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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 foundation of evil is laid on a belief in something besides God.

S&H (92:26-27)

**A QUOTE FROM THE PAST**

**Benjamin Franklin**

Heaven ne'er helps the men  
who will not act.

**JIM'S CORNER**

Why was the woman in the Bible  
turned into a pillar of salt?  
She was dissatisfied with her Lot.

**LABOR DAY**

Labor Day means many different things to many people. To name just a few, we have the close of the Summer season; the beginning of the Fall season; the last holiday before school begins; the last holiday of the picnic season; a day for political rallies. Can we transform at least as part of this day into our own political rally by reading the Constitution? This is the one document that provides so much for true Christian Science to be practiced.

**TWO VISITS TO PLAINFIELD**

**(1) Mike Pupko**

It was a wonderful experience, beyond expectations, when I traveled to visit Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent on a recent Sunday. In spite of a bit of self-will getting me off the fastest route to begin the drive, I arrived in the church parking lot in plenty of time to be graciously greeted by the first local member!

In my time attending Plainfield from out of state via the teleconference or website, I have been grateful that the Spirit of God so shines through the members and their sharing of Christian Science, I wasn't too sure that a visit in person was necessary. Also, I didn't want to fall back into judging person rather than the spiritual Principle that is so valuable in this church.

It was wonderful to be in the most beautiful Christian Science Church I've ever attended in my life, for my first Sunday church service in person in several years. It was special seeing the library of old books being cherished and valued, as they should be. Seeing the work and effort that the local members (I might add, at least two regulars aren't very local by geographical location!) are doing through God's Word was very uplifting. Most importantly, and what

I'm most grateful for, was seeing the interaction between all and their hospitality to me, which showed me Mind, Principle, Soul, Spirit, Life, Truth, and Love, beyond what I had already sensed.

Thank you, Plainfield, for clearly demonstrating Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy's teaching of God's Word!!

## **(2) Chardelle Hull**

Recently I had the opportunity to visit the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent for a Wednesday evening testimony meeting. Like others have mentioned, it is a very spiritual event that transcends human expression. To hear the exquisite organ music and hymns in person is a special treat, and then came the readings and heartfelt testimonies.

When Jim, our organist, ended the service with a beautiful postlude, we all clapped and said, Bravo! After the service, standing in the foyer, a huge sense of peace came over me as I listened to the quiet voices around me. This is surely the atmosphere of Love Divine.

To all the people everywhere who support this holy church I say thank you.

## **THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION**

*A Message from Kingman, Arizona*

As I sit here and write, I can look out the sliding glass door and observe the distant mountains to the east of town. The sun has already dropped behind the Cerbat Mountains, which are located just west of town, and dusk is rapidly approaching. Yet, the mountains east of town are still basking in full sunlight. What a beautiful sight! The scene is rapidly changing, for already the foothills of the mountains are showing

signs of the disappearance of the sunlight. The shadow of the Cerbat Mountains is creeping higher and higher up the hills of the eastern mountains.

This is a beauty to behold! Very soon the eastern mountain range will be displaying a purple tinge and still another beautiful scene. I cannot fail to recall the line from the lovely song, "For Purple Mountain Majesties..." When you lift your gaze to the sky you discover it has a lovely pink hue. Just another lovely sight, for the sun is reflecting off particles of dust in the atmosphere. Returning your gaze, the mountains have all but disappeared into the blackness of the night.

We will be having a full moon tonight, and can you imagine the beauty of the desert under the blaze of moonlight?

Shall we "fast forward" and think of this scene in the "dawn's early light"? Before sunrise, the sky will be blazing with a bright orange. The mountains with their sharp peaks will appear to be a silhouette with the sun as a back light.

It is impossible not to express gratitude to God for His handiwork. I am most grateful for the beauty of God's creation.

## **A LITTLE EXTRA**

by John Doorly

A very successful and prominent man made this statement: "The difference between the man who succeeds and the man who just misses it, is very small. The man who gets there puts a little extra into it; it's only a very little extra, but it makes all the difference. So for God's sake, put that little extra into it."

Let Science come first in our affections. You won't lose anything. You'll gain everything. I know that because I've proved it.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF ALL EARLIER EDITIONS OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

by Mary Baker Eddy

*from 1891 Christian Science Journal*

"... do not attempt to dispose of the earlier editions. Some are asking, "Can we be permitted to exchange?" Probably not; but you do not want to do so, even if you can. Fortunate is he who has all former revisions, together with the original edition of 1875! They are indicators of successive stages of growth in Christian Science; and as such, at some future day will not only possess historic value, but will be exceedingly difficult to procure. Keep them all; they will prove a "treasure trove." Again: Let the new volume be studied in connection with earlier editions. The very contrasts help to see how the thoughts have risen only as we have been able to receive them. This, again, will reveal why the new edition could now be written for us. It is simply because the advancing thought, or demonstration, of Christian Students has ascended to that plane which makes it both possible and practicable for us to have the new Work.

MARY BAKER G. EDDY

### **PRODUCTIVE STUDY**

Recently, it was suggested that I study the article, "Age," by Mary Baker Eddy, which is found on our website. It has been some time since I read this article.

The article abounds with very positive Truths, and I was inspired to add it to my daily study. Instead of one study, I have utilized it on a daily basis since it was suggested to me. I am most grateful.

Jim Dible

## **LEARNING THROUGH PRAYER**

by Charles Spurgeon

I have always found that the meaning of a text can be better learned by prayer than in any other way. Of course, we must consult lexicons and commentaries to see the literal meaning of the words, and their relation to one another; but when we have done all that, we shall still find that our greatest help will come from prayer.

### **WHOSE JOB IS IT?**

Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody would have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

### **THE UPLIFTED IDEAL**

by William P. McKenzie

Jesus left behind him to bless mankind an ideal, not an organization. Jesus followed none of the ways of human greatness, but that way of meekness which gave rest of soul; and thus he left in the hearts of men a living seed, which is now in Christian Science, sending forth "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

The uplifted ideal of spiritual manhood will draw to it those who can work together in a Christian Science Church.

There have been triumphs in church affairs through the uplifted ideal. To tried hearts there may come the

temptation to make evil a reality, and sometimes to make it personal; and this has often led to division. But those who go out when a church is divided are tempted to give excuse for their action by criticism of those from whom they separated; and those who remain may justify themselves similarly.

Clear and plain is the duty to resist every temptation to believe that our brethren are channels of error, and to separate from them. Rather let us uplift the Christ for their redemption. To do that, a man must himself be drawn to Christ and lifted above the misrule of self-will and fear. Then he can maintain with serenity the ideal of church association under the law of love.

Amid possible dissensions and disagreement how are Christ-like qualities to be appreciated unless at least one be found able to master the currents of mesmerism, and uphold in thought the Christ ideal? If but one be faithful he can begin the salvation of the whole body. Let no one be discouraged in any endeavor of this kind. This great Christian Science movement began with the faithfulness of one.

## **I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR**

by Mary Beth Singleterry

One of the things that I learned growing up in Christian Science Sunday school is the 5 G's. The 5 G's stands for God, Good, Guides, Guards, and Governs. As a young child that meant so much to me. I can remember thinking at night, this is what God does for me, He guides me, guards me, and He governs

me. It was a great entryway to my understanding of God.

As an adult, I realized that I desperately needed to have a deeper understanding of God. In Prose Works, Mrs. Eddy writes, "Oh, may the love that is talked, be felt!" I could talk about the love of God, but I was not really feeling it in the way I should. So I went on a quest to get to know God better.

One thing that helped me to get this deeper understanding of Him was to keep a gratitude journal. Every night I wrote down all the wonderful things that God had done for me during that day. The more I looked for the things that God was doing, the more I found wonderful blessings. This gratitude helped me feel more of the presence and power of God on a day-to-day basis. This also led to tremendous growth, a deeper love and reverence for Him.

Getting to know God is an ongoing process because He is infinite. As His creation, each and every one can learn more and more of His love. I was helped by hymn 137 and still sing it often, "I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford. I need Thee, O, I need Thee, Every hour I need Thee, O bless me now, my Saviour, I come to thee." It is very important to go about our day remembering God every hour, to be thinking about Him and realizing His presence and power. I am so grateful to Mary Baker Eddy for giving us this wonderful way of life.

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