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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

S & H page (353:1)

The Christianly scientific real is the sensuous unreal.

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By

Alexander Pope

To err is human, to forgive is divine.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

Be sure that God guides your steps, and then take them quickly, with confidence and power.

**QUOTES FROM
PETER V. ROSS**

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Of course you keep in thought all the time that perfection is your present and constant status.

**THOUGHTS FROM
MISCELLANEOUS
WRITINGS**

Unity of Good p.49

So long as I hold evil in consciousness, I cannot be wholly good.

JOY

When one realizes that they are not alone; not the only one listening to a meeting or church service; the joys of God’s presence fills their heart with joy and gratitude.

LABOR DAY

Labor Day is often thought of as the last holiday of the Summer Season. It is a reminder that schools will be opening soon.

Rather than devote the full day as a holiday, do join me just one more time and devote two hours in the thoughtful study of our Constitution. How important it is to have an informed population, a group of citizens who are familiar with this document that dates back to the year 1787. For well over 200 years, this document has been our guide, establishing our freedoms; our freedom to worship God as we choose; and not as it could be dictated to us to do. The Constitution can be thought of as a

JIM’S CORNER

Who was the most popular actor in the Bible?

Sampson for he brought down the house.

document whose origin was the Declaration of Independence, that document (7-4-1776) that established our independence from the British Empire.

Do extra special work for the safety of children going to and from school as this new school year begins.

POWER OF PRAYER

Joanne Fritz

Recently I was reading the *History of the Christian Science Movement*, by William Lyman Johnson, where he wrote of the tremendous work and prayer that went into the building of The Mother Church; continuous prayer behind the scenes by Mrs. Eddy, and tangible work and prayers by her early students.

It reminded me of the “work parties” we had here at Plainfield Church years ago. Mrs. Doris Evans, our teacher, and her practitioner husband, Stephen Evans, had purchased four homes in Plainfield, at various times, for the purpose of providing homes for members of the church who wanted to live nearby. All the homes were in much need of renovation, and it was the joy of the members to get together on Saturdays, and sometimes weeknights, to do this renovation. It often included major reconstruction, plumbing, electrical work, interior and exterior painting, wallpapering, and landscaping. Only one or two members were professionals in these fields; all others performed their tasks through demonstration, and with practitioner help. Mrs. Evans would prayerfully support this work from her office at home, while Mr. Evans often came to the work sites and supported it there, bringing much joy. It was a wonderful learning time for us all.

One work party that was especially memorable was the time the roofs were replaced on two of the church homes – one asphalt and the other clay tiles. The tile roof was especially difficult to replace — even for professional roofers. Our men in the church, most of whom were not physical laborers, climbed up onto this three-story roof, and removed and replaced these heavy tiles by hand, carrying them down ladders — and all this without any untoward incident. This project was a true testament to the power and loving care of God.

I am so grateful to have participated in these work parties, and for Mrs. Evans, who taught us the practicality of Mary Baker Eddy’s pure Christian Science. It was an honor to have known her and her husband.

A MARINER FROM OUR HISTORY

How grateful we are for those courageous men of foresight, who were willing to venture beyond the horizon to find a better way of life. Tradition tells us that one such mariner was Columbus, who was seeking a more comfortable sailing route to the “far east” and by accident found the “New World,” better known to us as the Western Hemisphere of our world. On October 14th we set aside one day to honor this brave mariner. Think, on this day of the many, many blessings that have been bestowed upon us, and the sacrifices so many have endured that all may live in peace.

NOTHING BUT BLUE SKIES

Can you imagine what a typical street might resemble on a sunny Sunday afternoon in Kingman, Arizona?

The temperature is 89F and the relative humidity is possibly 5%. Hence,



it feels as if it's possibly 79 degrees. As we look northward, one can see my home with solar panels on the roof. The panels produce essentially all my electrical needs.

Reversing the view, a southward view of Diamond Drive shows the quietude of a Sunday afternoon.



How joyous it is to have no interruptions as I pen this newsletter. As I contemplate the next sentence, I can look out the window and view this beauty of God's creation.

Yes, the skies are absolutely this blue — what a beauty is God's creation.

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION

On a tour of our community today, I spotted a desert quail. As all quail, she was adorned by a lovely top knot of feathers on her head that bobbed as she

hurried about her tour of the desert. What was so outstanding about this quail? Following this mother quail was not two or three baby quail, but five of them! Each, dutifully following mother in a column, these five very young quail moved their legs at a rapid gait in order to keep up with mother. These baby quail were possibly a week old. This family of quail, were out on a training exercise, for mother teaches her babies how to cope with desert life that includes concrete block fences. Quail have a very limited ability to fly — similar to a chicken. She hops up on the top of the fence several times till babies try it. Repeatedly, she hops up on the fence top till all the babies have successfully accomplished the task.

Then the family moves on to the next learning exercise.

Can we not identify this as a part of God's perfect universe?

CALMNESS WITH GOD

Florence Roberts

I have learned a lot here in Plainfield Church. I remember one testifier saying that Plainfield is the, "real deal." I agree totally.

What I have found that makes me think so is because here is where I learned how to put into practice the rules in living Christian Science.

Here we are all encouraged, all of the time, to go out with our armor on, and we are shown what that armor is. For example, there is emphasis always in doing the three Daily Duties: The Daily Prayer, Alertness to Duty, and A Rule for Motives and Acts, all of which are found in Mrs. Eddy's Church Manual. We are also encouraged to pray to God before we read the weekly Lesson, asking God to open our hearts so we can

be inspired with something that we can carry with us throughout the day. I also find it helpful to work each day with Mrs. Eddy's Treatment for Every Day, which can be found on our website. The article reads in part, "There is no evil condition of thought that can argue or suggest or make any law to dominate me, or control me, intimidate me or crush me, or bring any evil to pass upon me, or shut out of my consciousness any good." In Bicknell Young's, "1937 College," on page 20, he talks about daily protection, and writes that the law of harmony governs everything we do and every event.

I have found that using these resources and really putting them into practice gives a state of mind that cannot be easily shaken no matter what we find, be it an overwhelming situation at work or in the world, or if some wrong thought comes. Be it any situation that comes up, these tools give us a steady mind that is not easily shaken or swayed to believe in them. I have found that the calmness of feeling God's presence, His allness, becomes our one-plus-one-equals-two, and that which we know so well. God is here all the time, guiding us and protecting us so that nothing or no one can tell us a lie.

I am so grateful for what is emphasized in this church because without this, I don't know what life I would be living now — probably the

same awful, old frightening and timid life that I used to live.

WORDS FROM MARY BAKER EDDY

Strength is in man, not in muscles; unity and power are not in atom or in dust. A small group of wise thinkers is better than a wilderness of dullards and stronger than the might of empires. Unity is spiritual cooperation, heart to heart, the bond of blessedness such as my beloved Christian Scientists all over the field, and the dear Sunday School children, have demonstrated in gifts to me of about eighty thousand dollars, to be applied to building, embellishing, and furnishing our church edifice in Concord, N. H.

May the loving Shepherd of this feeble flock lead it gently into "green pastures . . . beside the still waters." May He increase its members, and may their faith never falter — their faith in and their understanding of divine Love.

Miscellany p. 162

Take this thought earnestly twice each day: There is no evil thinking and no evil argument; the lie and liar are a lie, an illusion; there is no such person nor thought. *God is all there is.*

Mary Baker Eddy

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