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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

Human will-power is not Science.
S&H (144:14)

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Sir Walter Scott

O, what tangled webs we weave,
When first we practice to deceive!

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

There is no spot
Where God is not.

JIM'S CORNER

Who wore golden bells on the hem
of a blue robe?
Aaron (Exodus 28:31-35)

“COME TO PLAINFIELD” SUNDAY

In case you haven't heard, Sunday, April 22, is “Come to Plainfield” Sunday! Members have expressed a desire to meet other members who they've heard at Bible Studies, Roundtables, and giving testimonies—and also to attend a

service in Plainfield.

So, on Sunday, April 22, everyone is invited to meet in Plainfield and attend the Roundtable and Sunday Service in person. Some people plan to come early on Sunday morning, and return home the same day. Others are planning to come either early Saturday morning or on Friday night, in order to attend the Bible Study. We plan to have a luncheon for everyone after the Sunday service.

We will post some hotel possibilities on our website, but you can always check the Internet to find airline, train, and hotel options that would be suitable for you.

We do ask that you please let us know if you plan to visit, so we can be prepared. We look forward to seeing everyone in April!

FEBRUARY

This month is noted for a number of National Holidays. We recognize the births of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Just for a moment, consider both these presidents. Each was humble, and yet acted with the strength and power necessary for the occasion. Most importantly, each sought Divine guidance in prayer to God. Some of us can recall a common postage stamp depicting George Washington kneeling in prayer asking

for Divine guidance with his current struggles (1928 two-cent stamp).

May we all participate in these National Holidays in our own way? What better way to show our respect for our heritage than to spend an hour on one of these days by a study of our most wonderful Constitution.

MARCH

February is not the only month with remembrance days. March 3rd is the day we celebrate The *Star-Spangled Banner* as becoming our official National Anthem. What a marvelous time to consider this “One Nation under God.”

March is also noted for having that day referred to as being the first day of spring (the 20th of the month).

Good Friday will appear on the 30th. This is a most holy day for Christianity. Yet, “old wives’ tales” relate other issues to it, such as the day to plant sweet peas. Some are so determined to hold to this tradition, that nothing will alter the task.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter will be on April 1st. This most holy day of the year, far surpasses Christmas as a holy day, for it reminds us of our risen Christ. May we strive to keep this day a holy day rather than a commercial day.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

For those not living in Arizona, please do not forget to “push your clocks ahead” on March 11th. I suspect all will faithfully get up at 2 AM and welcome in Daylight Savings Time. To conform to other states, those in Arizona do remember to start your Sabbath Day by getting up one hour earlier. The Roundtable will begin at 7 AM Arizona Time.

AGE

The article “Age” by Mrs. Eddy, from the book *Lessons of the Seventh Day*, opens with this sentence: “The added wisdom of age and experience is strength, not weakness, and we should understand this, expect it, and know that it is so — then it would appear.”

Re-read this statement and realize the power these words express. As you read the full article, you realize that the same power is behind each and every statement in the full article.

Later on in the article is found these three sentences: “Old age is just as much a claim to be overcome as cancer or any other belief. Overcome the belief in it now. You have to do it sometime.”

You can find this article on our web page and you have the opportunity of either reading this article, or listening to it being read.

GRATITUDE

Recently, I read a report concerning a research professor whose expertise is “gratitude.” He claims that to adopt an “attitude of gratitude” your happiness will be increased by as much as 25%.

This has been a very special standard of Christian Science for well over 100 years, and is it possible that the “research community” is just now catching on?

ROUNDTABLE

I am so grateful for our Roundtable classes each week.

On December 10, 2017, we talked about God as our Preserver. It was suggested to cry, “Abba Father” whenever confronted by sudden fear or disquiet. Also, let us be found in our work . . . our whole day is for God's glory. It is then that we are blessed and held in His bosom preserving us always

as we continue with deep consecrated prayer for the entire world.

Chardelle Hull
Pennsylvania

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Recently, I came across a quote found in *Leaves of Healing* by Peter V. Ross that dovetails well with a recent Watch we had. This Watch emphasized the absolute nothingness of popular news items suggesting terrorist activities coinciding with our Holidays. On page 117, Mr. Ross states:

“Remember too that the Eternal is in your home and will not permit it to be invaded by foreigners, whether people or problems.”

How appropriate, for this can very well apply not only to our home, but also to our country, that we can't be invaded by anyone or anything that would harm.

Peter V. Ross was a very effective healer; and to encourage further study, we may include additional quotes by Mr. Ross in future Newsletters.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Thank you to all the Readers and musicians who made the Sunday Service come alive on January 14, 2018. I also loved the bells. Dede read the morning prayer (Mrs. Eddy's prayer given at the Massachusetts Metaphysical College) to start off our Roundtable with the pure light of divine Love beaming through those beautiful words. It meant so much to me; and when it was followed with, “We, to-day, in this class-room, are enough to convert the world if we are of one Mind” (Misc.), I felt the power of the Word.

I am so grateful to all the members of this church who make every occasion

count! The Love that permeates all activities is truly felt here.

Colleen Mostika
Massachusetts

I wholeheartedly agree with Colleen regarding the Sunday, January 14, 2018 service. The teaching and the service were holy and inspiring. And I was so moved and touched when I heard the bells before the Doxology, I could hardly sing the hymn.

Thank you, too, for putting on the carousel the interview with Joe Carter about Spirituals; what a treat to have this information — it is truly inspiring.

Dale Wallis
Virginia

The following traditional Irish hymn was mentioned by Florence Roberts in a recent testimony.

“BE THOU MY VISION”

Attr. St Dallan Forgaill

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word.

I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee, one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart;
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won;
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun.

Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**REPORTS FROM
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Website/Broadcasting

Jeremy Palmer

Our website had 63,272 users, who viewed over 424,000 pages.

We have 2,756 videos on YouTube that were viewed 250,729 times, for a total of almost 3 million minutes watched! And we have a total of 792 YouTube subscribers, having added 503 subscribers during 2017.

SoundCloud has 22,634 plays from over 50 different countries.

The German version of our website had 233 users, the Dutch version had 565 users, the French version had 10,130 users, and the Spanish version had 10,933 users.

Forum Highlights

Florence Roberts

We hear that readers relate easily to the content of the Forum and the Forum Highlights because they mostly address common problems and concerns that many face everywhere. Our Bible Lessons continue to build on each other so beautifully, and fresh inspiration continues to be shared on the posts. There is no doubt that many come to be fed by the words of Truth that God imparts through our Forum posts to comfort, enlighten, inspire, and free His children everywhere.

We continue to work with the helm in God's hands, relying on His constant care. May we all pray to remain humble, grateful and enthusiastic, and let God fulfill His purpose for His church.

**EVERY SEASON
BELONGS TO GOD**

Mary Beth Singleterry

For many years I considered myself a practicing Christian Scientist; but during the winter months, I would often become depressed and ill. I didn't really challenge it or question this until I came here to Plainfield, and a practitioner said that this was not right. She said that every season is God's season, and to think there is some season in which you get depressed and ill is actually malpractice on an innocent season.

I never thought of it that way before. She said we need to love all of God's seasons and to express and radiate God's love all the time. Of course living in the Northeast, winters can get very cold and snowy. So now I love winter. I enjoy winter walks, I enjoy the beautiful scenery, and I love the snow! I totally changed; and because my thought changed, I was no longer depressed. I was joyful and healthy.

What a terrible lie this is, that we have to suffer through any kind of season. These are God's seasons and He gives them to us to enjoy.

I am so grateful for this dear practitioner; she didn't let anything get shoved under the carpet. It all came out to be healed. I had suffered with this for many years and never questioned it until I came here and it was healed. I am so grateful for Mary Baker Eddy and for Christian Science where all our troubles come to the light of day to be healed.

This is an informational newsletter for members of the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent, intended to be a means for communication with each other, and is supported and provided by the efforts of the membership at large. Each member shall do his part to ensure the continuing success of Independent Christian Science as a worldwide activity. Let us begin with our Newsletter.