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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

Science and Health, page 34:13-17

If all who seek his commemoration through material symbols will take up the cross, heal the sick, cast out evils, and preach Christ, or Truth, to the poor, — the receptive thought, — they will bring in the millennium.

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By Robert Browning

Measure your mind’s height by the shade it casts.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

Sermons and Articles, Page 78

What wonderful freedom and joy come from realizing that we do not have to go along with anything that interferes with man’s God-given right to freedom, and well-being.

JIM’S CORNER

Who talked with an animal?
Balaam (Numbers 22:28): “And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee...?”

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Leaves of Healing, Page 78

The only Life and the only Mind are the Eternal, and you have them — you have them constantly.

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

Page 186:23-24

“...the Principle of man cannot produce a less perfect man than it produced in the beginning.”

JOY

Joy is thinking of a new idea to improve our publications.

EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

From *Science and Health*, 1st Ed.

By Mary Baker Glover

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Children should be taught this science, the first lessons they receive, and the education of personal sense kept out.

DAYLIGHT

Especially, during December our days were becoming shorter and shorter.

More recently, they have reversed the trend and our daylight time each day has been lengthening. Because of this, we have our next topic.

CLOCKS

Here we go again! The day is March 8th and that is the day devoted to again tinkering with our units for recording the correct time. Yes, much of our country will be adjusting their time pieces by pushing the time of day one hour ahead as Daylight Savings Time begins.

REPEAT WATCH

Unity Watch for Thursday,
October 31st, 2019

“When Mrs. Eddy refused to change the Manual, she made no explanation. Perhaps she felt that the students were not ready for a spiritual explanation. Humanly she could not anticipate how things would be worked out after she had gone, but she knew that God knew, and that was enough. She trusted that God had guided her so unerringly, that she had left no ‘loose ends’ in the Cause.” (*Mary Baker Eddy, Her Spiritual Precepts*, by Gilbert Carpenter)

It has been reported that the b.o.d. is planning to rewrite Mrs. Eddy’s divinely inspired Manual. This wicked sin of disobedience must be handled immediately, and with vigor! The Manual was given to Mrs. Eddy directly from God, as much so as *Science and Health*, and every word is precise, deliberate, and stands unmoved for eternity. Any attempt to undermine, circumvent, or in any way alter this Word of God will bring down the wrath of God on the heads of those who would try! God sustains every word of His Science, and it is guarded and protected by the invincible Sword of Truth! God’s Science reigns forever!

“When the Discoverer of Christian Science in this age must deal with *sinning* so-called Christian Scientists, those who *know* their Leader, as she *is*, must be *awake* to the delusions of M.A.M. ... Take up those *transgressors* in our midst, who would undo the work of their Leader. ... *Waken* to the need of this hour, that those who would set aside the Manual of The Mother Church with its *just* By-laws see the *sinfulness* of their ways.” (*Watches, Prayers, and Arguments*, given by Mary Baker Eddy, page 62)

SEEN IN KINGMAN

While traveling on the streets of Kingman, Kathy spotted this truck and snapped a photo of it for me. As was once said, “A photo is worth a thousand words.”



The truck is owned by a septic pumping service, and the wording says, “This truck is loaded with political promises”!

SUNRISE

A few years ago, there was a popular musical selection titled *Sunrise*, a portion of a selection depicting one of nature’s wonders here in Arizona. In this selection, Ferde Grofe attempts with the

medium of music, to describe the beauty of a sunrise at the Grand Canyon. Since this time of the year, the sunrise is a bit later; do consider viewing this beauty of God's creation. Regardless of your location on this 'old world,' it is a beauty that is beyond all others. It is very impossible not to thank God for the beauty of a Sunrise.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2020

Sunday School Report

*Florence Roberts, Lynda Spencer,
and Chardelle Hull*

Our Sunday School has five children in our younger class, and four who visit occasionally, with an age range of 3-9. Two of our former older students stay in contact by sending in "gratitudes." One of them has even sent photographs that will be shared on our website. Our Sunday School website has been updated with recorded Bible stories like Noah's Ark, and the story of Moses, that many can enjoy. It can be found on the Home page, below the carousel, the list at the left, click on "Sunday School."

We start our classes by gathering at the Round Table around the teleconference speaker, where we read a hymn together and recite the Lord's prayer. Our oldest student, we are informed, lights up and beams when we say the Lord's Prayer, and he always gives a hearty AMEN! This prayer, we trust, goes out to bless all mankind. Sometimes world issues come up for discussion, and then we take them to prayer.

After this we listen to everyone's gratitude for the week. This teaches us that all good comes from God and they are shared with such joy! The younger ones then go to a different area where

they have their lessons. They have been working on many things that are all Bible-based. Lynda made a felt board that they have been using for Bible stories such as Noah's Ark and Moses. The Ten Commandments are revisited using the rocks that the children have painted and numbered 1-10. The big emphasis for December was the Nativity story where they used little books, three-dimensional figures, pictures, and hymns. Their final activity is to go up to the auditorium and join at the end of the service—the hymns, music, and benediction. Special thanks to Lynda, Chardelle and Laura for their loving work with the children.

We have a mother and her son in the older class. In this class we read sections of the Bible and *Science and Health* from the Lessons. We then discuss the ways we can use the examples from the Lessons and apply them to our lives, or how certain citations can help us face different challenges. It is great to hear how the Truth is being applied from week to week and the results from such commitment.

A simple Truth from the Bible or *Science and Health* is given each week to take home, as something to ponder to help keep thought on God. God is with us, and we trust that through the website many will find some way to teach their children about the great Love of God for all His children.

Website and Broadcasting Report

Jeremy Palmer

There are some pretty outstanding numbers that our various websites have generated, and the numbers are growing all the time.

During 2019 our English-speaking website was visited by 60,793 different individuals, YouTube videos were

viewed 533,200 times, and we have 2,315 YouTube subscribers.

Our Spanish website had 1,648 unique visitors, our Spanish YouTube videos were viewed 3,200 times, and our channel has 58 subscribers.

Our French website had 80 unique visitors, our French YouTube videos were viewed 675 times, and we have 12 YouTube subscribers.

Our Hindi website had 546 unique visitors, the Hindi YouTube videos were viewed 1,800 times, and has 11 subscribers.

Our Punjabi website had 402 unique visitors, Punjabi YouTube videos were viewed 2,400 times, and now has 13 subscribers.

Our Urdu website had 471 unique visitors, Urdu YouTube videos were viewed 6,400 times, and has 18 subscribers.

The German website had 346 unique visitors, Dutch 355, and Chinese 120. Our new websites, Marathi, Nepali, Pashto, Persian, and Sindhi, all had around 20 unique visitors—and they've only been in operation for a few weeks! People are reaching out for God!

Roundtable Committee

Sharon Welsh

Mrs. Eddy said to “know every day that the world is ready for Christian Science.” We have people from all over the world joining our Roundtable every week. The *average* is 110 people who call in live, and who knows how many people listen to the recordings of the classes on our website.

The teaching is clear, practical, and lively, and is a great example of living Christian Science.

Forum Highlights Committee

Florence Roberts

We are grateful that in this church the Bible Lessons are freely accessed on the internet. This, God has made possible so that many, the world over, may get His word freely. There is a link at the bottom of the Lessons to make it easy for us to share our heart's rich overflow on the Forum.

For our new members, posting your inspiration can be one way to start contributing to this great Cause. Special thanks to Parthens for years of consistent, fresh, inspiring contributions, and also to all regular contributors, including our most recent ones.

The posts need not be long; some of the shortest ones are most moving. In these posts we are sending messages of how to apply these healing Truths for a more spiritual and correct way of thinking about our world and ourselves.

Let us approach our Bible Lessons with the desire and expectation to be inspired that we may, in turn, bless others who are now searching, as we once were.

Membership Committee

Craig Thompson, Chardelle Hull

Sincere seekers continue to be attracted to our church, and are joining. These seekers are fed by our weekly Lesson Sermons and sacred literature from early Christian Scientists, and have enlisted in united prayer and protective watching of our world. From Hymn 263: “Only God can bring us gladness; only God can bring us peace.”

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.