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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

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the
breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
Job 33:4

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

The Bible is the first and almost the only
book deserving of universal attention.
John Quincy Adams

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Life is the only power and presence in the
universe. It has no enemies in the form of
disease or disaster or years. And this Life
retains its energy, vitality, health, and
endlessness when individualized as you.
It is in unlabored and peaceful operation
in every area of your geography. It
manifests itself as you.

Peter V. Ross
Leaves of Healing p. 37

JIM'S CORNER

Dogs just enjoy the ride;
cats want to drive.

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

Sermons and Articles p. 171

By Doris White Evans

The power of God is great enough to
bring any wall of error down. Mrs. Eddy
says, “Everything good or worthy, God
made. Whatever is valueless or baneful,
He did not make,—hence its unreality.”
(*S&H* p. 525) This helpful statement
annuls evil's rantings.

THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

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No evidence before the material senses
can close my eyes to the scientific proof
that God, good, is supreme.

Mary Baker Eddy

JOY

It is true that the fate of man is settled. As
the activity of God, his fate is eternal Life,
infinite harmony, and perfect joy.

Herbert W. Eustace

Christian Science

Its "Clear, Correct Teaching," page 220

“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”

A visit to New York City
by Imogene and Christoph Hewett,
from Australia

We had long admired the great nation of The United States of America! After finding the Plainfield website, this feeling grew to become God’s call to be with our dearest church at Plainfield Independent. The anticipated visit revealed a Christly nation filled with faith in God—the strength of which was both unexpected, yet perfectly in keeping with all we had hoped for of America.

A visit to New York City was a delight! Looking up from Penn Station, the first glimpse of the city had a giant 40-foot-tall poster of the Christ overlooking 8th Avenue, with the phrase: “*Jesus I trust in you.*” Never had we seen anything of this sheer scale and faith in Australia, and we felt this to be a holy benediction for all!



The following lovely statue of the Christ outside of St. Michael’s Church on West 33rd Street is emblazoned with the “sacred heart” and was beautiful to see!



The inscription carved into the wall of the church says: “COME TO ME ALL YOU THAT LABOR AND ARE BURDENED I WILL GIVE YOU REST” Interestingly, the same Bible quote (King James version) is on the wall at the front of the auditorium in Plainfield Church, so we felt quite at home.



The promise of an up-close view of the Statue of Liberty beckoned us to take a cruise around the island of Manhattan.

We were not disappointed! Coming closer on the cruise, the sun was on the wrong side, and Lady Liberty's face was totally in shadow. We took photo after photo, but on such an overcast day, all we could get was a snap of a silhouette. Then God smiled on us—the clouds parted for a moment just as the boat swung around facing the other way—and then suddenly Lady Liberty had a spotlight just in time for this photo!

Thank you, God for your handiwork to capture this image of Lady Liberty! (For scale, those are people standing at the base of this epic statue! Note the beautiful American flag also!)



St. Patrick's Church, NYC

It seemed that on every single street and avenue in NYC there was a church, or a Christly inscription or monument (and sometimes all three). Never have we seen the Christ represented so consistently throughout a city as what we saw during our many trips to New York City. The grandeur of these magnificent churches is a divine testament and a beautiful counterpoise to the modern architecture and busy streets of this mega city of commerce! God bless the dearest USA!



Trinity Church, Wall Street, NYC

Pictured below is a plaque laid by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. at Rockefeller Center, which contains many powerful statements about God, Truth, Love, Liberty and is well worthy of consideration and reflection.



[Excerpt] *"I believe in an all-wise and all-loving God, ... and that the individual's highest fulfillment, greatest happiness, and widest usefulness are to be found in living in harmony with His will. ... I believe that love is the greatest thing in the world; that it alone can overcome hate; that right can and will triumph over might."* John D. Rockefeller

Wherever we went in New York City, we felt welcome. Even when people were rushing about, the Christly faith of the American people was evident. Our accents stood out rather much, yet every person we came into contact with flashed us a smile and we were delighted to visit this city where the "brotherhood of man" was very evident!



Washington Arch, Greenwich Village

This beautiful solid marble arch, carved with a portion of Washington's speech to the Constitutional Convention in 1787:

“Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair. The event is in the hands of God.”

These stunning hydrangeas and flag are a beloved memory of a precious Independence Day spent with God’s Holy people on July 4th, 2024!



(Photo taken by Elena)

From the homage to Christ Jesus in

New York City—to the Statue of Liberty and the Christly inscriptions on buildings wherever we went; from the Sunday services going on throughout all of America each week, to the Plymouth statue and holy monuments we visited and the wonderful spirit of liberty embraced on July 4th, one can’t help but come to the conclusion that the Christ is very much loved and trusted by the American people.

Surely this widespread faith in God we encountered throughout America is the reason that Christian Science could come forth to the world! We are left with the beautiful smiles of God’s people in our hearts and in our minds and the Christly statement made by Mary Baker Eddy: “Truth is immortal”!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Website Committee

YouTube: At our September meeting, Jeremy reported some exciting news about our English language YouTube channel—we now have 5,238 subscribers! And, since the beginning of 2023, that channel has had 391,900 views!

Website: Since our last Membership meeting in May, our English-language website had 15,300 unique visitors. Our German website had 1,635 and our Spanish website had 1,556 unique visitors. Our French website had 767 unique visitors, and Chinese website had 636 unique visitors. And all were visited thousands of times.

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