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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

Instead of being bound for the grave, we must know we are on the eternal road of Life that has no sense of death.

Mary Baker Eddy
Fragments, p. 166

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

It is my most fervent prayer to that Almighty Being before whom I now stand and who has kept us in His hands from the infancy of our Republic unto the present day that He will so overrule all my intentions and actions and inspire the hearts of my fellow citizens that we may be preserved from dangers of all kinds and continue forever a united and happy people.

Andrew Jackson

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

Only good is going on,
and only good can come of it.

JIM'S CORNER

Why doesn't Winnie the Pooh
wear shoes?
He prefers his bear feet.

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Tell yourself every hour that Life is perpetually and peacefully in operation throughout your system without interference at any point. As you talk along this line consciousness will form you anew.

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

Page 181:31-4

John the Baptist had a clear discernment of divine Science: being born not of the human will or flesh, he antedated his own existence, began spiritually instead of materially to reckon himself logically; hence the impossibility of putting him to death, only in belief, through violent means or material methods.

Mary Baker Eddy

EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

From *Science and Health, First Edition*
by Mary Baker Glover

The world is better for all those honest, Soul-inspired ones who govern sense, and sit down at the right hand of Wisdom.

“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”

The Freedom Trail

On a recent trip to Boston, Bruce walked The Freedom Trail, which is a 2.5 mile red brick pathway established in 1951, going from the Boston Common—the oldest park in America—traveling past Paul Revere’s home, the Old North Church, Bunker Hill, and a number of other locations that were the scene of important events leading to America’s independence.



U.S.S. Constitution, the oldest commissioned—in 1797—warship still afloat, at the Charlestown Navy Yard. She earned her nickname “Old Ironsides” during the War of 1812. During a battle with the British ship Guerriere (captured from France) the 18-pound cannonballs bounced harmlessly off Constitution’s 24-inch triple layered hull, sheathed in copper forged by Paul Revere. One British sailor supposedly yelled out, “Huzza! Her sides are made of iron!” Thus, Constitution was christened “Old Ironsides.”



The Old North Church, located on a very narrow street in Boston, where the Pastor, having been warned by Patriot spies, hung lanterns—“one if by land two if by sea”—on April 18, 1775 that sent Paul Revere on his famous “midnight ride” to warn the Sons of Liberty and the Militia, of the British army’s movement.



Statue depicting Paul Revere’s
“midnight ride.”



Statue of Col. William Prescott, commander of the Colonial Militia at the Battle of Bunker Hill, the first major battle of the Revolutionary War.



221-foot tall granite monument in honor of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but Jesus.

John Adams

Testimony Given by Jeremy about Interruption of Website

A couple of Sundays ago our church website went down due to a networking component that failed for the company that hosts our website. I made sure that my practitioner knew, as well as a few others, and got to work knowing that God would provide our web host with all they needed for a quick resolution. I then started preparing for our Sunday service, which I am very thankful went smoothly.

My first gratitude tonight is for how Christian Science and all I have learned from my practitioner have given me a calm trust that God will provide the understanding needed in every situation and make sure that I, and all involved, will learn the lessons required. One such lesson I have found is that we need that email list Bruce mentioned tonight so that we can let people know when anything important like this happens. To be included on the list, please email jeremy@plainfieldcs.com.

My next point of gratitude was for the joy I felt when the website came back online. It has been a daily companion for almost eleven years, and it felt like seeing a good friend.

My final bit of gratitude is for how we had the ability to get everything added to the website so that no one can tell anything was amiss. On page 538 of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy says, "evil has no history" and I feel that God gave us the ability to prove it yet again this week.

I am so thankful to be a member of this church and for all that I have learned here about Christian Science. Thank you!

Importance of our Website Mary Beth Singleterry

I was one, too, who greatly missed our website when it was down. It is like an old friend, and I was so glad when it came back up.

In Proverbs it says, "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged." This is what our website does, it's putting out mercy and truth, and in doing that it is purging iniquity. It's also true about all our meetings, all the times we get together, because we are an expression of God's mercy and truth, and in doing that it is purifying the atmosphere of this world. I'm so grateful for all the good that is going on in this church.

The Chimes of Liberty
William McCrackan

Christian Science Sentinel 1918

Liberty cannot be separated from God, for liberty is of God. The more men understand God's power, the more liberty they have.

The chimes of spiritual liberty tell of lessons learned, evil plans forestalled, revenge frustrated, hatred baffled. They proclaim the downfall of tyranny, the powerlessness of human will. The bells ring out the glad tidings of man as God's child, of a universe governed by divine Love. In the liberty of God, men are tuned to each other in one grand harmony of unity.

Through her discovery of Christian Science in 1866, Mrs. Eddy inaugurated another and greater struggle for liberty than the world had ever known, and for this the bells are today ringing in the hearts of uncounted thousands.

Many a child, woman, or man today hears the music of the spiritual liberty

bells by reason of Christian Science. Former invalids, doomed by material medicine to lifelong imprisonment, sing in their hearts that the truth has made them free. The former slaves of bad habits, those who have been liberated from prisons and asylums by Christian Science, join in this great hymn of praise and thanksgiving.

Truly, as our dear Leader has said (*Mis.*, p. 343), "Among the manifold soft chimes that will fill the haunted chambers of memory, this is the sweetest: 'Thou hast been faithful!'"

I believe the States can best govern our home concerns, the General [Federal] Government our foreign ones. I wish, therefore, to see maintained that wholesome distribution of powers established by the constitution for the limitation of both; and never to see all offices transferred to Washington, where, further withdrawn from the eyes of the people, they may more secretly be bought and sold as at market.

Thomas Jefferson

Be not intimidated nor suffer yourself to be wheedled out of your liberties by any pretense of politeness, delicacy or decency. These as they are often used, are but three different names, for hypocrisy, chicanery and cowardice.

John Adams

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