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Beloved of God, Greeting:

"And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day."

During the heat of violent effort, striving toward an expected end, man holds little converse with his Lord God. His consciousness must be attuned aright to catch the instructions of Wisdom. The understanding that establishes his house is received when he is cool, quiet, confident.

In quietness and confidence, in returning and rest, man experiences a state of being governed by the divinity of his own nature which grants immunity from excess and duality.

This time of the year offers every one a splendid opportunity to vacate all activities in consciousness that deal with competition of any kind and take a vacation on the Mount of High Realization, cooled by the winds of Spirit. Or, to rest beside the still waters in his own garden in the cool of the day, there to talk with the Lord God.

Call this what you will, the Secret Place of the Most High, walking the Heights with the Father of Lights, it is the ideal vacation spot that all are seeking. This is the only freedom from work or care, the only leisure that actually recreates, the only playground from which all benefit derives.

"Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile." Take a vacation from yourself, from bodily and mental uneasiness, casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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Get Wisdom

What a wonderful thing Wisdom is! No matter how extensive a person's formal education may be, nor how complete his fund of facts, his collections of statistics seem valueless in the presence of a Superior Wisdom which cannot be catalogued.

Solomon said, "Wisdom is the principal thing." Solomon, a prince in the house of David, was so close to Love that he may not have known his heritage of Wisdom was an extension of his family quality. In the symbology of the Hebrew people, David represents Love, and Solomon Wisdom.

Throughout Scripture we can trace the golden thread of spiritual construction and reconstruction from Genesis to Revelation. We may retrace the entire ground and derive new meanings with the increased Wisdom vouchsafed because of our diligent research. The symbology of Scripture is a fascinating study.

The Wisdom of Solomon, while wonderful in the sight of all people, was not a hundred percent Wisdom, for Solomon too slept with his fathers, and the glory of his name was confined to the vastness of his riches and the temple he constructed.

The disciples of Jesus Christ, common men they were, had entree to the purest Wisdom in daily association. And, after He had overcome, or come over, every bar of ignorant "knowledge" and practice subscribed to by man, they also enjoyed the privilege of further converse with their Master, He helped them to comprehend the Scripture.

If a man prefers continual circumscription by his own concept of life-limitation there is little point in his attempt to understand the Scripture. A few parables satisfy him; he feeds on milk.

The man who can keep a clear vision as to the nature and character of God and the undepletable quality of His creation, has his understanding opened and Wisdom deals with him direct, revealing those things to him which are not lawful for man to utter; things spiritually discerned. For the Scripture is the story of Spirit, the story of the way of God with His creation and offspring.

A man of understanding finds the "foolishness of God" to be wiser than the highest wisdom of men. Perhaps the ancient Egyptians were wise in not attempting to teach people the Truth. Their treasure of Wisdom was written on parchment and buried with the prospective student in the belief that the student would not bear the potency of the Truth about himself while he was circumscribed by popular concepts of the limitation of life.

Jesus indicated the same thing when he said, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."

When the confusing concepts of life are cleared up a man is able to bear the true concept and so becomes eligible to Wisdom. Thus, "the way of life is above to the wise." This way is death to all ignorance.

Wisdom appears to be rare, but Wisdom is available to him who sincerely seeks and every seeker will discover that God in His Wisdom will not test him more than he is able to bear. The man of understanding goeth from strength to strength, moving into realms of energy not comprehended by the unprincipled. Such understanding enables him to endure as beholding the Invisible, independent of either mind or body.

Until man begins to consider the nature and character of God, he has difficulty in coordinating the truth about himself and what he has believed to be true of himself.

"But if any man lack Wisdom, let him ask of God. Seek the Lord and His strength. Seek His face continually. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles."

Unrestricted is the man of understanding who make the Lord his strength. He becomes indifferent to many things highly desirable in the three dimensional world. He no longer worries about his life for he knows nothing can destroy

life. He is indifferent to possessions and possesses all things. Truly the man of understanding is in a very desirable state.

Such an one no longer looks to people round about him with an eye to pleasing them. No doubt in their sight he appears peculiar and not very smart or clever. "But Wisdom is justified of her children," and there need be no comparison between types of persons.

Wisdom and Love compliment each other and, joined together, united, as are all things in Spirit and in Truth, there is manifest a harmony which cannot be disturbed. Understanding reveals Truth working through, in, and by which the house of man is builded, established, and filled with all good and perfect riches.

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Light and Shadow

"So that a lamp may give light it must be placed where it is protected from the wind. But if a lamp is in a windy place, the light will flicker and cast strange and dark shadows. Even so uncontrolled, foolish and ill assorted thoughts cast strange and dark shadows upon the soul of man.

"When the light of your spiritual life is being extinguished, the dark shadows of your bodily desires fall across your path, - beware of these dreadful shadows: the light of your spirit cannot dissipate their darkness until you expel the desires of the body from your soul."

So reads a passage from the Wisdom of the Hindus. A golden thread of Light runs through the fabric of humanity. This thread holds us steady on the path of Life and though we may lose sight of it at times, it never departs from us.

The consciousness of man is a mixture of impressions and convictions, all of which are delusion. However, with his inner visional faculty he can lift his sight above thoughts and feelings and enter into the clear realm of Spirit. Whenever he does, down over the path of his vision will drop the glories of the Father, filling mind and body with heavenly grace.

The spirit in man longs to consort with the Spirit of God, for they are one. In performance of duties, man should keep his spirit free and unattached. Thus he will perform his heavenly purpose in the world and at the same time mount to his highest bliss.

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Do You Have a Plan?

What are your plans for the coming Fall and Winter months? It is not too early to consider the way in which you propose to carry out your design of life in the near future. A systematic table or program indicating a proposed method of action or intention will clarify your mind and free your actions. This will tend to eliminate states of mental murkiness, obscurity, bewilderment and confusion.

Casing about in aimless manner, the atmosphere becomes clouded and visibility poor. A definite plan tends to clarify the mind. The more simple your plan, the greater its effect.

If you read the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin you will be fascinated with his plan of arriving at what he termed "moral perfection." His plan included thirteen "virtues" with their precepts. He gave continuous and unremitting attention to one "virtue" each week, and, repeating the plan four times in a year, covered the fifty-two weeks.

I myself set such a plan in order, selecting "Ideas" supplemented by Scriptural statements that suited my nature and purpose. e.g., 1) PRAISE; "I will praise the Lord with my whole heart. 2) JOY; "The joy of the Lord is my strength." 3) PEACE; "My peace I give unto you." 4) SILENCE; "Keep silence before Him." And so forth.

You may decide definitely to follow one practice for a certain period. If you are steadfast you will reap rewards far beyond your fondest dreams. Your whole nature will be enriched and will glow with the Light of Spirit.

There is one direction in which your vision travels a clear, unobstructed path. That way is UP. Lift UP your soul unto God and He will bless you with signs following.

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Dear Friend:

Think of a limeade; think of mint; think of mountain tops covered with snow. What happens to you when your thoughts are filled with such refreshing symbols? A sensation of coolness is produced and you are calm, unruffled, tranquil.

A quick way to attain self-possession, self-control, unconcern, is to think of Jesus Christ. Recall some incident in His experience and then observe how He remained detached, indifferent, wholly composed, self-reliant.

His vision, or sight, was always toward the Father. He saw God in His Vastness, His Eternal Presence, Love, and Power manifesting as a greater reality than the pettiness of men and women. Jesus Christ watched God and God in turn watched over Him showing Him all things Himself doeth.

In these hot weeks of summer, we may retain a spiritual composure that manifests in a settled state of mind and affairs conducive to peace, calmness, repose. The things of the Spirit soothe the whole man, and demonstrate as true and real factors to his well-being.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE stands as a fountain of living water, pouring out healing virtues and prospering powers that redeem and restore to normalcy those weary of the world and its foolish ways.

We shall pray with you and invite you to join us in looking toward the Miracle Working Uplands whence cometh a very Present Help in time of trouble.
"Look unto Me, and be saved."

Our blessings go out to you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATION
For Every Week Day of the Month

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1. Watch ye, therefore, and prayer Always.
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3. The Lord hath dealt Bountifully with thee.
4. He hath Clothed me with the garments of salvation.
5. He Desireth a good work.
6. The gift of God is Eternal Life.
7. I have called you Friends.
8. Good is the word of the Lord.
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10. Set thine Heart toward the Highway.
11. The spirit Itself beareth witness.
12. Lips of knowledge are a precious Jewel.
13. The Lord deal Kindly with you.
14. I will give thee a crown of Life.
15. Just Measure shalt thou have.
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17. Serve in Newness of spirit.
18. Thou shalt have no Other Gods before Me.
19. Proclaim liberty to the captives.
20. I have behaved and Quieted myself.
21. He which soweth bountifully shall Reap.
22. Stand and feed in the Strength of the Lord.
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24. Thou mayest prosper in all That Thou doest.
25. O, Lord . . . Undertake for me.
26. Through God we shall do Valiantly.
27. Worship God.
28. Preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
29. He was Zealous for his God.
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31. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills.

Serious contemplation of a statement of Truth prepares the mind to receive inner instructions that disclose meanings heretofore unknown. We invite you to engage in this form of private devotion as we too keep the DAILY MEDITATIONS in an earnest endeavor to comprehend the things of the Spirit. Join us in this spiritual exercise and prove each statement to your own satisfaction.