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OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

By Mary Baker Eddy

"Every day, every hour, our work increases in effectiveness and power."

SNOW IN ARIZONA?

A staff member came into my apartment and said, "Look out the window!" What should I see, but "white fluffy stuff" falling from the sky! A short time after this, I ventured outside, and the above photo is the result. This "Schnee" was but an inch-and-a-half, and nothing like last year with over a foot of snow. Most

likely, this will be the only snow for the season.

THINK UPON THIS

S & H, page 390

It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony.

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST Edward A. Kimball

Teaching and Addresses, page 192 BODY: Each conscious being is an individual expression of body, the body of right ideas.

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Leaves of Healing, page 76 A single statement of truth, such as the following, will last all day long: "I am the expression of Life triumphant."

JIM'S CORNER

Did you know that Ephraim was referred to as being 'half baked'?

See Hosea 7:8

JOY

Knowing we may all realize the nothingness of error! We cannot be mesmerized into believing an untruth, regardless of how often it is suggested to us.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

Sermons and Articles
By Doris White Evans
Page 73

There is nothing that can resist the power of God's truth, trusted with all the heart.

EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

From *Science and Health, 1st Edition*Mary Baker Glover, page 223
When realizing Life as it is, namely, Soul, not sense, or the personal man, we shall expand into Truth and self-completeness that embrace all things, and need communion with nothing more than itself, to find them all.

PLAN FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Shall we all plan and be prepared to celebrate Memorial Day? One of the most rewarding methods of celebrating this day is to study our most cherished document — The Constitution. This New Year was welcomed into its place in history with the study of this document, and will again be studied on Memorial Day. For a goodly number of years this has been a tradition for me. How important it is, especially at this time, to devote quality time to the support of government, be it local, state or federal.

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS by Mary Baker Eddy

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Through the divine energies alone one must either get out of himself and into God so far that his consciousness is the reflection of the divine, or he must, through argument and the human consciousness of both evil and good, overcome evil.

STORM CLOUDS



Just view the dark and lowering storm clouds as they appeared recently, just prior to sunset on a recent evening. The expression is that "anyone who predicts the weather in Arizona must be a stranger to Arizona weather." Soon these storm clouds disappeared into nothingness and the evening became a cloudless evening with not a trace of rain or storm.

HOME WITH A VIEW



Perched on a mound of rocks and desert soil, not far from my home, is this home. We are looking at this, viewing toward west. Just imagine what a commanding view of the valley to the east of this residence can be displayed. God's wonder and beauty abound. I call this earth formation a mound. Actually, this mound is the foothills to the Cerbat Mountains. Although the Mountains rise to possibly 400 or 500 feet above the Kingman Plateau, they are commonly referred to as mountains, not hills or mounds.

WHAT IS SO RARE AS A DAY IN JUNE?

This is a message from the pen of James Russell Lowell. Might this message be a tribute, to not only June, but also to February, March, April, or May? God's creation, where ever we are, is unique. May we not all thank God for His creation?

In the Saturday, January 23, 2021 watch, a quote was given from an article by Bicknell Young called "Church." "The holy purpose of the Church service cannot be abrogated, annulled or be de-

consecrated, for it is born of immutable Truth. God has sent these messages of hope and joy which are given forth in the atmosphere of Love. He has blessed them and hallowed them. None can be deprived of His gift."

Now, this quote is quite profound, and the language is quite scholarly. So, I decided to break it down into simpler terms. Now, it reads like this:

The holy purpose of the Church service cannot be "abrogated" (overturned), "annulled" (cancelled), nor be "de-consecrated" (secularized), for it is born of immutable (permanent, fixed, lasting) Truth. God has sent these messages of hope and joy which are given forth in the atmosphere of Love. He has blessed them and "hallowed" (sacred, holy) them. None can be deprived of His gift.

With these words defined and simplified, the quote by Bicknell Young fairly sang to me. In a town I have driven through frequently over a long period of time, there is an old brick church that has been "repurposed." At one time, it became a beauty salon, later, it became a staffing agency. However, that was just the mortal structure. The church we worship in is really a spiritual one, just as Jesus testified to the woman at the well in Sychar. I am so grateful for the Watches that go all over the world, directed and blessed by God.

Gratefully submitted, Susan Petersburg Minnesota

GOD'S APPRENTICE Jeremy Palmer

I was speaking to someone new to our church the other day, and I was reminded of different parts of the process I went through when I first arrived. As we were specifically talking about watching, I relayed to her how I initially felt I was just sitting quietly for a half hour. Then, with time, I gained more insight into how to watch, from our Roundtables and from practitioner support. I eventually started to feel that I had accomplished something, however small. Now it is something I look forward to that always brings peace and clarity.

From there, I thought back on how at first I didn't even know what the Golden Text was. It makes me laugh, as I realize just how brand new I was to everything that I have encountered here. I suppose in some respects that is a good thing, since I didn't need to undo faulty knowledge in at least some cases.

Even things that I did know how to do have undergone a transformation, such as the skills I had gained in print design. Coming here and learning the need to demonstrate, and all that entails, has changed the way I work, how I drive, what I eat, even the way I speak.

So, what I am truly grateful for is how coming to this church has become a very real apprenticeship. There has been teaching, opportunities to do the work, and correction and guidance along the way, all of which has shown me how to be of use to God and mankind.

I really had no idea what I was getting into, but I am so grateful to this church and my practitioner for all I have

gained these past years. It is so wonderful to be a part of this mission, and I look forward to learning even more and using it!

PETER AND FAITH CD NUMBER 2 "Life in God" Carol Conroy

Have you heard about the new CD from Peter and Faith, featuring more of Peter's songs? It's called "Life in God," and is a collection of more of the songs Peter has written and he and Faith have sung together during our Sunday services.

My particular favorite is "Christ Has Rolled Away the Stone." I can't read those words in the Bible without having that song run through my head. What a wonderful thought — Christ has rolled away the stone "from the door of human hope and faith," and showed us that, with God, all things are possible!

Another favorite is "But a Light Thing." It tells us that, whatever we may seem to be going through, it's "but a light thing to the Lord," and He'll walk with us through it all.

If you'd like to order a copy, you can order it from the "Store" tab on the church website, or send a request by mail, or email to Benjamin at clerk@plainfieldcs.com. The price is \$15, shipping included.

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