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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

Divine Love is infinite. Therefore all that really exists is in and of God, and manifests His love. (S&H 340:12-14)

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

By Bicknell Young

Procrastination is the thief of time.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

It only takes a minute to know that evil is a false belief. If it isn't good, it isn't coming from God.

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Do not think a single thought of failure or say one word against yourself. The Almighty does not like to have His youngsters discredited. And you must not indulge in that practice. (Page 179)

JIM'S CORNER

Who in the Bible asked God to put his tears in a bottle?

David — Psalm 56:8

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

Christian Healing p. 3

The Scriptures declare that “God is Love, Truth, and Life,” — a trinity in unity; not three persons in one, but three statements of one Principle.

J O Y

Can one have greater joy than participating in a “Watch”?

CONSIDER THIS THOUGHT

If the Bible and Science and Health had the place in schools of learning that physiology occupies, they would revolutionize and reform the world, through the power of Christ.

(“No and Yes,” by Mary Baker Eddy p. 11:15-18)

FLY YOUR FLAG

June 14th is a day honoring our flag. Should we not find all flags unfurled and proudly displaying our patriotic support for our “one nation under God”?

FOURTH OF JULY

The summer season is well upon us, and our activities abound with picnicking.

Shall we pause just for a moment and consider what this special day represents? This has been a National Holiday since 1776, and is always celebrated by fireworks displays of some sort. Especially now when there is so much anti-patriotic comment, can we not reverse the pattern and display “Old Glory”?

As in past years, will you again join me in a mere two hours on this National Holiday and read the Constitution?

THE FOREIGN ADVANCE OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Have you ever thought of how Christian Science was introduced into other countries?

I was just presented a copy of the publication, *Christian Science in Germany*, by Frances Thurber Seal. This publication has been available for many years, but I have never read it. I must admit that I could not lay the book down till I had completed reading it.

I was touched by the reading, so much so, that I had to dry tears from my eyes often during the reading.

This book tells of the power of relying upon God for all actions and thus success is always possible. It is available from Plainfield Church.

BEFORE AND AFTER

A nearly all-day drizzling rain, plus over a foot of snow on another occasion, creates a marvelous transformation to Arizona’s desert landscape. Hidden within the desert soil are tiny seeds; and when these seeds are subjected to moisture, they are transformed into desert foliage.

The following photos were taken

from essentially the same location. In the background of each photo are the majestic Hualapai (Wal-i-pie) Mountains rising 6,217 feet above the desert floor. The first photo was taken before moisture was present, and the second photo was taken approximately a month after the recent snow fall.



“And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom like the rose.” (Isa. 35:1)



Such a transformation can be possible only with the aid of a loving Father-Mother God. It is impossible to view such a change without saying, “Thank you, Shepherd.” These photos were taken just to the east of my home, and the property is being prepared for additional homes.

The following photo was taken showing from a location where Diamond Drive connects with Gordon Road (in the foreground of photo) and desert

landscape untouched by earthmovers in the background as created by God.



Now in mid-May the greens have been replaced by a more brown foliage.

RUMINATE

Webster suggests that this word refers to “turning (something) over in the mind” or to “meditate” (on). In Webster’s earlier dictionary, it is suggested, “to muse; to meditate; to think again and again.” Mrs. Eddy uses the word just once in “the trial” (S&H 430:19): “The patient feels ill, ruminates, and the trial commences.”

Often, there is tendency to muse over a condition till it becomes a worry. At one time this was common practice for me, resulting in the form of sleepless nights.

Rather than devoting countless hours to a nonproductive non-activity, a much better thing to do is to rise and open our text, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, and soon one is so absorbed in the message, one forgets all the petty thoughts that had kept them sleepless. I’ve found that soon, one can retire to peaceful rest.

OUR TEXTBOOK

In a past newsletter, you were reminded that you could find a listing of all things that could not be healed by using Christian Science. They are listed on page 500.

Space is provided on page 701 so one can record the date when you complete each reading of our textbook. My first reading, from cover to cover, was on 9-1-1968 and the most recent was on 1-2-2019. Reading five pages of *Science and Health*, and five pages of *Prose Works* each day, is a wonderful exercise to keep thought tuned to The Word!

Mrs. Evans’s First Patient

By David Fritz

I first met Doris Evans when I was a kid. My parents moved to Plainfield and joined the Plainfield Church. I recall going to the Evans’s house, playing with their son, and swimming in their pool. She would join us in the water and play with us. I recall our families doing things together, such as movies, dinners, etc. I enjoyed being around her, and feeling the great love she expressed.

I was not happy with the practitioner my parents were using, and when I learned that Mrs. Evans had just become a practitioner, I immediately said that I wanted to go to her. As it turned out, I was her first patient.

I had many healings throughout my middle and high school years. I recall one time I was sent home from school feeling sick and I called her. Her cleaning lady answered the phone and said she was not at home. I did not say who I was, just said, “Ok, thank you.” Thirty minutes later, Mrs. Evans called me and said, “You called?” (This was before answer machines and caller ID.) I was stunned and asked her how she knew. She said she prayed, and God told her who called. I told her that I was really feeling ill—flu symptoms, etc. Within a half hour, I was healed and went back to school. The school nurse couldn’t believe it.

My father was a math teacher in Plainfield High School. He became very ill and was bed-ridden. I found out later that he was in the last stages of cancer, leukemia, to be exact. His practitioner was no help. He tried others, even a Christian Science nursing home in Boston, recommended by his class teacher, all with no results. I suggested that he try Mrs. Evans, and he did.

She urged him to come home, or she would not work for him. He did, and gradually he started getting better, and was able to get out of bed. The first time he was able to walk down the stairs was a monumental event. Before the end of the school year he was back at work teaching. The school doctor was amazed and attested to the miraculous healing.

After graduating from high school, I went into the Navy and was gone for nine years. I drifted away from Science until I hit rock bottom. I called Mrs. Evans, and she greeted me joyfully and said she would help. She got my parents involved, and I came home. The first time I went to see her after coming home, she told me that all the time I was away, she prayed for me every day. I was shocked. She said, "Well, you were my first patient."

My life was turned around through her work. We all stood with Mrs. Evans when the Boston organization tried to take over our church. It was probably the best thing that could have happened to the Plainfield Church, and helped to make it what it is today.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 30, 2019

Website Committee, Jeremy Palmer

Our church website is very active. We now have 3,900 videos posted on YouTube, with 1,827 subscribers worldwide—almost 300 more than in

January. Our website has had 20,651 visitors from 180 countries.

Our new websites—Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu—have each had more than 250 people visiting nearly 1,000 times. The Chinese, German, Spanish, French, and Dutch websites are even more active

Membership Committee,

Craig Thompson and Chardelle Hull

I believe our mission is to inspire, guard, and feed the sheep and lambs. So many treasures are provided to members. The world and the Christian Science movement need you. Hear what God said to me in my darkest times, "Work for Me." I chose to do this, then I regained my health and gained satisfaction. Thank God for Mary Baker Eddy and this spiritually active membership.

THE CARPENTER COLLECTION

You're probably aware that we were able to purchase the entire very precious Carpenter Collection. We received the following heartwarming letter from David Keyston:

Dear Friends, It is with sadness and yet great joy that I part with this superlative collection preserved by Gilbert C. Carpenter, Sr., CSB and his son. Sad, because I have lovingly been entrusted to care for them for some three decades. Yet, an incredible sense of joy, knowing that Divine Love has found the PERFECT home where these important treasures will be fastidiously and lovingly cared for.

They are the closest things to children in my experience. So much gratitude to you all for your stalwart stand for Truth in preserving our beloved Leader's sacred history and precious Science.

Lovingly, David Keyston