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## OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

By Mary Baker Eddy

“Every day, every hour, our work increases in effectiveness and power.”

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## THINK UPON THIS

It is a poor use of memory to review error.  
We must learn to live in the present,  
instead of minding the past or future.

Bicknell Young

## A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Students must learn to hold their position  
against all the subtle effort of false  
suggestion and argument to make them  
back down.

Gilbert C. Carpenter

## QUOTES FROM LOUISE KNIGHT WHEATLEY

All things are in God’s hand, even in the  
darkest hours of our lives.

## JOY

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement  
and the thrill of creative effort.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

## JIM’S CORNER

There are Electrons  
Neutrons  
Protons  
And Morons

## GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Doris White Evans

Wherever I am, no matter what I am  
confronted with, I must see the man God  
made. And most of all, I must love him.

*Sermons & Articles*, page 17

## THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

Man is free born: he is neither the slave  
of sense, nor a silly ambler to the so-  
called pleasures and pains of self-  
conscious matter. Man is God's image  
and likeness; whatever is possible to God,  
is possible to man *as God's reflection*.

Mary Baker Eddy, *Mis.* page 183

## EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

*Science and Health, First Edition*, p. 203

by Mary Baker Glover

Sin is error, and error the absence of all  
that is real or true; sickness and death are  
error; therefore they are neither real nor  
true.

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## **“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”— CALIFORNIA**

In this issue, we will be visiting the California High Desert, courtesy of Betty.

Hello from the Mojave Desert in California (also known as the High Desert). The altitude where I live in Apple Valley is close to 3,000 ft. It gets hot in the summer (in the 100's) and cold in the winter (in the 20's at night), and sometimes it even snows. There is often a 30 to 40 degree difference between daytime highs and nighttime lows.

When I first came here to live, the first word that came to mind was “brown.” The desert does take a bit of getting used to. My favorite part of living up here is the blue sky and the clouds being blown by the wind. The sunrises and sunsets are beautiful. I like to think it might be a bit like Judea.

Apple Valley does not have apple orchards. The name was part of a sales ploy to get city people to move up here. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans owned several houses and a ranch here. This is where they filmed their TV show. The TV show Sky King was also filmed up here.

The Mojave Desert is best known for the Joshua Trees that grow here. They were named by the Mormon settlers on their way to Utah. One story has it that the branches were Joshua's arms outstretched in prayer, another was the trees' shapes and sharp “leaves” brought to mind Joshua's army conquering the promised land, or perhaps guiding the way to Utah. The Joshua Tree is not really a tree but part of the Agave group of plants. They grow very slowly and often live to be 150 years old or more.



Pictured above is a large Joshua Tree in a neighbor's front yard. Joshua Trees are protected, so houses are built “around” them.



A beautiful sunset silhouetting Joshua Trees.



A lot of wild flowers grow in the high desert. The most well-known is the California Poppy, also the state flower.





Another plant that grows up here is the Red Yucca (not really a yucca). The hummingbirds love them. We actually have hummingbirds year round, which is surprising.



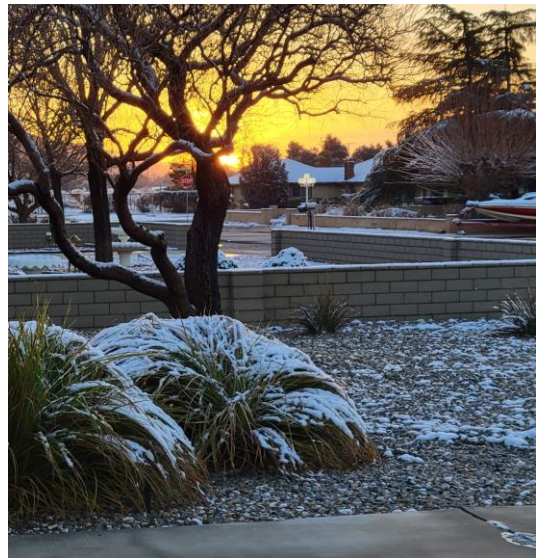
This plant is the Desert Bird of Paradise. Below is a close-up of one blossom.



A bird that lives here is very famous, due to the Looney Tunes cartoons. This is a picture my husband, Dave, took of a Roadrunner. Beep! Beep!



See! It really does snow here, looking down the street.



Sunrise through the Desert Willow.

*With Election Day right around the corner, let us pray that God's plan for this nation is unfolding, that God's Will is done—and none other—and that animal magnetism cannot interfere!*

## **"IN GOD WE TRUST"**

**William D. McCrackan**

*Christian Science Sentinel, March 31, 1917*

The noble motto "In God we trust," found on many coins of the United States of America, is worthy of a free people. These words, repeated also in the national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," set forth concisely the fundamental truth of all religion and of successful statecraft as well, implying as they do the parenthood of God and the brotherhood of man. With every advancing step in human history this motto will ring clearer and truer in the ears of humanity and correspond more closely to the actual abiding faith of the nations of the world.

Christian Scientists are active citizens, loyal to God and country, ready to uphold Principle in all good works. A land of the free alone can do full justice to the above motto. If the attempt be made to filter trust in God through an autocrat, there is every reason to suspect that the particular autocrat in question will impart to this trust the hue of his own personal sense and so vitiate the direct appeal to God. Therefore a working trust in God on the part of any people implies some measure of self-government.

But what of this God who is to be implicitly trusted by a whole people? Is He a national Jehovah, creating good and evil, truth and error, life and death? Here Christian Science intervenes in the affairs of nations, gives the directing signal, and explains the nature of God as trustworthy. Christian Science defines God as Principle, immutable in perpetual goodness, operating through law and

order, meting out justice, and inspiring righteousness. Such a God invites confidence, and upon Him a righteous nation can lean in the hour of peril.

Simple trust in good frustrates treachery within and without, turns aside the secret thrust, and establishes a plan of defense which is never aggressive and expects no results from studied frightfulness, since God, all-power, knows no evil. The hour has dawned when the nations of the earth are called upon to declare their allegiance either to Principle or to person, to God or to self, to divine Mind or to mortal mind, to Truth or to error. There is no resting place in any half way position, and the line of demarcation becomes clearer hour by hour. On the one side is human ingenuity pushed to its utmost efforts in order to perpetuate personal or class domination; on the other side is a growing willingness to submit national action to the test question of allegiance to God, who is Truth.

Christian Scientists, trained to turn to God for the solution of every problem, no more hesitate in the moment of national emergency than they do in the case of personal peril. They know from personal observation that the mother who trusts her child to God obtains a better and healthier child and becomes a happier mother. On the ears of those Christian Scientists who were privileged to hear that never to be forgotten address of their Leader at Pleasant View in 1903, there still rings her sacred admonition, "In parting I repeat to these dear members of my church: *Trust in Truth, and have no other trusts*" (My. p. 170). The motto "In God we trust," rising beyond merely national lines, is today an international asset belonging to the whole world and declaring that Principle always wins.