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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

Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love.

S&H (91:5-7)

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Thomas Jefferson

The God who gave us life
gave us liberty at the same time.

JIM'S CORNER

What did Noah say while he was
loading all the animals on the Ark?
“Now I herd everything.”

**REJOICING WARDS OFF
TEMPTATION**

By Charles Spurgeon

"The Christian may be tempted; but little impression is made upon him by the pleasurable bait if he is happy in the Lord. There is a passage in Paul where he speaks of putting on the armor of light. It is fine poetry as well as solid fact that we wear the armor of light; and part of the meaning is that we are so surrounded with seraphic joy that

nothing can tempt us. The joy which we wear is far superior to any which the evil one can offer us; and so his temptation has lost its power.

What can the devil offer a joyous Christian? Why, if he were to say to him, "I will give thee all the kingdoms of the world and the glory thereof, if thou wilt fall down and worship me," the believer would reply to him, "Friend, I have more than that. I have perfect contentment; I have absolute delight in God. My soul swims in a deep sea of bliss as I think of God." The devil will speedily quit such a man as that; for the joy of the Lord is an armor through which he cannot send the dagger of his temptation."

WEATHER

Consider this! Each section of the country and the world has its unique weather pattern. This is just one of the wonderful blessings we have received from our loving Father-Mother God. Rainfall in New York City may vary from 42 to 52 inches per year, while Arizona can glean but 10 inches in the same time period. Traditionally, I considered the winter season as the rainy season for Arizona, but since moving to Arizona, I have discovered a very special weather pattern known as The Monsoon Season. According to my

geography classes, I knew of monsoons that were a weather pattern in Asia, yet we have the very same condition here in our Southwest.

During the spring and early summer we receive essentially no rain and the desert grasses have turned to a lovely golden brown.

What hath God brought forth? As the temperatures rise into the low 100's, changes in the wind patterns occur bringing moist air from the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of California. This results in thunderstorms that can dump as high as 3 inches of rain in one afternoon. As a result of the extra moisture, the desert foliage turns to lovely shades of green.

Regardless of your home location, can we not express heart felt gratitude to God for providing such beauty for us to behold?

Mark Twain may have complained about the weather, stating nobody does anything about it. But we do something — express our gratitude for God's infinite blessings, including the joy of seasonal weather.

J. Dible

FROM CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL

December 9, 1905

By Horatius Bonar, D.D.

Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble creed.

A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

This Sunday afternoon, I have set up my notebook for the Lesson for next week, and have read my first reading.

How delightful, for there are seven citations already marked for special attention. May I sit back and think of the happenings of the day thus far? Our Sunday Service was most delightful and included outstanding music. How unique was the "original" solo. Surely, it would be impossible not to applaud such lovely music.

Prior to the service was our Roundtable class. Many people call in for this event, which is most informative. Everyone should hear these classes! As we progress, we soon learn that our JOY can never be lost nor forgotten.

I encourage all to participate in the Roundtable, either in person or by listening to the recording. You will very soon discover you have found the joy of "that pearl of great price."

J. Dible

THERE IS A WAY

A number of years ago, it was suggested that all the members of a branch church read our textbook, from cover to cover, within a year. Impossible, I thought; yet I proceeded with the assignment. It was a surprise to me, but I did it, and with some time to spare! This was to be read above and beyond our usual daily study. I thought that I should repeat the study for the next year. Not only did I complete the study of Science and Health, but I did it in less than half a year. In that second year of added study, it was possible to complete a *second* reading of our Text.

At the end of the chapter, Fruitage in our Text, is a blank page, which makes an ideal spot to record the number of readings, along with the date the reading was completed.

I am most grateful for the improved understanding accomplished with this consistent study of Science and Health.

J Elbid

DAILY GROWTH

by Peter V. Ross

He who takes time every day to realize the power of Mind and Life expressed through him will not be disappointed. He will find himself growing in vision and strength. He will come to recognize himself not as a mortal, but as an immortal; come to know himself as God has made him, not as physical sense has tried to belittle him.

A PRODUCTIVE STUDY

By J Elbid

Several “moons” ago were found in our Newsletters a number of items supporting the publication, *Course in Divinity* (fondly referred to as The Blue Book). This is a work that after investigating its contents became a very regular reference for me. I say “reference,” for it is a book to be referred to rather than as one to be read, necessarily from cover to cover. It is filled with truths that bring Mrs. Eddy very close to the reader. My particular copy was published in The Union of South Africa in or about 1958.

More recently, I noted references to The Red Book, *Essays and Other Footprints*. Not having this book and always quite ready to investigate new areas, I researched where this volume was available. I found both volumes at Amazon, each costing \$17.95. The Red Book is written in a style that encourages cover to cover reading.

I have read a majority of The Blue Book and am well into The Red Book.

I would say that both these volumes provide a rich source for supplemental reading related to Mrs. Eddy. Both would be fitting to add to your library of Christian Science Literature.

A RECENT TESTIMONY

Christian Science meets all our needs. When we have a problem that is not resolved as quickly as we wish, our practitioners are always ready to give us support. For this I am most grateful. Possibly, it is a simple item such as fear that is binding us with cords. Often it just takes a reminder of the term “fear” that gets our head screwed on correctly. F E A R is merely False Evidence Appearing Real. I am most grateful for Christian Science.

J. Dible

COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Forum Highlights Committee

Florence Roberts

Our Forum Highlights publication goes out twice each month. It is so wonderful that we have new writers with fresh inspiration, who post regularly to bless.

Our quarterly volumes continue, and we are very grateful to Jeremy for putting these together. The contents are simple to understand, and the posts are practical, which makes them great gifts for those searching for what is true.

Much gratitude to all who take time to write on the Forum. We cannot thank God enough for the proof that He is sustaining this church and all that is going on here. With grateful hearts, we will continue to give freely what we are freely receiving.

Publishing Committee

Carol Conroy

Our magazine Love Is the Liberator is published every two months, with wonderful articles and testimonies. We are very grateful to Luanne for her beautiful paintings and her poems, and to Lynda, Dale W., Elizabeth, Chardie,

and Jeffrey for working on and proofreading each edition.

Our church Newsletter is published every two months, and our Editor, Jim Dible, does a terrific job mixing light-hearted and serious things—and he reminds us all to look around and see God’s beauty all around, and to love our country and its history.

Website Committee

Jeremy Palmer

Since our May members’ meeting, we have had 9,000 unique visitors to our website, from 117 countries, who looked at over 124,000 pages.

On YouTube, we have had 22,715 views, which translates into 274,294 minutes watched. There are now 2,450 videos posted online, with 622 subscribers worldwide.

Facebook has 201 followers, and SoundCloud has had 6,735 plays and 143 likes, from 195 countries.

The translations which we provide of our weekly Lessons and other materials are very popular. The **French** translation has had 7,560 unique visitors, viewing 19,891 pages; the **Spanish** has had 5,572 unique visitors, viewing 15,606 pages; the **Dutch** has had 187 visitors, viewing 888 pages; and the **German** has had 124 visitors, viewing 483 pages. These translations are our missionary work, and bring the Word of God to a world in need.

Thank you to all who read, post, moderate, translate, and contribute in every way to the Lessons, broadcasts, and website. It is so inspiring to be a part of this church’s mission.

GOD’S PERFECT KNOWLEDGE IS WITH YOU

Mary Beth Singleterry

What daunting task do you find yourself faced with today? Some time ago, I found two passages in the book of Job which are very helpful: “He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee,” and “He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. . . . For He performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with Him.”

When you think about it, what more help can anyone ask for? God’s perfect knowledge is with you, directing and guiding; and then, of course, always remembering He is the one doing it. Our work is never about “us” trying to accomplish some great thing, but it is always about God letting His plan and purpose operate through us.

Sometimes we can get too intense about what we are trying to achieve. I looked up the definition of the word “intense,” and it means, “literally strained, stretched, violent, vehement, as intense heat.” Not a good thing, and it is no wonder our bodies end up feeling “strained and stretched.” So any time a feeling of intensity rises up, it is time to stop and take a break and remember who and what is doing all things well. When our peace returns, we will accomplish the work with ease, being totally submissive to God and His will. Hymn 247 says:

“Ye shall not to your daily task
without your God repair,
But on your work His blessing ask
and prove His glory there.”

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