

SPIRITICITY, March 1945

Beloved of God, greeting:

In all of our teachings, the resurrection is predominant: the resurrection from limitation to the limitless; from ignorance to intelligence; from sickness to health; and, from death to life. We emphasize the resurrected Christ rather than the crucifixion of Jesus, and explain that Eternal Life is the "blood of Christ," whereas, spiritual substance is the Christ-body, and the Christ-church.

The little, personal self is done away, because it is confined to certain habits of thought and resists anything in the way of a more expansive concept. When the spiritual self swings into action, it refuses to be confined to person, place, or persuasion.

This is the resurrection. Herein, one becomes a citizen of the universe, uninhibited by binding beliefs or practices. "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Our ministry is in league with all that is in league with the Christ Truth. We never try to persuade or proselyte anybody. But we do point to the only salvation man can experience; oneness with God in the midst of him through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Like Paul we say, We are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Truesdell

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WHICH OBJECTIVE?

The quickened student, fired with the strange new wonder of his introductory glimpse into his innate spiritual prerogatives, often decides that he has been appointed to cope with, reform, and overcome all the evil in the world. This he sets as his goal and resolves to dedicate his life to the self-imposed task, little realizing that his high purpose and lofty resolve will eventually turn his orbit of action to a smoldering dump in the midst of which he will sit forlorn, disillusioned, and spent.

Why? Because he has tried to reconcile two opposite fields of action and, setting his sights toward that area which he feels needs his personal attention, is dragged down to its level and sapped of his virtue. For the world will never be saved, or redeemed, except by one process only: that of each person in it perceiving, cleaving to, exalting, and asserting the fact that God is ONE, and Jesus Christ is the Master and Way to ONE God.

The accepted philosophical reasoning and popular theology cannot concur with the simple doctrine of Jesus Christ. Attention to anything magnifies consciousness of it and we have proof that Jesus Christ exalted God rather than his own powers, the authority or opinion of men, or the might of the world.

He said: I can of mine own self do nothing. My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. The Son can do nothing of himself.

An Eastern sage stated: God is not known through discourse, splitting of hairs, learning however great; he comes to the man he loves; takes that man's body for his own.

We truth aspirants should stop apologizing to those who undertake to judge us because we have set our feet on the first rung of the major goal of mankind. We must stop trying to reconcile an immaculate Principle with maculate performance; the idealistic with the materialistic. If we attempt to split our attention to take in both ends we spawn half-truths which never reflect completely the dynamic strength of the positive nor the attested professions and weakness of the negative. In such double-eyed, reflexive practice, the negative predominates: like a drop of foul water spoils a cup of pure.

Let us sketch a mental picture that might help to clarify our theory. Let us imagine two worlds separated by a long corridor. To those in the nether world nothing is real but things material. They are content with corporeal existence and all that goes with it.

If ever they become satiated, they might emerge into the corridor where they take up residence. Through the murkiness, they sometimes glance toward the door at the far end and, while looking, catch glimpses of light. If they sojourn toward the realm celestial, however, it is for brief vacation periods in its direction only; something to do when boredom cloyes the capacities, originally created for high inspirations but now clogged with sensuous appetites and the heavy weight of the world.

Those people in the corridor are in a pitiful condition. They can never be content in the world, yet they refuse to move far enough along the corridor to reach and abide in the realm of Spirit. They are torn in external and internal conflict. They are on and are, themselves, the battle-ground of dissention, non-agreement, and they suffer indescribable tortures willingly, either because they refuse or are unable to spring beyond the bar of limitation. If they would choose to push back the margins of consciousness just a little more, they would break through the fleeting shadows which are as frail as mist, and they would see the door to the realm of Spirit is to be opened only by high determinations to enter into and abide in the Light which is not of the sun, moon, or stars.

Right here our reformer pounces on us to show us our error. But we insist that we cannot change anybody, nor can we make him like what we like. The most we can do is tell him that he can place himself in a different category and under different laws if he wants to. And we can tell our reformer too, that nothing can profit him that is unlike God. As soon as evil drops out of his consciousness, he will never see anybody who needs reforming.

Let us put it this way: as nothing is good to one who is obsessed with the idea that everything is evil; so, nothing is evil to one who is obsessed with the idea that everything is good.

How then cope with evil, the world, darkness? Give attention to God. Man cannot squeeze God in all his Infinity through the pint measure of his intellect, but it is a law of metaphysics that if he tells the truth about God, he will come to experience his Presence. And, the only proof of God's existence is oneness with Him. In such oneness, man and his consciousness of the world are swallowed up in God.

God is not the known, nor the unknown; nor is he the sum of all that might be known. He cannot be described, defined, nor even thought of; for the moment a man thinks about God, he interprets God according to his own idea, and the thinking man would admit that his idea of God is not God.

The only "definitions" Jesus gave are: One is your Father, which is in heaven. Our Father, which art in heaven. God is Spirit.

Spirit crashes like a bolt of lightning overhead, and strikes terror in the heart unless the whole being is steadied against the impact by steadfast attention toward the Heights. Then only will the furious thunderbolts of life and movement be as gentle mists falling into the soul strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Lightning nor fire can consume him though he be the fuel by which his world catches and reflects light. He is transfigured on the Mount of high spiritual realization and fulfillment: he keeps perfect balance while the on-rushing Spirit causes the earth to tremble. He is immortal.

Can the silly malformations and malpractices in the world of appearance attract and hold the attention of such an one glued to its false outpicturings and reports? Does a person transfix his attention on the dead and useless cells of his human body while they are being sloughed off inwardly and outwardly? Does he try to reinvigorate and redeem them? Rather, does he not give attention to the new, living, vital energies that are the reality of his body?

When a tree begins to shed its leaves, it does not center all its vital forces in the dead in order to keep those leaves close upon its branches. They are allowed to drop and eventually they become fertilizer to feed and nourish the new growth.

There is no evil. Students learn to make this sweeping denial the moment they seriously contemplate traversing the path to Light. They make it over and over, even though at first they do not believe a word of it. All mankind have been trained assiduously to declare untruths about God, about their fellows, about themselves. These false declarations have become so much a part of their speech that they cannot make several consecutive statements without an overbalance on the negative side. They say: I am sick; I am poor; I am unhappy; the world is in awful shape; the devil reigns supreme.

Our speech betrays us, reveals where our attention lies. There is no saving grace in agreement with adversity. Talk about a problem and nothing is accomplished. Coat it over with analyses and conclusions and make it seem quiescent, but the problem is not diminished in size. Sympathy swathes it in still more grey robes, but the problem remains, bigger for the added garments. When the attention is directed to God, when he is talked about, when he is described, problems of the world and of the man of the world shrink.

If someone told you how good you were, could you answer: Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Could you reprove another with: I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. Could you testify: And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus

Christ, whom thou hast sent. Could you report: I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And could you pray: And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

These splendid assertions are yours and mine. Shall we make them, in an effort to reform our own consciousness? God is everybody's secret.

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MAN'S WORLD

GOD'S REALM

No matter what plane a person is on in the world, he is still in the world, his moral, social, or financial status notwithstanding. in all,
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As he emerges, he must forsake all that he be free to move forward and upward toward the Light that is over all and through all.

Dear Friend:

This MARCH 1945 issue of our paper marks another step forward in time, for we have completed four full years of service and now stand at the threshold of our fifth. Some of our friends have received every issue and inform us they have bound them in a volume. This pleases us very much for it is the best indication that our efforts have been valued.

Through the years we have accented one practice because we have found it to be fruitful in our life and affairs and in the lives of others who have followed our teaching. This is the practice of the up-look.

It has been proved through the ages by folk such as you and I that a person's life-experience unfolds and shows forth clearly the objective toward which he gazes. If he looks down, he will become hopelessly enmeshed in the down-draw of negation. He will pass through many waters of adversity. If he looks out toward the far horizons, he will experience the effects of personal achievement; he will conquer obstacles and be exalted among his fellows as a world-success. If he looks up, he will be lifted up. The inward Spirit will come to the fore in his consciousness and lead him in paths of peace and freedom from world turmoil and the need to work desperately against time for a pitiful display of goods for which he has sold his soul.

He will be strengthened in the inward man and he will be enlightened by that Light that comes from above thinking and above being. The enlightened man is the free man; he casts all his care upon God who cares for him.

This does not imply that such an one becomes lazy or shiftless. Instead, he is the busiest person among his fellows. He is able to outdo those who vie

with him in spirited competition while he goes serenely on, knowing whence his good comes and that it is always on time.

All of us on this planet have something special to accomplish, each in his individual way. Your work is not mine, nor mine yours. If we choose to work according to the pattern offered in the world, we shall reap the world's rewards, which are good so far as they go. But who do you know has achieved complete and absolute satisfaction, nothing lacking, by diligent adherence to the world's way of doing? Is not the end fore-ordained?

The new way, the way of working according to the pattern on the Mount of high understanding, while not the accepted world's way, is the greatest accomplishing power in the world. And it leads to eternal success: the success ascribed to the Son of God.

Truth is a disturbing factor. It does not smooth over the cracks and rotten places in life's foundation. Rather, it goes direct to the troublesome spot in consciousness and drills and picks and clears away the ills that threaten the whole structure. The process of denial is employed at this stage by the neophyte. He diligently trains himself to let go negation and falsity and then he sets about to affirm the presence and power of God. He magnifies the Lord, the good.

Take time to write a statement that expresses your idea of good. Mine, at the moment is: My idea of good is gentleness, joy, peace, friendliness, and security.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE blesses you in happy companionship along the way of spiritual illumination and attainment.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

Excerpts from letter received:

May your efforts and labors be boundless and the goodness and beneficence of His Word give unending comfort and solace to those who walk in your midst. EKJ. - Omaha, Nebr.

What is real to your consciousness will certainly become tangible in the world of manifestation. Love your ideal and delight in the purpose of its ministry. HBJ. - Syracuse, New York.

I really enjoy the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE you send me each month. It is full of great truths that God intended man to know. May God continue to use you in spreading His Word. JH. - AAF, France.

Would you please send me the paper, CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE. DY. - AAF, Pacific area.

Received the paper and will use its message and make it a "knowing." LBW. - New York City.

Did I tell you about the brilliant young agnostic aboard ship who was an interesting challenge to the clarity and positive-ness of my spiritual holdings? I made my point with him in a discussion that is a landmark in my personal life.

Another such event was the discussions I had with a young C...Chaplain on the USS W. ... He admitted I had more to offer the ... church than it had to offer me, and that he was unprepared to accept the fascinating simplicity of Truth. But he was patently impressed. I think Father D... had the seed of Truth implanted in him there. HCD. - USNR.

God bless your wonderful work of Love and Light. PC. - Tyler, Texas.

They gave me my purple heart the other day. It seems funny that they should give man a medal for having a consciousness that attracts a battle casualty. ... Received the paper and looked for the meditations, first thing. RA. - AAF, France.

Have just read "We Believe" written by you some years ago. It is a good thing to have it handy. I keep the word each day. ... I sorted and read your letters, and was amazed at the wisdom, truth, inspiration, and love expressed in so many. I'm sure you don't realize what your letters are like - proving they are truly inspired! I saved them all, and have another pile at home which I re-read several times a year. PD. - Norfolk, Va.

May the Divine Power grant your every wish to further your work in establishing His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. TEH. - Duncan, Okla.

God bless your work and may it reach the four corners of the earth. Love. CCM - Hawaii.

The Doctor's (AJT) prayers ring true. And the way you co'lite them is more effective than any printed form. May you both continue such clear reflections of the Light. SX. - Berkeley, Calif.

Your lovely paper and letter came this morning and I was so glad to hear. AT. - Evanston, Ill.

I can truthfully say that the friendship, courtesy, and spiritual enlightenment that you both offer me will always remain a high light to me. RNW. - Acom., NAS.

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Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For Every Week Day Of The Month.

MARCH 1945

1. He will ABUNDANTLY pardon.
2. Through wisdom is an house BUILDED.
3. I am CALLED by Thy Name
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5. Thy DOMINION endureth throughout all generations.
6. The EYES of them that see shall not be dim.
7. The Lord is my Rock and my FORTRESS.
8. I have GLORIFIED Thee.
9. HIS work is HONORABLE and glorious.
10. Do not INTERPRETATIONS belong to God?
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12. JUDGMENT is before Him.
13. KNOW my heart; try me, and KNOW my thoughts.
14. He is thy LIFE.
15. None of these things MOVE ME.
16. All NATIONS shall call you blessed.
17. I have willingly OFFERED all ... unto Thee.
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19. Thou art my PORTION, O Lord.
20. Whoso hearkeneth ... shall be QUIET from fear.
21. RETURN unto Me, and I will RETURN unto you.
22. SING ... His praise from the end of the earth.
23. He that doeth TRUTH cometh TO THE Light.
24. I have given thee a wise and UNDERSTANDING heart.
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26. Prepare a VOLUNTARY ... offering.
27. WALK in His WAYS.
28. I pray that your love may abound YET more and more.
29. See my ZEAL for the Lord.
30. A good understanding have all they that do his commandments.
31. Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on High.

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Please keep the DAILY MEDITATIONS with us. The spirit of these constructive words, handed down to us through the ages, will imbue us with their active principle and we shall show forth the Light of understanding.