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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

Belief produces the results of belief and the penalties it affixes last so long as the belief, and are inseparable from it.

S & H page (184:6-8)

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Samuel T. Coleridge

Earth, with her thousand voices, praises God.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

There is nothing that God can't do. There is no impossible situation. God answers righteous prayer.

**QUOTES FROM
PETER V. ROSS**

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“The Lord is in His holy temple, let all this miserable clamor of weakness and distress be still.”

JIM'S CORNER

Where do you find the longest verse in the Bible?

Esther 8:9

**THOUGHTS FROM
MISCELLANEOUS
WRITINGS**

Page 117:30-31.

Be sure that God *directs* your way; then, hasten to follow under every circumstance.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Soon Thanksgiving Day will be upon us.

This day dates back to our earliest heritage. It was our Pilgrim Fathers, who instituted this day each year to seek the Divine Blessing and give thanks for a bountiful harvest. We, too, gather together in a church service to express our gratitude for our many blessings received.

Consider reading what Mrs. Eddy tells us in the article, *Thanksgiving Dinner*, found on page 230 of *Miscellaneous Writings*.

TIME CHANGE

That moment is again upon us that we must again shift our clocks to Standard Time. A quote often associated with this event is “Spring ahead and Fall back.” On Saturday November 3rd do remember to move your clocks back an hour so all may enjoy an extra hour of sleep you have been deprived of since last Spring.

VETERAN'S DAY

The Fall of the year abounds in holidays. This Veteran's Day, originally known as Armistice Day, was a day to express gratitude for the end of hostilities of World War I. Little did the leaders of the nations realize, it was really just a temporary armistice, for a more devastating event was soon to be thrust upon them in the form of World War II. This, too, has ceased and we may well thank God, and diligently pray that no such event will ever occur again.

ELECTION DAY

On this Election Day, November 6th, may we all devote sincere prayer for our country. Pray that "Thy will be done." May each devote consecrated study, and do not forget to cast your vote for this Constitutional Republic and this "One Nation under God."

JOY



What a joy to view the developing Monsoon storm, and this is exactly what we are viewing. A number of hours later a picture could not be taken, for the skies were too "dark and lowering." The "old man of the mountain" was soon dumping bushel baskets of potatoes into his "buckboard wagon." At times the noise was thundering loudly, so much so, it seemed as if there were flashes of light with each rumble.

The beauty of a thunderstorm above Mount Hualapai is spectacular. This mountain has an elevation of 8,717 feet above sea level, and is located about 15 miles south of Kingman, Arizona. As a child I could not figure out why Dad so enjoyed thunderstorms. Now I know! Here is God replenishing the desert with much needed moisture. How much rain, you ask? To date the rainfall is 20 cm, just short of an inch. Shortly after the rain the desert will "blossom as a rose," displaying wild flowers that are already present, but needing just one ingredient, moisture. It is impossible not to be filled with gratitude for all the beauty for us to behold.

Each could, in his mind's eye, view such a scene in his own hometown where the beauty of God's creation is being displayed with such grace.

OUT OF OUR PAST

From Spiritual Footsteps

by Gilbert Carpenter, Chapter 73

Mrs. Eddy knew that mental activity and whatever induces such activity were vital to man's salvation. Her persistent call for mental activity, at every point and in every direction, therefore, was her effort to stimulate and perpetuate in her students the habit of active right thinking.

There is a fairy story to the effect that a certain man was given a cloak that would make him invisible to his enemies. Every time they came near, he put on this cloak and thus outwitted them. Finally, they plotted to approach him in the guise of friendship, so he would not recognize them. Feeling no fear in their company, he did not put on his cloak, and thus was robbed of it, and then captured.

When once it is understood, it becomes plain that mental inactivity

disturbed Mrs. Eddy more than anything else, because she knew that it was error's sly way of putting man off his guard.

FROM "THE BLUE BOOK"

Mrs. Eddy gives us the following instructions in order to overcome animal magnetism. Part of this has been mentioned in our classes.

Rules for overcoming animal magnetism:

1. See what it is trying to do.
2. Know that it cannot do it.
3. See that it is *not done*.

To accomplish this:

1. Be patient.
2. Be meek.
3. Be vigilant.
4. Be sober.
5. Be loving.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

"Who I Am"

By Florence Roberts
from Lesson citations on "Man,"
Sunday, September 2, 2018

Created in the image of God.

I do not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of the scornful.

I am like a tree by the river, bearing fruit, that doesn't wither; all I do shall prosper.

The spirit of God made me.

My mouth speaks wisdom, God's law is in my heart.

I am God's perfect man, upright and peaceful.

I belong to God.

God is always with me, so I am not afraid.

I am created for God's glory.

I am the new man, with the Spirit of Christ, and perfect.

I am God's reflection, ever beautiful and complete.

I obey God, therefore perfect, always praying, and watching so no discouragement.

I am patiently gaining the spiritual awareness of all that God sees in me.

I have the Mind of Christ, the only real Mind.

I stick to the standard of perfection as God and man.

I am the expression of God's being, forever perfect.

I am giving up the material belief of myself and identifying with my spiritual self. (S&H pg. 470.)

I am not a material personality, I am the likeness of Spirit, God.

My connection with God is indestructible.

Health and holiness are mine, not sin, sickness and death.

I am the compound idea of God, including all right ideas.

I have not a single quality underived from God.

My life, intelligence, strength, and power come from God.

God is my Father-Mother.

His kingdom is in me, Truth and Love reign in me, and I am pure and holy!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FROM MEMBERSHIP

MEETING SEPTEMBER 2018

Website Committee *Jeremy Palmer*

Since May's membership meeting, our website has had 18,578 unique visitors from 117 countries.

Our YouTube channel has had 116,329 views, for a total of 1,488,492 minutes. There are now 3,325 YouTube videos posted online, with 1,265 subscribers worldwide.

We recently instituted a Spanish

language YouTube channel, and it already has 18 videos and 5 subscribers.

SoundCloud has had 6,682 plays from 195 countries.

We thank all who work on the website, especially the translators, who are expanding this church's outreach.

Building & Grounds *Bruce Singleterry*

It had become apparent that our church roof, which is 35 years old, needed to be replaced. And our air conditioning equipment, which was about 25 to 30 years old, also needed replacing. Our air conditioning system has been replaced at a cost of \$23,000; and work has begun on replacing the roof, at a cost of \$76,000. We are sincerely grateful for the generosity of our members who have contributed toward these replacements, and we appreciate your continued generosity.

Sunday School *Florence Roberts*

The students are expected to bring "a gratitude" for something during each week. We are happy that the children have been consistent in giving their weekly gratitude, and are ready to listen to what others are grateful for. We do trust that they are learning the discipline of remaining grateful this way.

The Bible stories from the weekly Lessons are used in such a way that will help the children apply Christian Science. Students read sections aloud, so they can develop a love for reading the Bible. The readings are followed by questions and discussions that help emphasize Christian Science as a way of life.

May God help us plant the needed seeds in their hearts, since this is an important time in their lives to learn that God is Love.

"The Lord Will Perfect that which Concerneth Me"

By Mary Beth Singleterry

The Psalmist writes, "The Lord will perfect *that which* concerneth me." (Ps. 138:8) This was a statement given to me years ago by a practitioner from this church. She said that any time you get help from a practitioner, you might be asking for help with some specific problem; but the treatment is all encompassing and all things are being perfected.

It is such a wonderful thought that things that concern you are being perfected. I have thought about it many times and I know it to be true, because through prayerful treatment, I would get the healing, but several others would happen as well. It is so comforting and I often say to myself, God is perfecting "*that which* concerneth" me.

We all have concerns; sometimes many concerns. So, just rest in that thought and know that God is perfecting whatever is concerning, troubling, or worrying you, whatever it might be. God is working on it, He is perfecting it, and He will bring it about to its full healing and full completion. It cannot help to work because God is all power. The definition of "perfect" is to "finish or complete so as to leave nothing wanting." It is a wonderful truth to declare for oneself.

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.