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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 462:13-15

Whoever would demonstrate the healing of Christian Science must abide strictly by its rules, heed every statement, and advance from the rudiments laid down.

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

by George Herbert
Wouldst thou both eat thy cake and
have it?

JOY

Joy is watching the beauty of the sunlight after a thunder storm.

JIM'S CORNER

A golf ball landed on the top of an ant hill. Shortly, the owner arrived and, since the ball was on a mound, he decided not to use a tee. Taking a swing, he removed a large chunk of the ant hill. A second attempt and another large portion of the ant hill disappeared.

Two ants were close to the ball and one said to the other, "For our safety we had better get on the ball."

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

Sermons and Articles by Doris White Evans Page 183

Gratitude for the good God has given you will do more for your health than anything else possibly could.

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Leaves of Healing, page 121

When an ailment is cured [through Truth] it comes to an end. It cannot return ... it is extinguished, which means that there is nothing to recur or to return.

EARLY BEGININGS FROM OUR PAST

Science and Health, First Edition page 218

When the belief of happiness in personal sense wanes, and the enjoyment of the intellect and affections increases error is fading out, and Truth is lifting its glad voice above the centuries; yea, above the horizon of animality and sense.

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

Page 352

Through the divine energies alone one must either get out of himself and into God so far that his consciousness is the reflection of the divine, or he must, through argument and the human consciousness of both evil and good, overcome evil.

A NEW TOY

After some possibly 10 years, and enjoying the use of Windows 7 on my computer, I noted strange happenings recently, and I thought it time to update to a more up-to-date computer. I had tried Windows 10 when it was offered as a trial by Microsoft, but quickly reverted to my stable and trustworthy Windows 7. Having enjoyed my HP, I called the company asking for a recommendation. The decision finally resulted in purchasing a lap top HP Envy with a 15-inch diagonal screen. Inside this lap top is all the power of my "old beast."

The transition is a slow process, but all essential files have been copied to the new machine. Some operations, such as the Newsletter, are still being printed using my HP tower.

Each day, I try to discover some new operation. For example, I save all files at two locations, so should I lose a file, I have a backup. Today I discovered how I can do this with Windows 10.

Date Line, 15 August 2020: Today I discovered how to add my personal photo as "Wallpaper" to be displayed instead of those provided with HP.

As I open Windows 10, a photo of the Hualapai Mountains bursts into view.

REJOICE WITH ME

I received a call that a medical acquaintance would be visiting me. While thinking about this, it occurred to me that I should introduce this person to Christian Science.

Early in our visit, she told me of her investigations of various religions. After a brief description of my first healing of a painful back condition, I remarked that Christian Science could heal most any problem, except for those listed on page 500. She naturally turned to find page 500 immediately. Her statement was, "This is a blank page!" Then she immediately realized my goal and started to laugh. I offered a paperback copy of Science and Health, which she readily accepted and promised to never know read. We what opportunities may come up to share Science and Health, even though it may seem unlikely to be accepted. So let's all be ready with an extra copy to share!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Three times each week we have a new "Watch" for each to work with. At one time it occurred to me that many of these Watches are not only important to our use for the day in which they were intended, but that their message is an essential one to be used on a continuing basis. For example, we had a Watch, the goal of which was to promote harmony in the

Halls of Congress. Bitter strife often continues to appear in Congress. Might it not be wise to continue our Watch that seeks harmony to reign? Below is the watch referred to:

"You are to come only in the divine strength, and know that God will rule and does, and that hypnotism and evil minds cannot and do not control men or governments."

Divinity Course and General *Collectanea*, (the "Blue Book"), by Mary Baker Eddy, page 57 Only the voice of Truth can be heard in the halls of Congress! Above all the din and tumult that seem to be going on, God's law reigns supreme. Evil's lies cannot hypnotize, cannot influence, cannot even be heard above the overture of angels that fills those sacred halls! God's government and His law of Love overshadow all opposition and division, and bring God's perfect plan to a proper and peaceful conclusion. This is the Word of God, and it goes forth with absolute power!

"Let Truth be heard above error and God will bless your efforts."

Divinity Course and General Collectanea, (the "Blue Book"), by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 277

WEATHER REPORT

Just now, at 4:00 p.m., we are experiencing approximately 25 or 30 per cent cloud cover. The temperature is 105 degrees F. Can you imagine what the temperature would be with a bright sunny day? Usually, I do not venture out for my tour of the community till the sun hides behind the Cerbat Mountains and the temperature is below 98 degrees F.

I did enjoy taking my camera out for an attempt to find a unique photo for the Newsletter, in spite of the temperature. All may view the effects of the very warm weather on our vegetation.



An earlier photo displayed green foliage, but as you can see, the foliage is no longer green. The mountains in the background are the Cerbat Mountains. Do note the absence of most of the cloud cover.

Just now the outside temperature is hovering in the range of 107-108 degrees F.

STANDING AGHAST AT NOTHINGNESS

As a Christian Scientist, it is often necessary to take a very firm stand on an issue. Our church Watches handle this issue very effectively.

The news media is currently displaying many, many issues that suggest much unrest in our country. Our question is, how is this handled in a most effective manner?

In Arizona, we have a Senator who is requesting financial aid from the voters. Beside my contribution, I sent a letter suggesting a much more

effective manner in gaining votes than mere dollars. I suggested that the Senator tell of her patriotic obligation of becoming a better Senator by the study of the Constitution of the United States on a regular basis, suggesting that this would gain more votes than dollars would. Further, I suggested that national holidays such as Labor Day, the Fourth of July, Lincoln's Birthday, and Memorial Day, be chosen as times to devote two hours of study to better understand the basis of government.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 MEMBERSHIP MEETING Website and Broadcasting Committee

Jeremy Palmer

Since our last Membership meeting in May 2020, we had the following activity in our individual websites in the following non-English languages:

Chinese-697 people visiting 2,324 times German-1,480 people visiting 15,256 times Spanish-2,385 people visiting 38,559 times French-1,470 people visiting 17,538 times Hindi 868 people visiting 7,869 times Dutch-1,301 people visiting 11,114 times Punjabi-837 people visiting 8,477 times Urdu-1,254 people visiting 7,782 times Marathi-535 people visiting 2,324 times Nepali-612 people visiting 2,729 times Pashto-627 people visiting 2,472 times Persian-581 people visiting 2,512 times Sindhi-757 people visiting 3,307 times Tamil-571 people visiting 2,359 times

Hungarian-621 people visiting 3,501 times Russian-1,219 people visiting 5,845 times Ukrainian-659 people visiting 2,739 times

During that same 4-month period, our English-speaking website was visited by 150,131 people from 145 different countries.

Clearly, the word of God is making a difference worldwide!

Sunday School Committee Florence Roberts, Lynda Spencer, Chardelle Hull

The children participate by teleconference, on video chat, or in person. We start out with a beautiful hymn, where we discuss the words that are meaningful to the children, followed by the Lord's Prayer, and our shared "gratitudes" for how God is blessing our lives. We then go to our own tables, according to age. The Sunday School has its own web page.

We have an Australian Sunday School, where, due to the time difference, the children call on Saturday evening U.S. Eastern time. The children show much enthusiasm in participating, and one has already memorized the Lord's Prayer.

Our Sunday School now has a children's publication that will be inserted with each issue of our Love Is the Liberator magazine. We are grateful to Sheri Pinneaux from California for her work on the new publication, and to Craig and Laura for their help as teachers.

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.