do not live in the vicinity of Plainfield in as many ways as possible in the activities of this church, so that they may put into practice the precious precepts outlined above, and thus grow spiritually.

Editor

Precious Books Now Available Worldwide - Free!

We have been busy getting our inventory of books online, on our website. These precious books are "la crème de la crème," as Mary likes to say.

In Science and Health, Mary Baker Eddy warned of the many books on mental healing available, even back then, "most of them incorrect in theory and filled with plagiarisms from SCIENCE AND HEALTH. They regard the human mind as a healing agent, whereas this mind is not a factor in the Principle of Christian Science. A few books, however, which are based on this book, are useful." (S&H)

Our book inventory contains only the latter. Roman, a new Christian Scientist from the middle of Russia, immediately recognized the difference when he found our website a few months ago. The rock-solid

metaphysics of Bicknell Young, Martha Wilcox, Edward Kimball, etc. bear no resemblance to the drivel coming out of Boston today (paraphrasing Roman's comment.)

So far, the following are now available on our website under General Study/Book Library, free to download:

1. Ninety-First Psalm booklet - D. W. Evans
2. Overwhelming Evidence - R. Spencer
3. Una Willard
4. Leaves of Healing - P. V. Ross
5. True Vision - J. Morgan
6. Dominion Within - Rev. G. A. Kratzer
7. Association and Addresses - M. Wilcox
8. Collected Writings - B. Young
9. 1937 College - B. Young
10. Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Footsteps - G. C. Carpenter
11. Visions of Mary Baker Eddy - G. C. Carpenter
12. Watches, Prayers, and Arguments - compiled by G. C. Carpenter

Coming soon:

1. Sermons and Articles - D. W. Evans
 2. 500 Watching Points - G. C. Carpenter
- These new, free download offerings, are attracting many additional visitors to our website, and are especially useful to international visitors for whom postage costs exceed the cost of the printed book!

Note that most of these books are also being made available on Kindle, thanks to Bruce, NJ, and David, PA.

July Cornerstone

This issue of Cornerstone is very strong and healing. Thanks to these member contributors:

Patsy Jean Spencer, Laverne Fields, Craig Thompson, Lenni Moore, Mary Beth Singleterry, Sharon Welsh, Jim Dible, Florence Roberts, Carol Conroy, Debra Glidden, Gary Singleterry.

What an opportunity to share our good for the betterment of all.

2014 Church Calendar

It's that time of year again when we're looking for submissions for next year's church calendar — and, as usual, we could use some help! You did such a wonderful job on last year's calendar, that we're looking forward to seeing what you come up with this year.

We'd appreciate receiving statements (no more than about 15 words or so) that will inspire and uplift the thought of the readers, and that non-Scientists would understand — something you'd enjoy reading in the morning and that you'd like to share with friends. As you can see from this year's calendar, it doesn't have to be restricted only to quotes from Christian Scientists — but please avoid those whose views are not what we have found to be the purest Christliness. And some Bible quotes, maybe some less familiar ones, would also be great.

Please send submissions to ccat156@aol.com, and use "2014 Church Calendar" in the subject line.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Carol Conroy, NJ

Forum HiLites

Florence, GA, has enthusiastically taken on a new bi-monthly publication of highlights of our online Lesson Forum. This was conceived of primarily for those without internet access, who are missing some wonderful practical metaphysics pouring out from our most active members and participants. See enclosed sample for those receiving the Newsletter in the post. For the email recipient, see email attachment.

If you would like to receive the Forum Hi-Lites in the mail, please inform the Clerk.

Committee on Publications

Mrs. Eddy established the office of Committee on Publications for the purpose of addressing misrepresentation or outright attacks on Christian Science in the public eye. Why? Because there was a great need for it. Today, the internet is the prime mover of information and misinformation. We encourage members to use their clearer understanding, as found through our independent church, to address misconceptions on such forums as the following: <http://www.quora.com/search?q=christian+science>

If one of you has the time and inclination, our church needs to be properly represented on Wikipedia.

Share with us your experience, and any other websites or blogs that you may have found which need our attention. <mailto:mrakidd@yahoo.com>

Unity Watches

Our Unity Watches three times a week continue to be well attended. Recently we took up racism, or the attempt to escalate racist sentiment. Edy, AZ, offered the following:

Love reigns supreme in heaven, over the whole world, and throughout all mankind. No malicious will, intent, or purpose is capable of diminishing, polluting or poisoning Love. Love cannot be turned into hatred, divisiveness, dissention, racism. Mind is in control, allowing nothing but Love to manifest itself. Any attempt to dethrone God, to make Love impotent, God will trample under foot grinding the tempter into dust.

America was founded and grounded on Principle – on Truth and Love – a nation

of brotherhood, not of division or dissention. As we individually cannot be separated from God, neither can the United States be severed from Him. Evil has no power to tear apart or divide man's fellowship with his brother or with God.

Love is power – the most powerful force in the universe, on earth, everywhere. Love cleanses and purifies, washes away evil motives and acts, racism and divisiveness, and sends them to drown in their own bile, effectively making them self-destruct.

There is no place where racism can hide from Truth and Love. Love will track it down; Truth will decapitate it with its two-edged sword. The might of Mind, the power of Love, the sword of Truth obliterate racism and any attempt to separate man from God.

God's law of Love is inviolate, self-enforced. God's will for brother to love brother shall not be violated. Love rules without rival.

God's will is done. His is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.

New Website

We are embarking on building another website, to attract a wider audience. Our online content has grown enormously over the years, and now a major challenge is to provide better access to this content, to meet the need of the visitor. To this end, one our newest members, Jeremy Palmer, a web designer by trade, but also a new Christian Scientist, has developed a schema which presents the visitor with this simple question :

What do you *need* today?

The visitor then can choose from a wide variety of answers, brief descriptions, with links into relevant content, to meet the need of the hungry and thirsty. We have asked

members for input, and many of you have contributed.

You may take a look at this new website online, as it develops:
independentchristianscience.com.

From the Board of Trustees

As many of you have discovered, membership in the Plainfield church is quite a journey. Since our emancipation from the organization, God has brought to us those ready for real Christian Science, and with the skills to carry on His cause. Today, we accept the responsibility to spread the Truth that Mary Baker Eddy so faithfully and selflessly has given mankind. We appreciate every member who willingly rolls up their sleeves and helps to carry the torch. The internet and the telephone have given us a nearness that was unavailable in the early years of the Christian Science movement. It is also an avenue for those hungering and thirsting to find this Truth, and one of our challenges is to make it as easy as possible for them to find our web site. We are so grateful to each of you who is contributing to this cause, whether it is writing for our publications, participating in our classes, services and forums, or translating all this into other languages. You are precious to God, and we are grateful for your help.

Gary Singleterry, Chairman

Misc. Wr. Chapter V - Letters

We draw your attention to these precious letters from Mrs. Eddy, filled with practical metaphysics and divine Love. They are similar to St. Paul's Epistles which were directed to specific audiences, but filled with inspiration for all mankind, timeless.

This Newsletter opened with an excerpt, and now closes with another:

Pray without ceasing. Watch diligently; never desert the post of spiritual observation and self-examination. Strive for self-abnegation, justice, meekness, mercy, purity, love. Let your light reflect Light. Have no ambition, affection, nor aim apart from holiness. Forget not for a moment, that God is All-in-all—therefore, that in reality there is but one cause and effect.

The pride of circumstance or power is the prince of this world that has nothing in Christ. All power and happiness are spiritual, and proceed from goodness.

Sacrifice self to bless one another, even as God has blessed you. Forget self in laboring for mankind; then will you woo the weary wanderer to your door, win the pilgrim and stranger to your church, and find access to the heart of humanity. While pressing meekly on, be faithful, be valiant in the Christian's warfare, and peace will crown your joy. Christian Scientists bring forth the fruits of Spirit, not flesh; and God giveth this "new name" to no man who honors Him not by positive proof of trust-worthiness. May you be able to say, "I have not cleansed my heart in vain."

Mary Baker Eddy