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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

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Isaiah 45:22

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

All must admit that the reception of the teachings of Christ results in the purest patriotism, in the most scrupulous fidelity to public trust, and in the best type of citizenship.

Grover Cleveland

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

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By Doris White Evans

When problems are seen as opportunities for spiritual growth, we can face them with confidence, knowing that the hand of God is upon us.

JIM'S CORNER

Why are Christmas trees bad at knitting? They always drop their needles.

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The present is ours; the future, big with events. Every man and woman should be to-day a law to himself, herself,—a law of loyalty to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. ... In Christian Science, the law of Love rejoices the heart; and Love is Life and Truth.

Mary Baker Eddy

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Through meditation and desire for understanding, you open the door to heavenly visitors. Inspiration and revelation are not obsolete. God's voice has not been silenced, nor has His interest in man declined. He has health and strength for you, and opportunities for success and usefulness. "Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace," is still the soundest of advice.

Peter V. Ross

*Lectures on
Christian Science*

“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”

A Visit to Greece with Maria Torrents

Maria, from Catalonia, has spent many months of the last eight years in these blessed landscapes of Sithonia.

Xalkidiki is a very unique peninsula 100 km (approx. 62 miles) east from Thessaloniki. It has three fingers, the first called Kassandra, the second Sithonia and the third Athos peninsula.



Athos seen from Sarti.

All these photos are from the east side of Sithonia, 20 km (approx. 12.5 miles) along the coast of Sarti, one of the few villages in the east of this finger.



Main Sarti beach.

This coastal territory is very prized by Greeks and tourists alike because of its crystal-clear waters and the wonderful views of Athos mountain, the sacred mountain of Orthodox Christianity.

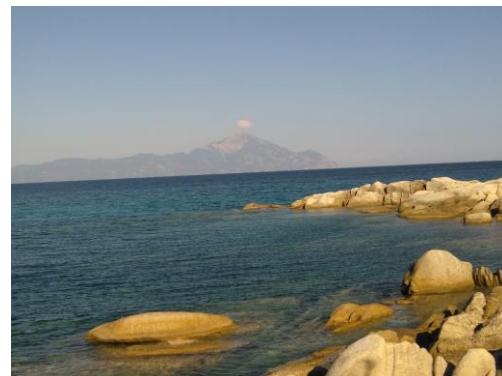


More of Sarti beaches.



Athos seen from Platanitsi beach.

In the 9th century after Christ, and under the Byzantine empire that was deeply linked with the Orthodox church, Athos started to become a monastic center, and the emperors in the 10th century gave to the Church full dominion and rule over the area, that is now, as then, dependent on the Constantinopolis (the Byzantine and Greek name for actual Istanbul) patriarch. We can find there monasteries of Russian and Serbian Orthodox, alongside Orthodox Greeks.



Athos again from Platanitsi beach.

In Athos only males are allowed, neither women nor female animals can enter. The only woman, tell the monks, with the right to be there, is the Virgin Mary, to whom the mountain is consecrated.



Platanitsi beach one afternoon.



Platanitsi beach from the rocks.

Sithonia, and especially this east side, is crowded with tourists; but after mid-October until mid-June, a calm and peace beyond words gets grip of all the peninsula and it becomes a haven for the few sea winter lovers who stay around.



Sikia Beach.



Rodia beach (pomegranate in Greece)

The Christmas Candle Carol Conroy

Recently some of us watched a movie called “The Christmas Candle.” It takes place in old-time England, where the town candlemaker would make candles for the townspeople to use during the holiday season. During the night, an angel would come down and bless one candle of the batch—the Christmas candle. The one who received this special candle was to light it and pray, then their prayer would be answered and they would receive what they prayed for.

Spoiler alert: One year the candle-maker dropped all the candles and couldn’t tell which was the special candle. So he gave one to each family in the town, telling each one theirs was the Christmas candle. Each one lit their candle and prayed, convinced their prayer would be answered—of course it would, since theirs was the Christmas candle! Not surprisingly, each prayer was answered, and they received healing of some situation in their lives.

What a wonderful lesson—to pray with as much conviction as those townspeople had! Mary Baker Eddy says, “if you wait, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment.” (*Mis.* 307)

There was a lovely hymn sung in the

movie, a verse of which said:

There are miracles all around
Miracles yet to be found
Hid in every heart is an answered
prayer
Like a candle's flame hope will lead
us there.

**Article Published in
The Buffalo Commercial
By Rev. McKenzie**

DIVINE LOVE
*Its Power, According to Christian
Science Belief, Expressed by
Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy*

Boston, June 7, 1899. The interest in yesterday's meeting of the Christian Scientists, and in fact of the entire convention, centered in the appearance yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the leader and founder of the denomination. As she entered the room the audience arose and remained standing until she was seated. In the course of an address she said:

"I wish to say that this meeting is very joyous to me. Where God is we can meet, and where God is we can never part. There is something suggestive to me in this hour of the latter days of the 19th century, fulfilling much of the Divine law and the gospel. O, may this hour be prolific, and at this time, and in every heart, may there come this benediction: Thou hast no longer to appeal to human

strength, to strive with agony; I am thy deliverer. Of His own will, begat He us with Word of Truth. Divine Love has strengthened the hand and encouraged the heart of every member of this large church. O, may these rich blessings continue and be increased. It has opened the Gate Beautiful to us, where we may see God and live; see good in Good, God All, One, one Mind, and that Divine, love of our neighbor as ourselves, bless our enemies.

"Divine Love will also rebuke and destroy disease and destroy the belief of life in matter. It will waken the dreamer; the sinner, dreaming of pleasure in sin; the sick, dreaming of suffering matter; the slothful, satisfied to sleep and dream. Divine Love is our only physician—never loses a case. It binds up the broken-hearted; heals the poor body, whose whole head is sick and whose whole heart faint; comforts such as mourn; wipes away the unavailing, tired tears; brings back the wanderer to the Father's house, wherein are many mansions, many welcomes, many pardons for the penitent.

"Ofttimes I think of this in the great light of the present, the sight and light of the present fulfillment thereof. So shall all earth's children at last come to acknowledge God, the Church militant rise to the Church triumphant, and Zion be glorified."

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