

# *The Plainfield Independent Newsletter*

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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

Every individual, every divine idea, is as original, is as satisfactory, and as satisfied in its real being as is God Himself.

Bicknell Young  
Association Address 1935, page 2

### A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

I recognized that every man rises and falls on the choices he makes every moment.

George Washington

### QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Every righteous man can count on God's constant care and support.

### GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

Worry is the interest paid on a problem you don't have.

Stephen T. Evans

### JIM'S CORNER

We are like ducks, smooth on the surface, underneath paddling away.

Author Unknown

### THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

How blessed it is to think of you as "beneath the shadow of a great rock in a weary land," safe in His strength, building on His foundation, and covered from the devourer by divine protection and affection.

Mary Baker Eddy, *Mis.*, page 263

### JOY

Joy is beautiful spring daffodils and carpet phlox along both sides of the path leading to the church door.



### EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

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

A man of years and experience is ripening into higher beauty and excellence instead of growing old.

## **“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”— GERMANY**

In this issue, we will be visiting Germany, courtesy of Stephan Klose.

Stephan says, “These pictures have been taken here in Northern Germany, downstream from Hamburg on the banks of the Elbe and near it. They show the marshland and the water, and the mental, spiritual peace that can be seen in it.”



“The plants here are marsh plants that grow wild and are very rare, there are reeds in the background.”



“The lighthouse is, after all, always a symbol of the right direction in which we are sailing our ship. I always try to see things a little differently!”



“The image with the two mirrored trees is wonderful for the theme of image and likeness. The reflection is there, but it is not material, you cannot touch it—then you destroy it. Yet it is as real as the subject itself and inseparable from it.”



The mirror images are beautiful and perfect when the water is calm and peaceful.



One of Stephan's apple trees, covered with blossoms.



“And the sheep—they look so trustingly on the shepherd.”



## VISITORS TO PLAINFIELD

We've had some visits from out-of-town members recently. Early in April, Pilar came from New York City to our Sunday morning Roundtable and the church service. She had to get up at about 3:00 or 4:00 a.m., and change trains several times in order to make the connection to Plainfield. Here is the testimony she gave the next Wednesday giving her gratitude for being able to get here, and telling her experience:

### Testimony by Pilar

I just want to express my immense gratitude. I was very fortunate to be able to make it to the service this past Sunday. It was really way overdue because of the so-called pandemic, travel

restrictions and so forth. Fear took the better part of me, and so this past Sunday I made it purposely that no matter what, I was going to go to the service. It was a little bit of a hardship but I made it. I just wanted to say to anybody that is listening that is not in the area, that the effort was really worth doing. I was received with a lot of love, hugs, there were some tears, but I was very impressed by the love that the members showed.

My special thanks go to LYnda for picking me up at the train station and then waiting for me until my train arrived to return home, Nancy, Chardelle, Lil, Sharon, Carol, Craig and Jeremy, Bruce, Gary, and of course Mary, and Benjamin. I received so many hugs and such encouragement that it literally left me speechless. I came back home the same way. Although the travel was a little complicated, I had wings on my feet. It was just amazing. I felt that it was just such a blessed event and I will encourage anybody that is not in the area, and if they do have the opportunity, to visit the dear people at Plainfield and just enjoy, and bathe in the sunshine of their smiles and their hugs. Thank you so very much for the readings tonight, and thank you for Plainfield Independent Church.

A week later, Luanne from upstate New York, came and stayed for a few days. Luanne lives near the Canadian border, and she drives seven hours to get here. You've probably heard her testimonies about her heart-wrenching struggles due to having been abused as a child, and at her lowest point, when just steps away from committing suicide, asking for help from a Plainfield practitioner. What a complete transformation! She's happy, successful, built a pottery shop herself, and now, in



addition to selling the beautiful pottery pieces she creates, she teaches pottery classes to children and adults. Her classes include many references to God and His love for each one of His children. People love coming to her classes. They always say they feel much better when they leave. No wonder!!



## COMMENTS ON SATURDAY'S BIBLE STUDY

Heartfelt thanks for April's Bible Study. The examination of the "Spirit of Jezebel" was a deep insight into how to handle and expel error. While always staying on the "Love side," we must be fully awake so as to uncover false beliefs, that they are self-destroyed. I very much appreciated the observation that the trials depicted in the Book of Revelation are not just anticipated at some future point in time, but are here and now. So grateful for these precious pearls of wisdom from Plainfield.

Kenric Ward, Texas

Joyously, I had to contemplate the Book of Revelation topic, "Jezebel"—

more so after today's Bible Study. Thank you Tom, Mary, and Kenric for your spiritual insights. I add to them from my notes:

Jezebel is a state of ignorance, not a personality, and the seeming havoc it creates is dependent always upon my misconception of Reality. Error as Jezebel appears only if I believe it exists as a "power."

When I wrongly perceive relative evil and relative good as a claim like Jezebel in some form, I take issue with myself quickly and without condemnation, since I know there is nothing "out there" that needs correcting, fighting, or overcoming. Then, I ponder Spirit as All-in-all. This is to me the joyful and compelling "work" of Christ Science.

JC-min, Australia

Thank you to Thomas and all the other participants in the Bible Study this past Saturday (The Spirit of Jezebel). It was such a helpful and informative discussion. It is beautiful how a sacred book, the Bible, written thousands of years ago, is still applicable to our current life issues. It is a perfect example of our eternal life with God. I love how everyone explains things in such a simple way, and it is so useful for our everyday lives.

I especially love the quote from Gary Singleterry, "Thank God every day for the privilege of life and being His image and likeness."

Mara Marks, Mississippi

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