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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

My words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

Isa. 59:21

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

The only ground of hope for the continuance of our free institutions is in the proper moral and religious training of the children.

Zachary Taylor

GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

Sermons and Articles p. 17 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.

JIM'S CORNER

God gave me the right to remain silent, but not the ability.

Sen. John Kennedy (R. La.)



THOUGHTS FROM MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

The origin, substance, and life of man are one, and that one is God,—Life, Truth, Love. The self-existent, perfect, and eternal are God; and man is their reflection and glory.

Mary Baker Eddy, p. 187

QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

Since you are nearly always talking something, silently for the most part, why not elect to voice that which is stimulating and strength producing?

Leaves of Healing, p. 4

QUOTES FROM EDWARD A. KIMBALL

Every human being stands hourly at "the parting of the ways;" each moment he is called upon to choose whom he will serve. The understanding of the truth and obedience thereto will lead him through the channels of health and holiness and bestow upon him the countless benefits of intelligence.

Lectures and Articles, p. 67

"A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD"

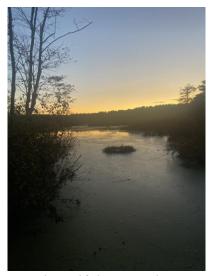
A visit to Norfolk, Massachusetts With Allison

These pictures were taken in my town of Norfolk, Massachusetts, 45 minutes outside of Boston. I walk here daily and feel God's glory all around me. It's such a blessing to live near such beautiful nature in peace and harmony.



The box in the center of this picture is a bird box to provide a safe place for birds to build their nests.

Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary here in Norfolk, uses birdhouses, particularly for Purple Martins. While not a birdhouse supplier, the town of Norfolk is home to Built for Bluebirds, a local woodworker who crafts handcrafted birdhouses for Eastern Blue Birds using durable, ecofriendly materials.



A beautiful sunset above a portion of the lake.



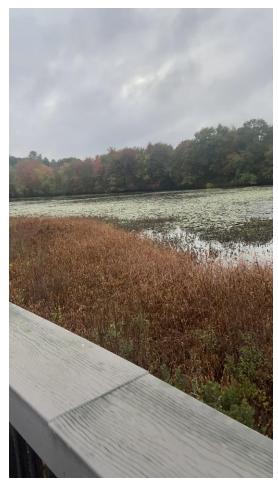
I often recite Hymn 139, "I walk with Love along the way," by Minny Ayers



"Man is the expression of Soul. The Indians caught some glimpses of the underlying reality, when they called a

certain beautiful lake 'the smile of the Great Spirit.'"

Mary Baker Eddy, S&H p. 477



These beautiful lavender-pink wildflowers grow out of the water. As I walk there daily, I definitely feel the wonder of God's beauty.





Wispy cloud formation above a field near my home.



This scene reminds me of "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Psalm 91

George Washington on Servant Leadership

One day during the American Revolutionary War, George Washington rode up to a group of soldiers trying to raise a beam to a high position. The corporal who was overseeing the work kept shouting words of encouragement, but they couldn't manage to do it. After watching their lack of Washington asked the corporal why he didn't join in and help. The corporal replied quickly, "Do you realize that I am the corporal?" Washington very politely replied, "I beg your pardon, Mr. Corporal, I did." Washington dismounted his horse and went to work with the soldiers until the beam was put into place. Wiping the perspiration from his face, he said, "If you should need help again, call on Washington your commander-inchief, and I will come."

The Five Levels of Leadership, by John Maxwell

MEMBERSHIP MEETING September 2025 Website and Broadcasting Committee Jeremy Palmer

Two new languages have recently been added to our church website—Swahili and Portuguese. And each one has had well over 1,000 visitors already! We thank God that He is drawing so many "sincere seekers" to our website, where everyone can find the Christian Science that Mrs. Eddy gave to the world.

Since May, our plainfieldcs.com website has had 59,000 unique visitors, and our YouTube channel had 150,500 views for 41,500 hours watched. And it has 6,689 subscribers, up 400 subscribers just this year!

Roundtable Discussions Chardelle Hull

I offer my gratitude tonight for our Roundtable, held each Sunday before our church service and Sunday School. Each week, the ideas presented are based on our Weekly Bible Lesson, and are meant for our increased understanding of Christian Science, to practice what we are taught, also to guide and protect us.

Lately, I am especially grateful for a statement about praying for health and healing that will enable you to serve God and His purpose, so that you might please Him and bring the Christ to every task! Yes, to serve God! Not selfish or self-centered—only to serve God better!

Another thing that has been pointed out to us several times is the advice to never doubt that Christ is with us. Awake! Awake! Keep going forward and don't give up or get discouraged.

Mary Baker Eddy states, "Be of good cheer; the warfare with one's self is grand; it gives one plenty of employment, and the divine Principle worketh with you." (*Mis.*, page 118) Isn't it terrific to be able to go to the website to read and listen to every Roundtable as far back as ten plus years, which I have heard people talk about! Also, to find the prayers, comments, shares, and articles to reread.

Thank you, Plainfield, for these rich, deeply inspiring, healing Roundtables. How blessed we are!



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