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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**

Consciousness constructs a better body when faith in matter has been conquered. Correct material belief by spiritual understanding, and Spirit will form you anew. You will never fear again except to offend God, and you will never believe that heart or any portion of the body can destroy you.

S&H 425:23-28.

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**FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON'S  
RESIGNATION SPEECH AS  
GENERAL OF THE  
CONTINENTAL ARMY, 1783**

“I consider it an indispensable duty to close this last solemn act of my official life by commending the interests of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God and those who have the superintendence of them into His holy keeping.”

**A QUOTE FROM THE PAST**

By Cicero

“Control Thyself.”

**READING FOR THE FOURTH**

Consider the following article as part of your celebration of the Fourth of July:

“SUNDAY SERVICES ON JULY  
FOURTH”

Misc. p.176

An Address:

Misc. p. 251

**JIM'S CORNER**

David is to a sling as Sampson is to what?

The jawbone of an ass.

I Samuel 17:40

Judges 15:16

**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S  
ADDRESS, JULY 2, 1776**

The time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be Freemen, or Slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their Houses, and Farms, are to be pillaged and destroyed, and they consigned to a State of Wretchedness from which no human efforts will probably deliver them. The fate of unborn Millions will now depend, under God, on the Courage and Conduct of this army—Our cruel and unrelenting Enemy leaves us no choice but a brave resistance, or the most abject submission; this is all we can expect — We have therefore to resolve to conquer or die: Our own Country's Honor, all call upon us for a vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fail, we shall become infamous to the whole

world. Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions — The Eyes of all our Countrymen are now upon us, and we shall have their blessings, and praises, if happily we are the instruments of saving them from the Tyranny meditated against them. Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and shew the whole world, that a Freeman contending for LIBERTY on his own ground is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

We will soon be celebrating Independence Day. We have so much for which to be very grateful. Christian Science could never have been established, had it not been for our freedoms that we so often take as a natural condition. The struggle to acquire these freedoms was at times a most severe one, accompanied by many hardships. Each should cherish these freedoms, not so much as a “right,” but as an earned privilege.

Independence Day is so often celebrated by picnicking, by political speeches, or by beach parties. On this Independence Day shall we duplicate our activities in honoring Memorial Day, by again reading that document so dear to our hearts, The Constitution of The United States?

Jim Dible

### **MRS. EDDY’S MENTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

My.282:3-8—I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God. While I admire the faith and friendship of our chief executive in and for all nations, my hope must still rest in God, and the Scriptural

injunction, — “Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.”

### **PRAY FOR OUR NATION**

Each day I pray for the pacification of all national difficulties, for the brotherhood of man, for the end of idolatry and infidelity, and for the growth and establishment of Christian religion — Christ’s Christianity. My. 220:14

### **GOD’S PROTECTION**

*Adapted from The Liberator, July 2014*

God is in control and governs all the functions of the City of [Plainfield]. His guiding Hand is a steadfast rock upon which the functions of the City of [Plainfield], the State of [New Jersey] and our United States of America can readily rely.

Every function of our Country, the State of [New Jersey], and the city of [Plainfield] is supported by the ever present God. His protecting Arm surrounds our city, our state, and our country. Joyous progress is achieved. Nothing can interfere with our ever-present God.

[Substitute your city and state where needed.]

### **MY DAILY WORK**

God is the creator of all. God is Cause, the only Cause. All has its source from God and there is no other source. God is Principle, Life, Truth, Love, Soul, Spirit, and Mind.

God created man in His image and likeness. Therefore, Man reflects God. God is the All Knowing Mind and I reflect God, Mind. I must possess all the wisdom, understanding, intelligence needed for any true and right activity.

I am an idea of God. I am a spiritual idea of God. Nothing can interfere with the harmonious action of a spiritual idea

of God. This is God's law and cannot be reversed.

Animal magnetism cannot oppose this work of God. Nothing can keep me from the good God has for me. Every idea of God is supported by this Truth.

Jim Dible

### **MRS. EDDY'S PRAYER**

“Pray without ceasing: O God, show me Thy way and keep me in that way.”

From: *Collectanea* by Mary Baker Eddy P.59.

### **OUR FREEDOM**

God governs our nation. All our brothers are subject to God and cannot be separated from His love and comfort. Animal magnetism cannot separate any child of God from the joy and peace of freedom.

Nothing can infringe upon the freedom so necessary for pure Christian Science to grow and prosper.

Jim Dible

### **“PRAY WITHOUT CEASING”**

(I Thess. 5:17)

Once a story appeared in the Christian Science Monitor that illustrates this point. A group of ministers were discussing the text, “pray without ceasing.” The maid in the home overheard the talk and said to her employer, that to her, that text was one of the easiest and best in the Bible.

The old minister said, “Well, well. What can you say about it, Mary? Can you pray all the time, when you have so many things to do?” “Yes,” said the girl, “when I begin to work, I pray that I may have strength equal to my day; when I kindle the fire, I pray that God's work may revive my heart; as I begin to sweep out the house, I pray that my heart may be cleaned from all its impurities; when I am preparing and partaking of the breakfast, I desire to be fed with the sincere milk of the Word.”

“Go on,” said the minister, “Pray without ceasing.” Precepts Vol. 1

### **An Interesting Book:**

#### **EXTREME OWNERSHIP**

In reading this book, it made me think of what we learn in Christian Science.

In *Extreme Ownership*, Jocko Willink and Leif Babin share Navy SEAL combat stories that translate into lessons for business and life. The book explains the SEAL leadership concepts, and how to apply them to any group or organization. Below are some interesting points from the book.

Leaders must “own” everything in their world, and by that is meant that there is no one else to blame—they must take responsibility for their actions. They must remove individual ego and personal agenda. The best SEAL leaders accepted responsibility, sought out constructive criticism, and took detailed notes for improvement. Leaders should never be satisfied; they must always strive to improve, and build that mind-set into the team.

Things that led to failure were self-justification; attitude of victimization; thought focused on self, not the mission; and unending cycle of blame. Things that led to victory were belief that winning was possible; regular establishment of new and higher standard of performance.

Good leadership is contagious. Each member demanded the highest performance from the others. Repetitive exceptional performance became a habit.

Leaders must always operate with the understanding that they are part of something greater than themselves and their own personal interests. With this attitude of humility and mutual respect, they forge strong relationships.

Discipline started with the little things; then the more important things fell into place. Dale Wallis

**FROM MAY 2016  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Publishing Committee**

Let me talk about enthusiasm. I can't be grateful enough for the enthusiasm of our proofreaders, and the contributors to our publications.

Very late one night recently, I sent a full-text Lesson to one of our proofers, and she wrote back within minutes to say that she had already read the Golden Text and can't wait to read the rest of the Lesson!

This is a faithful, grateful group. Our proofers are Dale W., Virginia; Candy, Wisconsin; Sona, Illinois; Connie, Texas; Elizabeth, Georgia; Chardelle, Lynda, Barbara, and Ken, Pennsylvania.

And then there's Betty in California, who fills in all the wording for the full-text Lessons. And the translators—Zari and Ute in Germany, Susanne in Vermont, Teresa in Argentina, Joseph from the U.K. currently in Barcelona, Jacob in Costa Rica, Bella in Plainfield, and we have a translator in Pakistan. Where would we be without each one of you! There is no way we could do what we do without your help.

How could we say the word "enthusiasm" without including Jim from Arizona and the Newsletter. He does an outstanding job keeping the Newsletter fresh and interesting. The number of downloads of the Newsletter has pretty much doubled recently, due to his great love that every reader feels.

God has certainly blessed us with an

enthusiastic, faithful, and grateful band of workers!  
Carol Conroy

**Forum Highlights Committee**

Our Forum is a great contribution to our spiritual growth. The posts are simple; they help us gain expanded meanings of important words, and show us how to live what we are learning.

One of our readers is an inmate who has been sharing his copy with other inmates, and reports that the content is very much appreciated. Surely, our enthusiasm and love in sharing what is making a change for us are felt by our readers.

God help us to stay awake and keep our enthusiasm in doing His great work.  
Florence Roberts

**Website Committee**

This year we have had 4,389 visitors from 180 countries to our website, who looked at 64,888 pages!

We have 1,436 videos on YouTube now, and we have had 23,323 views, for 98,292 minutes watched. We have 152 subscribers worldwide.

Facebook has 137 followers, many of which "like" and "share" everything that is posted.

Twitter has 72 followers.

SoundCloud has had 6,320 plays and 166 likes from 102 countries.

The Podcast has been viewed 67,861 times on iTunes.

Jeremy Palmer

Thank God for all this wonderful activity. God's word is going forth everywhere!

Editors Jim Dible  
and Carol Conroy

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.