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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**

*S & H, page 391*

Mentally contradict every complaint from the body, and rise to the true consciousness of Life as Love, — as all that is pure, and bearing the fruits of Spirit.

**A QUOTE FROM THE PAST**

By Francis Bacon

No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of truth.

**QUOTES FROM  
PETER ROSS**

*Leaves of Healing, page 12*

I am a perfect blend with vital Principle, and Principle is a compound of limitless intelligence, animation, power.

**JIM'S CORNER**

How many of Jesus' brothers wrote books of the Bible?

Two – James and Jude

**GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE**

*Sermons and Articles*

By Doris White Evans, page 140

Expect the highest, the holiest and the best in every situation. It's your divine right to claim and possess it.

**THOUGHTS FROM  
MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS**

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Christ points the way of salvation. His mode is not cowardly, uncharitable, nor unwise, but it teaches mortals to handle serpents and to cast out evil.

**JOY**

Listening joyously to the quietude of the day, when there is but the sound of God's message to you.

**EARLY BEGINNINGS  
FROM OUR PAST**

From *Science and Health, 1<sup>st</sup> Ed.*

By Mary Baker Glover

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Matter is neither Intelligence, nor a creator; the tree is not the author of itself; sound is not the originator of music, or man the father of man.

## A SUMMER RAIN STORM

Noticing unique clouds, I picked up my camera and headed for the outside world. This cloud formation would definitely indicate a rain shower in any place but Arizona. After snapping the photo, I headed for my usual tour of the neighborhood.



When approximately five blocks from home, what should happen but a torrent of rain. Turning back toward home, and proceeding as quickly as possible, the rain stopped as quickly as it began. To give you an accurate picture of this event, just picture the squares of cement that make up the sidewalks. They are 4-foot by 4-foot squares of concrete. Further, the rain was coming down in large drops, each of which, when hitting the sidewalk, produced a dark spot about half an inch in diameter on the sidewalk. For further proof of this rain storm, I counted the number of drops hitting a square of the sidewalk and the count was seven drops. Then the rain was over.

## YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH....

Recently, I was doing some finishing touches on the Church Newsletter. I emailed a copy to Carol, and also sent a copy to myself. When I viewed my copy, it was spread out over nearly five

sheets rather than the intended four sheets.

I immediately emailed Carol, telling her of the problem.

This morning I mentioned the problem to my practitioner, who reminded me there are no errors in Divine Mind. Then she suggested that I visit a local building site rather than do additional work on the newsletter.

Later, when I checked for emails, I found one from Carol telling me her copy of the newsletter was perfect!

Again, I was reminded to rely on the one Mind not my supposed human mind.

## WATCHES

Before becoming a member of the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent, I was unaware of Watches. These are ever so important, and I seldom miss one. At times I miss the reading of the Watch, but as soon as I realize the time, I take up the Watch and devote the allotted time for it. Some are ever so important that I daily devote time to the Watch till its purpose has been met.

## PERFECT IN GOD

A gem coming to us from yesteryear is just as important today as it was when penned in the *Christian Science Journal* in September 1889:

*“Every time you declare you are perfect in God, there goes through the body a health-giving power. When you realize this truth of truths — that you are NOW — not will be — perfect in God, without a single doubt, wonderful changes will come to pass.”*

## GIVING MY CORK OAK A DRINK

Twice a week I run water to irrigate my cork oak tree. Today, while watering the

tree, I relaxed on my patio, for God's day was absolutely beautiful. We had a blue sky with a sufficient number of white clouds to round out what I call an absolute gem. The photo should express a portion of the sensation I felt.



## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Our neighborhood has a few children, and one lad, when he spots me, follows along either on foot or on his scooter. I invited him for a ride on my power scooter. It is impossible to describe the delight displayed on his face as we circled the block. Recently, I snapped this photo of him as he was seated on my scooter.



**MARCH 14, 2021**

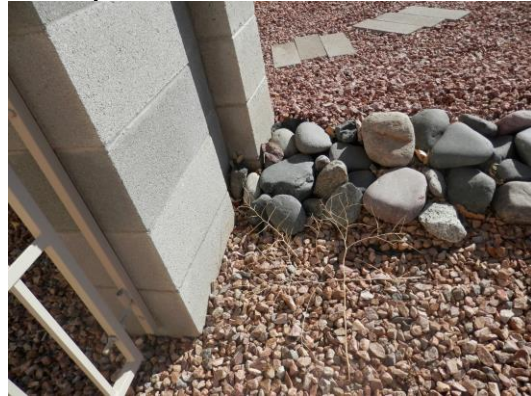
Here we go again! This is the day we honor Ben Franklin for his strong support of a system of conserving

daylight each day. Since so many are unable or unwilling to rise earlier, because of the brightness of the morning, we will force them to rise, by moving all clocks ahead by one hour. So, do remember to stay up till 2:00 a.m. so your time pieces will be accurate. This applies to all states except Hawaii and Arizona, where the citizens are not forced to tinker with their time pieces twice a year.

## TUMBLEWEED

The Tumbleweed is a very common weed found in desert regions of our country. The shape of the weed is somewhat like a sphere, so when because of lack of moisture, it begins its stage of decay, and windy conditions start it on its journey of tumbling across the desert floor. As it rolls along, each bounce breaks away some of the seed pods. Because of this, a new crop of tumbleweeds awaits the next rainy season. The size is usually about a foot in diameter; however I have seen tumbleweeds as large as three feet in diameter.

After a severe windy condition, one will find the remnants of the tumbleweed hiding in some corner of the yard just waiting for someone to gather them up and deposit them in a trash bin.



## WORK ON NEWSLETTER

With a move from my home to a retirement community, little has been done for the Newsletter. Now, with my computer back from repairs caused by the move, I again find new messages to pen to you.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*In January we had our annual Membership Meeting. Below are some reports given during that meeting.*

### Website Committee

#### Jeremy Palmer

During 2020, the various Plainfield websites had a total of 105,810 unique visitors. They include the English language website (47,998), French (4,842), Spanish (8,600), Hindi (4,158), Punjabi (3,022), Urdu (4,138), Russian (3,650), Hungarian (2,177), German (4,663), Dutch (4,431), Chinese (2,524), Marathi (2,210), Nepali (2,434), Pashto (2,174), Persian (2,095), Sindhi (2,215), Tamil (2,497), and Ukrainian (1,982).

We are very grateful for our faithful translators, who play such an important role in this missionary work.

### Sunday School Committee

#### Florence Roberts

At the present time, in the younger classes, we have six very enthusiastic children ranging in age from 4 to 14, along with two visitors. The Sunday

School lesson is based on the weekly Bible Lesson, and the lessons are sent by email to the students and posted on the Sunday School website, along with a coloring page or activity for them to enjoy. The classes meet by phone or conference video. We start out reading a hymn, reciting the Lord's Prayer, and each offers their gratitude to God for what He is doing in their lives. One child happily told about taking a math test and something didn't feel right. He started to pray, and the thought came to him to check #11, where he found a mistake and was able to correct it. Next is the lesson, in which we have currently been studying the Nativity, Ten Commandments, and Beatitudes, along with Bible stories. We close with a prayer that blesses them, friends, and family, and the whole world.

The older class also reads citations from the weekly Bible Lesson, and we discuss pertinent life lessons from the stories and how to apply them to actual life situations.

We are continuing with the *Love Is the Liberator* insert, called "Shepherd Show Me How to Go," and we have had some very positive feedback. What an imperative mission we have, to help children know who they are, to know that God loves each of them no matter where they are from, and that life is worthwhile when lived with God as our friend and guide.

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This is an informational newsletter for members of the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent, intended to be a means for communication with each other, and is supported and provided by the efforts of the membership at large. Each member shall do his part to ensure the continuing success of Independent Christian Science as a worldwide activity. Let us begin with our Newsletter.