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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

How many Christian Scientists are there? One. That one is Mind and its presence, everywhere.

Herbert W. Eustace
*Christian Science Its Clear
Correct Teaching, p. 795*

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; 'tis dearness only that gives everything its value.

Thomas Paine

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

God has given us the ability to stay steady and unmoved before the unreal, but sometimes aggressive, claims of error. The world needs our clear, calm, Christly thinking now as it never has before.

Sermons and Articles, p. 60

JIM'S CORNER

A little girl told her mother that she just found out God's name was Howard. Her mother asked, how did you come up with that? She answered, "Howard be thy name."

**QUOTES FROM
BICKNELL YOUNG**

Insist upon knowing yourself as God knows you. Realize that God has created man in His own image, unlimited, harmonious, incorruptible, pure and perfect, and that individual man will never cease to exist, to express good.

**THOUGHTS FROM
MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS**

Christian Science is not a remedy of faith alone, but combines faith with understanding, through which we may touch the hem of His garment; and know that omnipotence has all power.

Miscellaneous Writings, Page 97

JOY

In God's kingdom all is done, all is complete, and man is not in need of any good thing.

Albert F. Gilmore

**EARLY BEGINNINGS
FROM OUR PAST**

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

Jesus availed himself of Life and glory outside of matter.

“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”— SEATTLE

In this issue, we will be visiting Seattle, Washington, courtesy of Erin Snow.



From this past August, a little hint of autumn. This is a view of Puget Sound from an area of Seattle called Magnolia. (Puget is pronounced "PYOO-jet.)



The Aurora Bridge over Lake Union, at dawn. (October 2023)

Down in the lower part of the famous Pike Place Market, is an array of strange and wonderful little shops that have been there for decades. This is the Giant Shoe

Museum. The Market opened in 1907, and has been allowed to retain much of its unique atmosphere.



Because I get around the city by bike, I can visit all these kinds of places without worrying about traffic, parking places, logistics—especially with my Brompton folding bike. So I get to see an alternate Seattle that people in cars pass right by.

Getting around by car now feels to me like traveling in an isolating bubble. I've bicycled around the city for twelve years now. It makes me feel like a part of the pulse of life.

On a bike, I can chat with people as we're waiting for a light; I can stop and talk to people with cute dogs. I can exchange smiles with passersby as I'm walking my bike along a sidewalk, stop to admire babies, especially with my folding bike, which I can fold up to bring into stores with me.

I read in a book about someone who had a full-size folding bike, so I did an internet search and found a dealer. I've been riding one ever since.



Above is Lake Union on a foggy morning in December, 2023.



"Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed: for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10

A friend of the church sent this to us:

A pastor asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. AMEN!

PLAINFIELD CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 2024

Below are excerpts from some interesting reports given at the Annual Meeting.

Website and Broadcasting Committee Jeremy Palmer, Chairman

. PlainfieldCS.com, our English-speaking website, had 45,109 different visitors during the past year. The English-speaking YouTube videos were viewed 518,100 times, for a total of

148,100 hours watched, and we have a total of 5,500 subscribers, adding 754 subscribers last year. Our English-speaking Vimeo videos were viewed 10,000 times.

Tony from Georgia, the individual behind WhoIsMaryBakerEddy.com, has begun to submit a series of one-minute videos called "shorts" which we have been adding to the church YouTube channel. These consist of readings of the Bible and Christian Science writings over pleasing background videos. Shorts have become popular, especially with young people, and are another way of stimulating interest in Christian Science. Each short concludes with suggesting they visit our website for more information.

And, as a final note, we are happy to report that the video of the song "Risen for Me" sung by the children at the Easter morning church service, has received more views in one week (214!) than any other song we've posted has gained in the same length of time!

LETTERS OF GRATITUDE

Thank you all for the wonderful treasures in the January 2024 Plainfield Independent Newsletter. The item from Bicknell Young, on the first page, regarding protecting your thinking, explains the basis of the success of the Wartime Committee's ruling, which was

that there was to be no proselytizing, but the name Christian Science could be mentioned. The book *Christian Science Wartime Activities 1939 to 1946* was thrilling to read. It was filled with the work that was done, providing exactly what was needed, many times answering what seemed impossible requests, and done with love and joy. I'm so grateful to have learned of this book from Izzy's wonderful post on the Church's website Bulletin Board on October 5, 2023! I'm so grateful for everything shared by this Independent Church, for the inspiration, growth, and the many reasons to glorify God!

Virginia

The Christmas Eve service was remarkable. I have only known one Christian Science church to provide a Christmas Eve service and I think that, of all the possible services that could be, this is the one most important that should be, to counter the misdirection of the season away from Jesus. I felt the Christ light shining through each man, woman, and child, who read and performed. It provided the uplift in thought that I needed, and it is my Christmas, my gift from God, from my Church. Merry Christmas. Much love.

California

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