

## A LETTER

Dear Friend:

This MARCH, 1946, issue of SPIRITICITY marks another goal reached, for this is the birth-month of a paper that has been published continuously over a period of five years. In March 1941, our first number was mailed to a few friends who expressed their appreciation of this effort to set forth the Principle of truth without fear or compromise.

We have struck one tone throughout the entire period: that is, God is Good, and God is All. God, to us, is not a supernatural being who sometimes is agreeable and at other times quite disagreeable toward man. Rather the definition Jesus gave is what we understand God to be: God is Spirit, he said.

Spirit is Life and Intelligence, the components of the Substance of Being. Actually, Spirit IS the Substance of our being and through it, we are filled with and motivated by Life (the animating principle) and Intelligence (the knowing principle).

Because we are self-conscious we have the capacity to know ourselves and to know our Creator. This very endowment of self-consciousness makes us Sons of God in the fullest respect. We are not something of ourselves, by ourselves; we are something of God, part and parcel of God in manifest form. We must remember this.

The natural man, the learning-growing man, does not accept this because he is a child in understanding. His knowledge is not yet rounded out for he is not yet spiritually awake. Therefore, any talk about man being God-like is foolishness unto him because he knows only the flesh and its demands. He is constantly occupied in a desperate attempt to satisfy them. So engrossed does he become that he has not time to lift his gaze above the realm of the animal which lives only to satisfy primary wants; food to keep the body alive, and protection to keep it sheltered, clothed, and defended.

The animal has not the capacity to appreciate the beauty all around and above him. He lives only to gorge himself with whatever he can eat and then to sleep so that in a few hours he might be able to stuff himself again.

Even after man has gazed a little way above the animal phase he is not far enough removed from it to be free of its demands. He is more active mentally; but his thoughts do not save him, they do not "spiritualize" him. He thinks to better advantage, to be sure. He can judge and evaluate and thus better himself economically and socially. But unless he has gained a sense of spiritual values, by glimpsing something above the purely mundane realm, he will still be catering to and trying to satisfy only physical urges.

As he rises in the intellectual scale, he does begin to lose much of the physical load. But only if he becomes aware of and introduces the things of the Spirit steadily into his consciousness will he be on his way to spiritual attainment.

God is Omnipresent. He is all around, and in and through man all of the time. It is essential that man chose to recognize and acknowledge the fact. A

man partakes of, draws into himself what he recognizes. As he gives the nod, he then follows up to make formal acknowledgment and hold converse.

A man familiarizes himself with the Divine Presence, he takes on the fineness, the love, the life, the intelligence of that Presence because man undeniably becomes like that with which he associates.

We hope you will continue to give your attention to God as Spirit. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." These are not empty words written in a Holy Book. This is a promise that automatically fulfills itself whenever you or I dare to carry out the first part of the statement.

God cares for us and he cares about us. We are indeed dear to the heart of Being, but we do not know it enough to reap continuous benefits until we are awake to the fact that we are Sons of God, made in his image and after his likeness.

The blessings of the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE will be with you always. Let us look toward the Supreme and inbreathe his Holy Presence as inspirations that give life and light anew.

Lovingly yours,

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MAN IS SPIRITUAL

By A. J. Truesdell

A difference between the spiritual state and the worldly state of being must be discerned if man is to make the right choice for his field of action. There are those who believe that the source of power lies in the world and that the world exercises this power over all creation. But all true exponents of spiritual law and life have declared that they accomplished, not by power of the world, but by refusing to acknowledge the world's claim to power.

Jesus said, "I have overcome the world." It has been reported that when he was told the world would come to an end on a certain date Emerson said, "Let it come to an end; we can get along without it."

All the stately scholars of all the ages to whom men have turned for counsel in times of stress have refused to ascribe power to the world. Mystics have always announced, "The world is illusion."

Instead of identifying themselves or their fellows with the times and seasons of worldly reasoning, the illumined have insisted that because God is Spirit, man, made in his image and likeness, must be spiritual. They have refused to assume that man could be part worldly and part spiritual. That would be faulty reasoning and a house divided against itself cannot stand.

Man has always sought immortality. He always will for it is natural for him to seek what he is. Where he makes his mistake is in reasoning that the immortality he seeks is an extension of his present life-experience; that reality is like that with and in which he experiments and derives his resultant observations.

The honest reasoners have never been indifferent to the welfare of man or his needs. But they have refused to compromise with Principle or dabble with partial prophesies when they might have complete fulfillment. Such men have been called the Saviors of mankind. They are much like elder brothers to the race, wise and enlightened, practical and co-operative. They have never claimed properties or powers for themselves for they know these are common to the whole of mankind. They have recognized that all there is is for the good of all.

Such men have never been heroes to the race for the world has never really known its greatest men. These illumined ones have always surrendered to the spiritual reality designated as the Christ. The Christ is spiritual man.

The foundation premise is that man is a creation of Spirit, born of Spirit. That which is born of Spirit is Spirit. Ability to reason from this base constitutes righteousness, the right-use of mind.

If we consider mankind at all, we must do so from this spiritual viewpoint. This is the root and substance of the teaching, doctrine, or gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus was so thorough in his subscription to and co-operation with this spiritual reality that he demonstrated that reality.

If any man will look at this fact squarely, refusing to deviate or compromise, he will be restored to his original estate. This original estate is not subject to mortal or mental manipulation. If a man will reason aright from premise to conclusion, he will experience a great healing action; yet, according to the proposition itself, there is really nothing to be healed. Since God is Spirit and God is Omnipresent, there is nothing present but God and all his perfect qualities.

As a man erases the bounds of time and space from his reasoning he becomes aware of all things merging into one.

God is Spirit; God is all in all; man is Spirit when he loses his sense of being something other, an entity separate and different from God. Man is so used to judging from appearance that he misjudges what manner of spirit he is. Appearances are the results of looking away from the ONE and seeing many manifestations.

There is only One God, and One Christ, the activity of God. The life in man is Christ, the activity of God. This is the same in every man. This activity of God in man demonstrates the Love of God for him, and Love is the only Power there is to cause all true ideas about God to flow freely through the consciousness of man. When this flow is unhampered, man discovers himself attuned to Deity and governed by Principle.

Such reasoning taken up by the mind will result in what is called the baptism of water, which cleanses the mind. It will cause an action known as remittance, repentance.

All unpleasant qualities will let loose in the presence of skillful and masterly reasoning. Man will then appropriate the one consciousness, which is the God-consciousness with its full image and likeness.

Regardless of appearance, man declares the truth about his spiritual being. He speaks in the present tense, for the ministry of God is not to come, and has not passed; it is now. Now is man's opportunity to declare what is true about himself.

This reasoning makes straight the path of the Lord. It calls forth the healing light shining in the darkness of ignorance and delusion and causes an awakening known as redemption.

And so we have righteousness -- right use of mind; repentance -- change of mind; and redemption -- light of mind.

This is no new teaching. The newness is in the fact that man has looked in every direction except the right one in which lies salvation and immunity from the hurt of the world. The new direction is up. Look up! When you do, you will find yourself thinking new thoughts, feeling renewed, and filled with a new quality of light.

Whatever appears to be in opposition to this should become your challenge. Often there is a great display of power in that which is opposed to truth. Fear not. This should become the measure of your own powers and possibilities to overcome.

You need not combat opposition. Rise above it. Treat it as nothing, ignore it, and it will fall away of its own weight. Always remember there is no real power in anything less than God. No man has yet succeeded in wresting Power from God. But any man, anywhere, can invoke the Power of God and it will aid and abet him any instant. He need only remember that it travels on wings of Love.

The war of the elements of flesh can be consummated only by unconditional surrender of its forces to the glorious and victorious spiritual man, restored to his spiritual kingdom, and in dominion over all enemies, appeasers, and compromises. Thus does the Son come to the awareness of man.

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IMPERSONAL SERVICE

By R. A. Applegate, Jr.

Jesus instructed his disciples to go into all the world and do something. He told them to preach, teach, and heal. Because they followed his command the world today owes them much. One of them wrote the most beautiful of the four Gospels, thus giving us a first-hand picture of the Master and his activities. The others preached, healed, and converted everywhere they went, thereby laying the groundwork for the improvement of the whole race consciousness. They worked in the Name of Jesus Christ, and that Name, plus their obedience, humility, and faith, gave them power.

Before Jesus sent his disciples forth, he spent many hours instructing them, both before his crucifixion and after his resurrection. He let them watch

him while he worked. With infinite patience he led them and drew them up to a higher and purer state of consciousness. He used dramatic means to teach whenever they were most effective. Perhaps the most dramatic lesson he gave was when he washed his disciples' feet. It was a lesson in love, service, and ministry. He told them the servant was not greater than his lord and he illustrated the principle so clearly that his men could not miss it.

The scene must have made a great impression on the disciples. They were in Jerusalem where the Jews had sought to kill Jesus. As he exhorted them to humility and charity the air must have been tense. This great man, whom they revered to the extent of having left everything to follow him, had risen from the table where they had enjoyed supper together, and having girded himself, knelt before each man to wash his dirty feet. It was a lesson they would not easily forget. By giving it in this way Jesus raised them in their own estimation while he also gave them an example of the selflessness with which they were to carry on their own ministry after he had left them.

It is at once humbling and exalting to have a great man wait upon you. For the time being his act places you on a level with him and gives you a sense of your own inherent greatness which makes you very submissive in your heart.

Willingness to serve others selflessly has always been characteristic of the world's greatest men. When General Eisenhower was trying to describe the quality most necessary for a successful general, he discarded the word "efficiency" and could find no word more suggestive than "selflessness." He himself exemplified this quality. As a result he is beloved, not only by Americans, but by the British, French, and Russians; in fact, by all the people with whom he has come in contact.

Although he was laden with the responsibility of the overall strategy of the entire Western Front of the European War, he took time to go among the common soldiers on the front, driving hundreds of miles through snow and mud to do so. When the war ended, and he was acclaimed the nation's greatest hero, he declared that humility was the reward of those who won acclaim by the blood of others. He gave all the credit to his subordinates, from his commanding generals and chiefs of staff down to the lowest private, and even the maquis and underground of the liberated countries.

Selflessness is a prerequisite to spiritual ministry. It is a realization of the fact stated by Paul that no one lives unto himself and none dies unto himself; we are all part of the whole. When man realizes, even to a slight degree, that his life is somehow inextricably connected with the happiness of others, it immediately gives him a new sense of his own dignity. It matters not how low in the scale of living he is at the time. When he catches a gleam of this truth, it gives him a new sense of power and he is filled with the desire to do good. His back straightens, his shoulders go back, and he starts to live to the very best of his ability.

We are on this planet to learn to live with and for others, and not entirely to serve our own interests. We are extremely blessed to know this. We realize that since God is All-Good, any good we can do for any person must be the action of God working through us. We, who have heard the call to look up to the Supreme, have been brought to the point where we can see that obedience to that command is the only way in which any lasting good will ever be wrought in the world. We know that we do not live to ourselves when we remember this.

Emerson said that two constituents of friendship are sincerity and gentleness. That is true. What else can you give to any man but to be sincerely true to the highest you know, and to be gentle, kind, and considerate? Anything else you could give him might make him less independent and much less a man.

That is our ministry; or, at least, the beginning of it: to be sincerely true to the highest we know, and to be diligent in letting our light shine so that others might see and glorify God. We need not concern ourselves with

people, but only with God. We need not try to convert anyone; but, if we let our light shine someone will glimpse the light and turn toward it.

If we believe in and obey the first commandment, to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we shall become blessed healing and teaching presences; for, it is true that a man's life is his sermon, more than any words he might speak.

When Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he performed an act that symbolized a cleansing and quickening of that phase of their understanding that came into contact with the hard realities of life in the world. This, too, is our work: to help remove some of the dross from a person's consciousness through willing service. It matters not whether it is done with the person's knowledge, as in teaching him, or without his knowledge, as in healing him. To help widen the scope of a man's understanding is a real service, the only true action.

Jesus performed this service, with its implied lesson, for all mankind. When he instructed his men to do likewise, he also ordered us who are willing to put ourselves under his discipline. "If I have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet." He endeavored to teach his men a lesson in immediacy. He proved to them that a man could keep his thoughts high while performing a menial task. "Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him."

We are all ministers by virtue of our Sonship. We have only to recognize and accept the fact that there is a ministry within us and then work at the job of uncovering it. Jesus never worked from the personal standpoint. He never thought, as we might be tempted to think, "I wonder if this act will hurt my standing socially. What will people think!" Because he did not have personal reactions he was secure in whatever he did. Thus also shall we be, as we follow our Master in loving devotion and honest effort.

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Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For every Week Day of the Month

MARCH 1946

1. Shall He not render to every man ACCORDING to his works?
2. BE BLAMELESS.

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4. CONSIDER the apostle and high priest of our profession, CHRIST JESUS.
5. He shall give thee the DESIRES of thine heart.
6. The ETERNAL God is thy refuge.
7. Have we not all one FATHER?
8. The GLORY of the Lord shall endure for ever.
9. Thy HANDS HAVE made me, and fashioned me.

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11. The Spirit maketh INTERCESSION for us.
12. I will make thee . . . a JOY of many generations.
13. He that KNOWETH God, heareth.
14. He LOVETH righteousness.
15. MY MEDITATION of Him shall be sweet.
16. Put on the NEW man, which after God is created in . . . holiness.

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18. Whatsoever is born of God OVERCOMETH the world.
19. In Thy PRESENCE is fullness of joy.
20. I have . . . QUIETED myself, as a child.
21. The Lord shall REJOICE in His works.
22. Thou wilt SHOW me the path of life.
23. THE TABERNACLE of God is with men.

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25. Give me UNDERSTANDING, that I may learn Thy commandments.
26. Be VALIANT.
27. The WORLD is mine, and the fullness thereof.
28. Let . . . YOURSELF (be) like men that wait for their Lord.
29. My ZEAL for the Lord.
30. We are the children of God.

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Before we can get a teacher to instruct us along any line, we must give some attention to that teacher. The more attentive we are, the quicker we learn what the teacher offers. The Spirit of truth is promised to come and teach us all things. Unless we give our attention to this Teacher, we shall remain unable to receive spiritual instruction. Please keep the DAILY MEDITATIONS with us.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON,  
SUNDAY, March 3, 1946

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.

To me to live is Christ. I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

I do not frustrate the grace of God. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Jesus Christ.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

I HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

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SUNDAY, March 10, 1946

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

Follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. And the peace of God, which passeth understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. Ye shall not be afraid of the face of man.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid. For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG.

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SUNDAY, March 17, 1946

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

All the law is fulfilled in one word, even this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men: knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT.

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SUNDAY, March 24, 1946

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD

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SUNDAY, March 31, 1946

Awake to righteousness, and sin not.

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; . . . he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Ye are of God, little children, . . . because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God. God is love.

I AM AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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PRAYER WILL HELP YOU

No matter from what type of bondage you seek freedom God is able to bless and deliver you. We should be happy to help you maintain a greater consciousness of His Presence and Power so that you might be more receptive to the Good He has ordained for you. We can do this through prayer. If you feel you need spiritual help for a better consciousness of health, happiness, and improved prosperity, we shall be glad to cooperate with you daily in affirming the blessings of God with you now, so that you might become more fully aware of His Omnipresent Good. Attention to God is the way to draw on Him for His blessings.

No matter what your problem is, we are ready to serve you. We make no charge, but accept the freewill offerings of those who ask and receive help.

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