

## The Plainfield Independent

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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

The way to escape the misery of sin is to cease sinning. There is no other way.

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### A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Edward Young

A Christian is the highest style of man.

### GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

God's idea of church is forever established in Mind. Christian Science will stand forever, because it is God's blessing to mankind.

### THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

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A calm, Christian state of mind is a better preventive of contagion than a drug, or than any other possible sanative method; and the “perfect Love” that “casteth out fear” is a sure defense.

### JIM'S CORNER

The ancient secret to happiness is wanting what you already have.

### QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

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Age is doomed.

### JOY

Recently I was able to enjoy the wonderful concert presented by possibly 75 musicians. This was a most delightful experience. What a joy to hear the perfect harmony produced by all the musicians playing in perfect concord.

One of the musicians, the orchestra clown, was “acting up” so others decided to hide her instrument. Naturally, discord appeared immediately trying to disrupt the usual harmony of the event. Although this was a “staged act,” it did get me thinking how important it is for all to work together in peace and harmony. How often it was that Mrs. Eddy placed harmony at the forefront of every activity.

### *Der Schnee* (SNOW)

Although we are starting to think of “Spring Just around the Corner,” imagine, if you can, waking up in the Arizona desert, to a front yard nearly covered with a white fluffy material commonly called snow.



It can happen — the photo is the proof that such can occur. Although this represents between 0.5 and 1 inch of snow, higher parts of the city had five inches of snow. The special day was the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. As I write of this event in the early afternoon, all evidence has evaporated into the dry atmosphere of the Arizona sky.

### NEWS FLASH

The “predictor of weather” has announced that a sizable portion of the Arizona desert will be blanketed with an all-night sprinkling of *der Schnee* (snow) for Wednesday night. It is anticipated this will be an extensive snowfall.

**UPDATE:** 21 February 2019 and the desert of Kingman Arizona resembles a view of Plainfield, NJ, with 16 inches of newly deposited snow!



Not being prepared for such an event, the city has come to an abrupt halt. There have been no vehicles trying to negotiate their way through such a snow fall on our street.

## “ONE TALENT”

### Excerpt from a sermon

By Mary Baker Eddy

Friends we are all the offspring of one common Father, children of the divine Love to whom this Love hath given not less than one talent. Have we buried this talent, are we lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God? God is Love and we shall reflect much or little of Love according as we bury our affections in matter in earthly things or give them the wings of Spirit to mount upward. Life hath high demands; let us obey them like the royal eagle. Let us soar, and stoop not to the art by which the serpent wins its spell-bound prey. Let us be just amid lawlessness, loving amid hatred, calmly and resolutely pushing on to heaven and taking all with us we can carry in the arms of Love or call with the voice of Truth.

O fear not in an hour like this  
And thou shalt know ere long  
Know how sublime a thing it is  
To suffer and be strong.

Submitted by Lynda Spencer

### GEMS FROM THE PAST

Often our Unity Watches are especially meaningful. On Thursday, November 10, 2016, we had such a watch. It has been referred to daily since its origin. It is repeated here for all to consider:

**“Divine Love alone is sufficient for ‘the healing of the nations’—deep enough, constant enough, to speak with authority and command peace.”**

(From “The Healing of the Nations,” by William D. McCrackan)

God unites; He does not divide. It is God who leads this nation. This “One nation, under God ...” cannot be divided by personal sense, human will, discouragement, or fear. Pure Love dissolves hatred, and any disruptive,

divisive element—in the form of political demonstrations, riots, death threats, etc.,—vanishes when confronted by the power of almighty God. “Horses and chariots of fire” (2 Kings 6:17) surround and protect this nation, its leaders, and its citizens, and all have the mind of Christ which can never be mesmerized nor manipulated by evil!

**“It’s time to face these devastating influences, not in alarm, but with the assurances that they are powerless to defeat God’s grand destiny for humanity.”** (From “God Governs the Nations,” by Peter V. Ross) This is the Word of God and cannot be reversed.

### **FROM PASTOR CHARLES IN KENYA**

God’s blessings!

This is to let you know that I have visited your web page, which captured me!

We are a young local autonomous church. We are 76 church members and 16 orphans who we are caring for. These orphans are placed in the families of our church members. We felt that God called us to serve Him in His call!

We officially request you in humble prayer request, please to allow us to partner with you in your ministry.

Thank you, God bless you. Your response will be of many blessings to us.

Pastor Charles, Kenya

#### **Plainfield’s Reply:**

Pastor Charles,

What a blessing it is to receive your e-mail, and to learn about the work you are doing! We have been hearing from people around the world who have been answering God’s call, and it is a testament to the power of Christ that touches every heart!

We already feel both a kinship and a partnership with all who have dedicated

their lives to the work that God has given them. However, if there is something more specific you have in mind, please let us know.

Thank you very much for reaching out to us, and much love to your congregation from Plainfield, N. J.!

#### **Pastor Charles’ Reply:**

Dear Brother Jeremy Palmer,

It is so good to hear your response and wonderful kind message, that you have been hearing from people all over the world who live God’s call. This really is good!!

Thank you so much again for allowing me and my entire congregation to partnership together in Ministry so that to build the body of Christ on earth can reach many Souls for Christ. That is my specific Mind I have here.



Brother Jeremy, I humbly request for you and your entire Ministry to come and visit us here in our Church in Kenya in order to teach us the word of God more. Attached is our Church folks’ pictures, and Orphans pictures who are being cared for here in our church program. Hope you will print and share with your entire family over there. Hoping to hear from you again. Thanks and May God bless you all abundantly.

#### **Plainfield’s Next Reply:**

Dear Pastor Charles,

I shared your touching pictures and email with the members of our

congregation, and everyone sends their warmest regards and Christly love to you all!

Florence Roberts, a practitioner with this church, should be reaching out to you soon about ways of getting more involved.



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*Florence has been in contact with Pastor Charles, and is sending five copies of Science and Health for their five church leaders. After that, she may try to organize a Sunday School over Skype, if possible. What a blessing!*

## **THE TITANIC POWER OF GOD**

Mary Beth Singleterry

Mrs. Eddy said that some of her best workers were those who were literally raised from the dead, brought back from the grave, she would say. We know that to be true in our church also and most of us have been, as those of you who follow us have heard in our testimonies. People who were so physically ill or emotionally ready to give up on life found this church, this way of living and it raised them from the dead. It brought

them back to life and in doing that they have given their life back to God because they wouldn't have it, if it weren't for Him.

Mrs. Evans, the practitioner in this church who led us through the law case, through the Red Sea as I call it, told us her story. She had been raised in Christian Science and had seen a lot of wonderful healings. Her brother was healed of scarlet fever. She had a healing of a broken bone; but as a young adult she drifted away, she strayed. Then she was hit with a life-threatening disease. She came crawling back to her practitioner and vowed to God that she would spend the rest of her life scrubbing the floors of this church if she had to, if she could only be healed once more—and she was healed.

She kept that promise because she certainly faithfully served this church for many years, dedicating her whole life to this Science. That is what this church is about. It is not a fly-by-night thing, not something you dabble in, once you realize the power of God and the wonderful titanic power He is capable of, as Mrs. Eddy has said. How could you just dabble in that? It becomes the most important thing in the world—the pearl of great price.

In giving our lives back to God, tremendous healing takes place. And not only for ourselves, but for all who we come in contact with. It is powerful and it is real. I am so grateful for all of you, everywhere, who have found us.

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