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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

Truth has a healing effect, even when not fully understood. S & H (page 152:8-9)

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By John Milton

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

Love doesn't fail. God is right here caring for us every moment.

QUOTES FROM PETER ROSS

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Spots and suchlike are the things which have no place or substance.

JIM'S CORNER

Name the most frequently mentioned Bible Character in I Chronicles.

David

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

Works, more than words, should characterize Christian Scientists. (p. 126:21-22)

JOY

It is nearly impossible to view God's sunrise or sunset without finding your heart filled with joy.

DOMINION WITHIN

As a result of a recent class meeting, I was inspired to take down Rev. G. A. Kratzer's book, *Dominion Within* from the bookshelf. It has been some time since I read it. What a powerful spiritual message it has! The publication is filled with examples of how to better live, not only read about, Christians Science, but also how to apply it to your daily life.

For example just one sentence has a powerful message: "Indeed, it is unnatural for the carnal man to live in spiritual consciousness, and thus to be spiritually rich, as it is for him to live in water." (Page 66).

Read or reread this book now, and it will most assuredly transform your thinking.

CLOCKS

Is it possible for us to again tinker with our clocks? Yes, before our next Newsletter, we will again find it necessary on March 10th to push our clocks AHEAD one hour. To be absolutely accurate all will obediently wait till 2 AM on the 10th of March to perform this activity. Those not willing to lose sleep over this activity, could achieve the same solution by pushing their clocks ahead before retiring.

SPRING EQUINOX

Just what is the Spring Equinox? It is the time when the sun shifts its overhead position northward and is directly over the Equator. This year this will occur on the 20th of March. Another way to say this is that it is the very time when winter comes to a close and spring begins.

REPENT! REPENT!

by J. Elbid

A small community church was in need of painting. The congregation decided to have the church painted by a local painter. The painter proceeded to do the painting job and decided he could save money on the project if he thinned the paint. All was going well till a thunderstorm suddenly appeared. The storm washed off the new thinned paint.

The painter started to get off the scaffold and suddenly there was a lightning strike that knocked the painter off the scaffolding. The rumbling thunder sounded strange to the painter for he heard it resound as, "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more."

A GRATEFUL HEART

Jim Dible

At times I tend to not tell of a grateful heart. To help correct this, I

wish to express heartfelt gratitude for our weekend classes. Every Saturday morning, rain or shine, we have the opportunity to glean a world of information and counsel from our Bible Study session. How grateful I am for these classes and for the time needed to prepare for these classes.

It seems as if we are not finished with this class, and another event is opening for us to again gain a better understanding of Christian Science through our Roundtable discussion. Just imagine for a moment, the time the class leaders devote in preparation for these sessions. My heart is filled with gratitude for both these classes and for the untiring devotion displayed by the class leaders.

THY WILL BE DONE

Jeremy Palmer

A while ago, I had given a testimony about how I had been led to write a little computer program that helps me to insert the written text into the YouTube videos quicker and easier than previously possible. It has made a huge difference in how much I can get done in a week.

Well, the church recently has started working with a man from Pakistan to get translations of Lessons and articles into Urdu, Punjabi, and Hindi. After thinking and praying about how best to move forward with the videos in these languages, I realized how that new computer program is going to make all that possible.

I've been able to make videos in Spanish and French with little trouble, since it is basically the same letters as we use in English. Those three new languages, however, have completely different characters, and there is no way I would be able to understand where the readings are in relation to the text. With

that new program, I can have the translator mark where each change in the text on the screen occurs, and then take that information and let the program do its thing.

I am so grateful for this, as it was clearly addressing a need I had months ago, and yet was also ready to meet this newest need. Only God could have brought such a blessing about. I especially feel this because I never could have done this kind of work before.

How practical Christian Science is in our daily work!

OUR NEW WEBSITES BEAR FRUIT!!

This is an e-mail from our newest translator, Napoleon, who translates our weekly Bible Lessons into Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu:

"I had previously some other translation project that is accomplished. I am completely free now, that's why I want to go on with the same stamina of working. Most importantly your lessons are really faith strengthening and they enlighten the truths of the real message of the Gospel for me personally. This is why I am working very diligently on the translations and recordings."

Below is the first response we have received to our new website, from someone in India, exactly as he wrote it: "Hello Benjamin and Jeremy,

"I have listened the Bible lesson into Hindi in your website. This is amazing and very nice work you have done. Keep it up to reach plenty of Christians in India and other area of the world. God bless you guys."

Let us pray and support all our websites, knowing that "God giveth the increase"! And as Mrs. Eddy said, "Know every day that the world is ready for Christian Science."

MEMBERSHIP MEETING COMMITTEE REPORTS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Florence Roberts, Lynda Spencer, and Chardelle Hull

We have children attending Sunday School from ages 18 months up to almost 18 years of age, with seven regulars and three visitors. We all start together with a hymn, The Lord's Prayer (with its interpretation by Mrs. Eddy), and our weekly gratitude, thanking God. After this we break up and go to designated areas nearby that contain many new items for the children to enjoy and enhance their learning experience.

Mrs. Roberts leads the High School group with her excellent teaching of the current Lesson. Her questions prompt good discussion, and we record many of their comments. Mrs. Roberts always ends with a "take-home" quote that is sent to all by electronic communication to be used during the week.

Everything done in Sunday School is done to emphasize Christian Science as a way of life; and we continue to pray for other ways God would have His children know Him, since the purity and innocence of a child's thought is the best time/soil to sow the precious seeds of God's power and His Love.

FORUM HIGHLIGHTS Florence Roberts

From Matthew 10:8 our instruction is to "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." So much is freely given in this church through the Lessons, classes, articles, and Bible studies. And from Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy's examples of their earnestness to give out this Truth to all mankind, we can also be more in earnest to give of our rich inspiration, through the wonderful avenue of our Forum.

We are thankful to God for our regular contributors, as well as all the new ones. In so many ways I am sure all are giving to this precious mission in some special way. God has provided these special avenues here where we can all use our special gifts to honor Him and bless our world.

The Forum posts need not be long, and we welcome all that is with inspiration with the intent to bless. As a reminder, a post can also be a question inviting others' inspiration on a particular topic.

The members and others who have no internet access, can receive the Forum Highlights via mail if they let the church know. We have had quite a number of recipients over the years, who are very happy to receive them and report how helpful and practical the content in each issue is.

Try reading the Lesson with a prayer and the desire to be inspired so that you can bless someone through the Forum and see how quickly any "lies" of material sense move out of the way, since the Truth we read **is** reality and as we read and share our inspiration we are obeying and honoring God!

WEBSITE COMMITTEEJeremy Palmer

We now have 3,670 videos on YouTube, which were viewed 392,727 times, for a total of 5,185,044 minutes watched! We also have 1,533 YouTube subscribers. SoundCloud has 33,800 plays from over 50 countries. Our Dutch website had 382 users, French website 791 users, German had 470 users, and

Spanish had 2,206 users. And with our new Urdu, Punjabi, and Hindi websites, this Word of God is truly reaching around the world!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Thomas Richards, Lynda Spencer

We're constantly on the lookout for any books important to Christian Science. We've acquired recently original Science and Healths, an original printing of a Peter V. Ross book "If A Man Die He Shall Live Again," a signed 1925 edition of Bliss Knapp's "Memoirs of Ira O. Knapp," "George Washington's Vision and Prophecy for America," "The History of the Christian Science Movement" and "From Hawthorne Hall," both by William Lyman Johnson, and others. Mrs. Longyear asked Mr. Johnson, the son of one of the first directors of the Mother Church to write about C.S. history; and when the book was published, it was immediately suppressed. However, references to the book can be found on the websites of Longyear and the Mother Church.

Many of these books have been donated. But when purchasing books, the Library Committee seeks to find books that are inexpensive. The Committee avoids purchasing publications that are priced high due to the rarity of the publication. For example, an original S&H (pre 1910) was purchased for less than \$20.

If you have any books of interest, or come across any, please contact either Lynda (lynda@plainfieldcs.com) or Tom (Thomas.a.richards777@yahoo.com).

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