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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 37:22-25

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By Benjamin Franklin

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

QUOTES FROM GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

Sermons and Articles, page 147

by Doris White Evans

God gives us the victory. Here and now!

JIM'S CORNER

How many books in the Old
Testament were named after
Esther?

22, for the rest were named before
Esther!

PETER V. ROSS

Leaves of Healing, page 52

Over a hundred years ago a famous physician remarked, “Man is made to be well.” You were made to be well. In other words you were well-made. What purpose could be promoted by making you ill?

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

Mis., page 261:30-31.

All Science is divine.

J O Y

Joy is observing the beauty of God's Day.

EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

From *Science and Health*, First Edition

By Mary Baker Glover

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Personal sense being error, all evidence obtained therefrom is belief without Principle, or immortal proof.

A VISIT FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I receive a visit from a local chaplain once a month. The very first question he asked me was, "Are you still writing your church newsletter?" He continued, "It is essential that you get your message to as many as possible." The question was dropped and our discussion was devoted to the Washington, DC farce.

WHAT A LOVELY DAY

Yesterday was an absolutely lovely day – God's day. There was not a cloud in the sky, and it revealed nothing but the blueness of endless space. To celebrate this beauty, I ventured to the local Dollar General store which is approximately a mile from my home.

Today is a duplicate of yesterday's beauty, with not a cloud in the sky. I have just returned from touring the building site on Easy Street. When one sees such beauty, it is impossible not to thank God for providing us with such beauty.

OUR HABITS

We often hear of people's bad habits. Shall we consider what I think of as a very good habit? For a goodly number of years, I have followed this "good habit." Choosing four national holidays each year as my goal, this good habit consists of devoting a two-hour segment of time on each of these national holidays to the reading of our most cherished document, The Constitution of the United States of America.

As our Watches are most effective, we can obtain this same effectiveness in the area of our nationalism. Devoting an established time to the reading of this most cherished document is a most enlightening activity. The framers of this document always did rely upon God for Divine guidance as they labored with the

writing of our Constitution.

Recently, our country has been burdened with conflict. What a joy to do our part to see that the harmony of God's ever-presence abounds. God is in control! Let us do our part by becoming more familiar with our Constitution and really know what is stated. As you read this document, you will, for example, discover that education is not mentioned in this document, yet the federal government spends thousands of dollars on education when this issue is reserved for the individual states and local governments.

Do you need a copy of The Constitution? Just Google "Copy of Constitution" and one of your choices will be, "A free copy of Constitution from Hillsdale College."

CORK OAK

This can well be classified as a geography lesson. The cork oak (*Quercus suiber*) is native to southwestern Europe and northwestern Africa. Uniquely, it is an evergreen, and because of its hard leaves, it thrives well in an arid climate. As we can see, it thrives well in the Arizona desert.



Traditionally, the cork oak was cultivated for its heavy bark that was harvested and converted into "bottle stoppers." More recently, metal caps have taken the place originally held by oak corks.

The tree can reach a height of 66 feet and has longevity of over 200 years.

This photo is the view that is presented to me at each meal from my dining table. The beauty of the tree plus the back drop of an absolutely blue sky reveals nothing short of the beauty God has provided for all to enjoy.

OUR ROUNDTABLE

What a joy to start each Sunday morning with our learning activity known as our Roundtable. Each session provides us with better ways in which to better apply Christian Science in our daily lives.

OUR LOCAL MAIL BOX

Our Saturday morning studies are always an inspiration, especially the most recent one.

In addition to providing us our mail, our street mail boxes are used to keep the neighborhood informed on what is going on, so I decided to post the reminder that this was a 'Day of Prayer.' This was posted early enough so all who stopped to pick up their mail would have an opportunity to read the message.



WATCHES

Mrs. Eddy put great importance on students doing Watches on a regular basis. I seldom miss one of our church's Watches. Occasionally I am late for the first evening Watch, so I set my timer, so

I will not miss the second Watch. Each of our Watches is applied to a current topic of importance. God has provided us with the wisdom to handle each Watch topic in an effective manner. As you page through former Watches, you will readily realize that the topic was met and handled in a most effective manner.

More and more members are participating, and if perchance, you have not, do consider joining with other church members on a Watch on Tuesday evening (in preparation for the Wednesday Meeting), on Thursday evening (to pray for our nation and the world), or on Saturday evening (a Watch in preparation for the Sunday activities).

OUR CHURCH STORY

Joanne Fritz

They came tattered by sorrow and
painful despair;
They came desperate, with no hope of
relief.
They came hardened, and weary, and
sick, and lonely,
Disillusioned by a world's cruel belief.

Each came with baggage of tearful tales;
Some came with angry dares.
But they soon all discovered God's
ample love
In meeting their heartfelt prayers.

They came through the doors with
tentative touch,
But embraced by the Love within.
Truth's pure flame enlightened their
thought,
Letting God's healing begin.

This is the story of all who came,
And the portent of all to be.
God's promise of Science is here for all;
Come, claim your divine destiny.

“THE CHOSEN”

We’ve all been enjoying a YouTube series called “The Chosen,” that was recommended to us by Luanne from upstate New York.

It’s not a Hollywood production, but is a simple, beautiful portrayal of stories of the life of Jesus. It was funded by 19,000 people through “crowd-funding.” One season of eight episodes has been completed. It can be viewed on YouTube, and apps are available. A DVD of the first season can be purchased. It can be viewed free of charge at the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=P_LwjoqDa8kUBL_trCMU-TzEFE1Sm7kYuP6

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Florence Roberts

How wonderful to learn that people everywhere, both young and old, are willing to learn more about God! The Bible prediction is true then, “For they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 31: 34)

A few months ago we had an interest expressed from a mother in Australia, who wanted her children to learn from our Sunday school. Due to the 16-hour time difference, it was not possible for them to join our regular Sunday school sessions. With prayer, the idea has come

for a separate International session every two weeks as a start.

We had our first class on February 29, 2020; and thus far have had four classes. Recently they have been included in the home study emails as well. Our sessions have been lively. It is most gratifying to hear their voices as they read and give their gratitude. Their mother joins the sessions for now.

We have also had interest in our Sunday school expressed by other mothers, from Germany and most recently from France. The German and French children could join during our regular sessions since the time difference makes that possible. God is leading all this and we are deeply grateful for His great work which is being done through our Church.

LETTER OF GRATITUDE

I’m very grateful for the articles and quotes on “Christianity and our Founding Fathers” found in the March 2020 Love is the Liberator. There is the proof that this country was solidly founded on the principles of the Bible, that the Founders were dedicated Christians who lived what they believed, and put in place the laws of God, by Whom not only they were governed, but future generations would have the freedom to live these principles. Let us shout these truths from the housetop; let freedom ring!

Dale Wallis, Virginia

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