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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

When we come to have more faith in the truth of being than we have in error, more faith in Spirit than in matter, more faith in living than in dying, more faith in God than in man, then no material suppositions can prevent us from healing the sick and destroying error.

(S&H 368:14-19)

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

God is ever-present in our nation. All in public office are subject to the Laws of God and thus act responsively in their support of “Justice for All.” All members of Congress and the President — the legislative and the executive offices of the government — are under the control of divine Principle.

By Jim Dible

JIM’S CORNER

GOD’S PHONE NUMBER

Isa. 65:24

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By

Charles Dickens

Gratitude is one of the keys to a rich and satisfying life.

The following words, written by Edith Dennis and found in Hymn number 3, sum this up so well — think of these words often:

A grateful heart a garden is,
Where there is always room
For every lovely, Godlike grace
To come to perfect bloom.

A grateful heart a fortress is,
A stanch and rugged tower,
Where God’s omnipotence, revealed,
Girds man with mighty power.

A grateful heart a temple is,
A shrine so pure and white,
Where angels of His presence keep
Calm watch by day or night.

Grant then, dear Father-Mother, God,
Whatever else befall,
This largess of a grateful heart
That loves and blesses all.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH

When purchasing copies of *Science and Health* from Amazon.com, consider scrolling down a bit on the ad and do not choose the first selection, for that edition does not have Mrs. Eddy’s Preface in it, and you lose that very powerful statement, “To those leaning on the

sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.” That edition does not have line numbering and is written in general “text” style. Further down the ad is the edition we are more familiar with. It may be a bit more expensive but is well worth the added cost.

HAVE OUR TEXT AVAILABLE FOR GIVING

Be ever alert for an opportunity to give a copy of our textbook, *Science and Health*, to “a hungry heart.” Since arriving in Arizona, I have had the opportunity to give four texts out, and I know at least one is reaping rewards of regular reading of our weekly Lesson Sermon. “Thank you, Shepherd.”

It has been mentioned to me as an excuse, that our text is difficult to understand, so I suggest that they read the chapter “Fruitage” first. After reading “Fruitage,” each “burning heart” should be hungry for more of the healing Truths already discovered in our text, *Science and Health*.

HERBERT EUSTACE

Chardelle writes how much a recent Unity Watch message by Herbert Eustace meant to her. “There is no presence or power that can foist itself upon man as his mind to encourage him to turn to anything apart from Mind for completeness and satisfaction. There is nothing apart from Mind to give him happiness.” (Christian Science Its “Clear Correct Teaching,” p. 765.)

IN SUPPORT OF 2016 ELECTION Unity Watch April 2, 2015

“The true leader of a true cause is the unacknowledged servant of mankind.” (Mis., page 266: 9-10.)

Let us pray and know that for the upcoming Presidential election of 2016, God is raising up a “man of integrity” to

wisely oversee the affairs of this great nation, established under God. Animal magnetism has no power to, in any way, interfere with the unfoldment of God’s plan for the United States of America. His Plan is the only plan and it will be fulfilled.

“It does not follow that power must mature into oppression; indeed, right is the only real potency; and the only true ambition is to serve God and to help the race. ... According to Holy Writ, the first lie and leap into perdition began with ‘Believe in me.’ Competition in commerce, deceit in councils, dishonor in nations, dishonesty in trusts, begin with ‘Who shall be the greatest?’”

(Mess. ’02, page 3: 26-3.)

“Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”!!

Revelation 19:6

OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN THE CHURCH

From *Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Precepts Vol. 1* by Gilbert Carpenter (p. 3).

When the “babe in Christ” first enters the church, he is fed and nourished by the church — the church gives him what he needs. The next step in order is, for the babe to become a giver to the church, as part of his becoming a man, because one’s development and growth in helping others is an essential part of his progress. First the church provides a blessing to the individual directly. Yet that is only one step in the teaching. The next step is the necessity for the member to learn the obligation and need of furnishing from his overflowing cup the healing thought for the congregation. Once the member has reached this point of growth, he must never return to the conception that he is fed by the church, that his spiritual growth results from being helped by the

church apart from the growth he gets by helping the church.

First the church helps him, and then in turn he helps the church; then he must finally graduate with honors into the greater kingdom of God where he must receive his inspiration, his wisdom, and his guidance from above, and must eschew everything that tends to interfere with his ability to receive directly from God. At that point everything must be given up, in order to reach the highest peak of spiritual endeavor; yet this spells no withdrawal from the organization, but merely a more scientific attitude toward it, and a greater support of it.

RESULTS OF OUR WATCHING Weather

I would like to thank God for His wonderful care for us this winter. Plainfield has had several predictions of severe winter storms, and the members of this church all over the world have prayed. We have had special watches for the weather this winter; and in every case, those official predictions from weather.com either never materialized or were substantially less than what was predicted. In one instance, the weather experts said they didn't know what happened to the predicted storm or why it took a different course.

The snow that we do have is beautiful, but it has never hindered our ability to get to church, or to go to work, or to do anything that God has for us to do.

I am so grateful for this care. I am so grateful to Christian Science for teaching us to know how to pray to know that God governs the weather. I am grateful for every member of this church for their prayers, and for their support.

Gary Singleterry

A Stirring Victory

I am deeply grateful to Plainfield's expression of authority in standing for Principle, God's law. Over the past few weeks, in the state of Oregon, there has been a legislative proposal to deny all exemptions to the vaccine program for children. This appeared to be a very aggressive thrust into the private lives of citizens that was not acceptable to many people and was part and parcel of a move on the part of the medical profession to gain greater control over everyone.

A network of Christian Scientists began to work on this problem metaphysically and, as citizens, to express our concerns. As far as is known, this was without any support from Boston. In fact, one of the talking points of the political support for this campaign was that the Christian Science Church had no problem with vaccinations. This was a perversion of a quote by Mrs. Eddy taken out of context. It does not reflect the beliefs of many Christian Scientists who prayed, wrote, and attended a rally in our capitol, which culminated in a meeting with staff of our representatives.

In the midst of all this, Plainfield held a watch in support of Principled lawmaking.

In the process of this campaign, we met non-Scientists whose kindness and character were quite touching. In fact, it was a non-Scientist who first alerted us to the fact that the proponents of the bill were claiming that Boston had no problem with this. This young woman was inspired to ask a Christian Scientist to see if that was really the case. Her call prompted us to make inquiries, which led us to the conclusion that if this was to be opposed, it was up to us to work it out with God. Finally, a practitioner

friend of mine, who had been praying about this situation, was led to write to the bill's author in a deeply inspired way.

The Wednesday after the rally in Salem, the bill was withdrawn. Then, within a couple of days, a similar bill in the state of Washington was also defeated. I am certain that Plainfield's strong stand was key in this episode. This was a clear example of Mrs. Eddy's prediction, which I felt should be acknowledged and cherished. "During this final conflict, wicked minds will endeavor to find means by which to accomplish more evil; but those who discern Christian Science will hold crime in check. They will aid in the ejection of error. They will maintain law and order, and cheerfully await the certainty of ultimate perfection." (S&H)

This work is only the beginning, and I believe that more people of all beliefs are waking up in a principled (and Principled) way, and that in doing so we will attain justice, even when faced with "fearful odds." Blessings and gratitude for all the wonderful work going on in Plainfield.

Ellen Dennis

"FROM HIS VIEW 'I' AM FREE NOW"

The book "From His View 'I' Am Free Now," by Mrs. Florence Roberts (which can be purchased through our church and is also available to download from our website), has become a spiritual friend for me after the Bible and Science and Health. I have shared this book with some friends of other denominations,

and one friend rereads Chapter 7, titled "Fear," and has memorized the line, "My mental banner says: 'Stop! God Is All. He Occupies All Space; There Is None Beside Him.'"

What a blessing when we see the Truth of Christian Science reaching all of mankind.

Chardelle Hull

WATCHING POINT NO. 453

WATCH lest, as you cultivate your Christian Science garden and make the soil richer and more fruitful, you strengthen a *weed*. Students are tempted to use their Science to grow the weed of the human mind, or the human will, under the mistaken impression that they are reflecting and developing divine Mind.

How can one determine when he is using Science to strengthen the weed of the human mind? When he cherishes the desire for self-aggrandizement in our Cause. When he desires to be prosperous materially. When he desires to be able to have a say in the running of his branch church, and to have his ideas and opinions listened to with respect.

On page 100 of *Miscellaneous Writings*, Mrs. Eddy writes, "Who remembers that patience, forgiveness, abiding faith, and affection, are the symptoms by which our Father indicates the different stages of man's recovery from sin and his entrance into Science?"

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