
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 9, line 32

Consistent prayer is the desire to do right.

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By Benjamin Franklin

There never was a good war
or a bad peace.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

Page 44

When problems are seen as opportunities for spiritual growth, we can face them with confidence, knowing that the hand of God is upon us.

**QUOTES FROM
PETER V. ROSS**

Leaves of Healing, page 25

I am a perfect man, the temple of the living God, the image and likeness. There is not a thing wrong in my entire make-up. I am whole.

JIM'S CORNER

Who killed a fourth of all the people in the world?
Cain when he killed Abel.
Genesis 4:1, 2, 8

**THOUGHTS FROM
MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS**

Page 181:15-19

When we understand man's true birthright, that he is “born, not ... of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God,” we shall understand that man is the offspring of Spirit, and not of the flesh; recognize him through spiritual, and not material laws; and regard him as spiritual, and not material.

JOY

Dateline: 13 May 2020, and we have all just participated in a most healing Wednesday evening meeting. What a joy to hear all the good—such “healing messages.” Not a strained meeting, but a joyous, healing meeting. Shall we say that this was a meeting that all should have been a listening participant? We might also say that this meeting was the icing on a most delectable cake, yet the day is not past.

While gazing out the window, I could not miss the absolute beauty of the day, a sky as blue, just as blue as you have recently witnessed of an Arizona Spring Day.

Recordings of the services and meetings are available on the church website, plainfieldcs.com, to listen to at any time. There is another joyous

meeting every Wednesday evening at the Plainfield Church, so be sure to phone in, or listen on your computer.

EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

From *Science and Health*, first edition

By Mary Baker Glover

Page 34

Life, substance, and Intelligence are Soul outside of personal sense; what appears to be these in man, is simply a belief and dream of Life in matter; the unreal that is the opposite of the real.

THE QUIETUDE OF AN EVENING

Recently, while eating dinner, I realized there was not a sound produced by another person. Some, may consider this as a lacking, yet as one considers the action, and applies reasonable thinking upon the condition; suddenly you realize you are never alone, for God is ever present. No law, no rule, can ever suggest a presence of loneliness, for our loving Father-Mother God is ever present.

A GOAL

In the book, *Watches, Prayers and Arguments*, we find on page 137, “Know every day that the world is ready for Christian Science.”

Thinking about this statement, one must come to the conclusion that he must be ready for this Truth. The best way to be prepared is to have on hand a copy of *Science and Health* to give to a newcomer. What better way to introduce one to this Science?

HUALAPAI (WAL-AH-PIE) MOUNTAINS

From my back patio it is possible to view a portion of this well-known hill.

This view was taken from a location two blocks from my home. Hualapai Mountains rise majestically above the Kingman plateau and reach an elevation of 8417 feet above sea level. The plateau upon which Kingman rests is about 2200 feet above sea level. The Hualapais are located approximately 12 miles south of Kingman. High up the side of the mountain is a park with tables for picnicking. What a glorious view of the valley (plateau) below! It is just one more indication of God’s creation to bring joy, peace, and comfort to His children. I have been told the name comes from an Indian source, hence the unique pronunciation of its name.



NATURE’S INSTRUCTION

Mary Baker Eddy, Essays and Other Footprints, (the “Red Book”), page 132

Only by spiritualizing thought, can we see God, Truth, and gain the power of spiritual healing, and the perception and demonstration of Love.... Nature instructs us, the stars come out in darkness to make night and gloom glorious, the flowers turn to the light for life and beauty. Be this the stars of our night, that God is Love, that every step of goodness is a departure from material sense and self, and the entrance into man’s spiritual selfhood.

Beyond and above this mortal and material sense of being exist the immortal and spiritual facts of all things to bless and beautify our lives.

A NEW NEIGHBOR

Today, I was introduced to new neighbors who are moving into a home just two doors from my home. The family lived on a ranch near Yuma, AZ, so this will be a decided change in their lifestyle. I had three Christmas cacti, so I decided to take one to them. It was their first introduction to their new neighborhood, and they were quite thrilled. Another new neighbor arrived just in time for the weekend. They are from the “cold country” of Wyoming and are very grateful that our temperatures do not drop below 32 degrees F. (0 degrees C.). They, too, received a Christmas cactus.

THE FOURTH

Kingman experienced a very quiet Fourth of July. I celebrated the day with the usual study of our most precious Constitution, plus additional study, and a tour of the neighborhood. The city did provide, at Central Park, a fireworks display in the evening to close the events of the day.

BUILDING SITE

The next north-south street east of my street, Diamond Drive, is named “Easy Street.” Already, they have six homes either built or in the process. Four are occupied. The trenches for the foundation of the seventh and eighth homes are dug. Each day I take a tour of the construction site to view the progress. There is a very definite fringe benefit to the tour. I never neglect to express gratitude for the beauty of each day. Spring and early summer each day is as beautiful as the photo I shared earlier with you. Soon, the weather conditions will alter slightly, for we will soon be experiencing the Monsoon Season. Most of our yearly rainfall occurs during the Monsoons. In Arizona,

the desert land mass needs a body of nearby water, Gulf of Lower California, to provide the moisture for the Monsoons. The overly heated land mass causes the air above it to rise, and is replaced by moist air moving in from above over the Gulf. The rising moist air loses its moisture in the form of a desert rain.

NECESSARY DUTY

With life on the desert, comes an obligation, and I have just performed that task. God’s beauty in the form of a Cork Oak needs twice a week attention in the form of watering, and I have just stopped to do that. Not only do we have a church service on Sunday and a church meeting on Wednesday, but 15 minutes of these days is devoted to the watering the only vegetation on my lot.



We have already viewed the beauty of God’s handiwork, but you will note the vegetation (Cork Oak) is approximately a foot higher than the last photo. Behind the block wall is evidence of the new construction. And, yes, the sky is that blue. The photo also displays just a portion of the Hualapai Mountains.

NEWS FLASH

20 July 2020, 12:00 Noon: It really looks as if we could have rain any moment. I realize that anyone who tries to predict the weather in Arizona is classified either as a stranger or a fool, but let us

look at the conditions—reasonable cloud cover, a slight breeze blowing, the sun being covered by clouds now and then. It has happened! We are experiencing a thunder/lightning storm. At my location there is no rain reaching Mother Earth, for it is evaporating before the droplets can reach the Terra Firma. Our yearly Monsoon Season has begun!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Part 2, continued from June issue

Thomas Richards

Thomas, who lives in New York City, began his search by visiting old, rare book stores in the City and finding some old books on Christian Science.

No Unauthorized Literature

There is ample evidence that Mrs. Eddy felt Christian Scientists should be free to read or write any book they so choose on Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy wrote on page 76 in *Retrospection and Introspection*: “Christian Science is not copyrighted A student can write voluminous works on Science without trespassing, if he writes honestly”

One advantage of the Plainfield CS library is that it already included many precious and rare books on Christian Science. The formation of the Committee is building on a great foundation.

The Library Committee seeks to find copies of these books and publications to add to the Plainfield CS library. It is not the function of the library to have a comprehensive collection of Christian Science materials. We seek books that are important to understanding CS.

There are a number of types of books that people can consider when looking for books for the library:

- Published during MBE’s lifetime (many of these are not found in Authorized Literature)

- Written by people who knew and loved MBE (e.g., Rev. Kratzer and Herbert Eustace)
- Books and publications distributed by the Rare Book Company
- Published or written by Gilbert Carpenter, Sr. and Jr.

However, it is of little value if we gather books and do not properly care for them. We want to ensure that they are available for future generations. Therefore, care and preservation of the books is particularly important. We are not experts in book preservation, but we feel it is important that we learn how to care for these books and apply what we learn. For those in Plainfield, they can help with organizing and the overall maintenance of the library. In addition, we also work to make them available online for anyone to read. For example, William Lyman Johnson’s book is available online at plainfieldcs.com.

Furthermore, I have seen where rare CS books are available at reasonable prices. I think it is worthwhile for people to be on the lookout for opportunities to purchase a hard to find book at a reasonable price.

In summary, here are number of things that members can do:

- Make donations
- Search for used CS books
- Help in the care and preservation of the books
- Help with publishing books online

The library work is especially important CS work. It may seem that just reading S&H and the Bible is sufficient, and that is true. However, if you allow a central organization to control how you interpret these books, then you may not be learning as much as you can. Freedom to read is one way to stop this interference.