

THANKSGIVING

By Alden Truesdell

"OUT of the mouth of babes . . . Thou hast perfected praise."

We know that little children - under a certain age - are star performers in any field. Actors are warned never to perform with babies; they always steal the show. The actors have studied in dramatic schools and have learned how to act by acting; and yet these untaught babies get all the attention, all the applause. How do they do it?

Babies steal most public shows, but where they really star is in the home show. We know how the home-talent cast must cater to, and center its whole attention upon, the youngest member of the show. He or she must be the first item on the agenda before any lesser plans can be made or any ordinary member of the family can be considered. The small child has the complete support and encouragement of every older person around him. The older the member of a family, the greater his support of the youngest.

How do these babies get to be such successful demonstrators and practitioners? They demonstrate prosperity with no trouble; they exercise all their beguiling arts without recourse to years of hard training.

In the 1950's we christened a small baby in Houston. Five years later, when I called to see his mother, the child met me at the door and told me she was out. He then invited me in and led me to his room - a room lined, piled, and packed with expensive playthings. Among them were at least a half-dozen wild-west outfits, complete with six-guns and riatas - an arsenal sufficient to shoot his way into the Kingdom of Heaven and take it by storm. Before I left, he gave me the privilege of selecting from a toy catalogue anything that I might want to give to him. At the risk of becoming unpopular, I told him that we gave in a different way - that we gave blessing and ministry that enabled him and other children like him to get all those things listed in the catalogue.

How do these little ones become such great actors, practitioners, and demonstrators - such scene-stealers?

They do it because they have a built-in joy of living that has not yet been opposed, a bubbling sense of possession of all the interesting things they see and know are theirs for the asking. This is their way of expressing thanksgiving: they accept their due without any feeling of need or want or lack.

We could well afford to pray to our God to help us become as little children in teachability and in receptivity, in anticipation and in appreciation. A good method of so praying would be for us to say: "I thank you, Father, that we are all babes in Your sight, and that we have You for our doting Parent - that all You have is ours for the taking." This would be our truest act of thanksgiving.

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CREATION

By Robert Applegate

"IN the beginning God creates the heavens and the earth. The earth is empty and desolate, and darkness is over the face of the abyss. But the Breath of God is moving over the face of the waters." (Gen. 1:1-2, my trans.)

Creation is the bringing of order out of chaos. It is not something that happened at some time in the remote past, for there is no time in God; it is an eternal, timeless action. In his book *The Nature of the Physical World*, Sir Arthur Eddington said: "The stuff of the world is mind-stuff. . . . The mind-stuff is not spread in space and time."

We live in a Universe of Mind, not of matter; so it is in mind (or consciousness) that order is created. What we call "primitive man" or, "pre-logical man" felt this, but he could not express it in these terms; so he told stories that conveyed the same idea. The many accounts of creation from Babylon and elsewhere in the Near East were known to the Hebrews. They all describe the bringing of order out of chaos. In them the "abyss," the "sea," the "waters," stand for the primeval chaos - the emptiness and purposelessness of the unawakened mind.

Today the scientists tell us that everything that happens in the natural world (which is an outpicturing of the human mind) increases the "entropy," or disorder, in that particular area.

Nature is always moving towards a state of maximum entropy, or of complete inactivity and disorder. Yet the universe continues to reveal a beautiful order, harmony, and life. This shows that there must be another principle at work that is contrary to the principle of nature. It is the Principle of Creation. Nature always produces disorder, inactivity, death; the Principle of Creation produces order, activity, beauty, life.

In Revelation Jesus Christ calls Himself "the Beginning of the Creation of God." In Scripture all tenses are used indiscriminately of God. When God says He is going to do something, it is already done; and when God has done something, it is both present and also future. This is most easily conveyed in English by our general, or present tense. So we can paraphrase the opening verses of Genesis as follows:

"In Jesus Christ, God creates both the Spiritual Realm and the human consciousness. The human consciousness is empty and desolate, and darkness covers this abyss. But the Breath of God is moving above the surface of these waters. God says: 'Let there be light!' And light is."

Creation is the coming into the human consciousness of the Mind of God, producing order, harmony, beauty, life. John wrote, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth." (Rev. 21:1) The new heaven and new earth are the original Creation. They come, or are seen, as they are revealed to the consciousness of anyone who gives himself to finding them.

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LET GO YOUR VAIN IMAGINATIONS

By Nell Truesdell

HUMAN BEINGS go through a lot of unnecessary gymnastics to free themselves from the results of their vain imaginings. Perhaps that is the way most human beings learn their lessons. But there is one truth all of us must learn now: Regardless of appearances, God is still God.

In Truth, we do not "treat" a person or a problem in order to correct negative appearances: we withdraw our attention from persons and problems, and give that attention to God. This is what Jesus Christ did at all times; He assured us that God is more willing to bless us than we are to be blessed.

What should be our practice? The first thing we must do is to quit accusing ourselves of mistakes. In Truth we do not make mistakes; we make them in the untruth - the realm of appearances. The instant that we return our attention to God, the mistakes disappear.

God knows nothing of mistakes. Do you think that God knows about feebleness, weakness, hate, lack, trouble? No. He sees us as His children - He sees us in His Light - in HIS LIGHT THERE IS NO EVIL. If for an instant you grasp this truth you will be freed from some trouble you have vainly burdened yourself with.

If you look at your reflection in a warped mirror, you will see distortions in your face and body.

Transfer your sight to a good mirror and you will look good to yourself. Stretch this analogy to teach yourself about God's way of looking at you. You are His Image; He sees that Image as a perfect reflection of Himself.

Whenever you are disturbed by a personality, make yourself look past his image in your mind; look through it to God, the Father. There is no such "personality" in God.

Never "treat" a person or a condition. Turn away from your false image that you are holding in your imagination. You must not try to do something to change somebody; you cannot afford to do that because the reaction will fall back on you. In a similar manner, you learn to handle all appearances of negation in your body and affairs. Never try to do something to them to make them right (according to your idea). Turn your attention to God and let Him do something for you.

Often we work at cross purposes with the Divine. We hold onto what we don't want while attempting to get rid of it. We clutch things and people and happenings and negations; we inadvertently feed them with our own life-blood.

Try to do nothing at all on your own responsibility and judgment. Let Christ Truth free you from the entanglements of human existence, which after all, are the formulations (shadows) of your own thoughts and feelings. They are abominations, an insult to God. God cannot "see evil." Love Him.

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THANKSGIVING PROGRAM
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MEDITATION: I will magnify the Lord with thanksgiving.

CHANT: We come to Thee, O Lord, in silent prayer;
Congregation) Our hearts to Thee, Our hearts to Thee,
Are open now. Amen. Amen.

SONG: (Music: Haydn: O Worship the King) Thanksgiving Hymn
Congregation
Our Lord and our God, our Saviour and King,
Glad praises to Thee we ever shall sing;
We come to Thine altar, the place of retreat,
Where we shall find peace at Thine mercy seat.
Thanksgivings we bring in our songs to Thee,
For bounties of earth, for fruit of the tree,
For glorious fountains of waters so pure,
For temples of worship all time to endure.
O Jesus our Lord, Thou Ruler of all,
Thou art ever true - whatever the call;
Be Thou our defender in all times of stress
And help us live daily in true thankfulness. Amen.

READING IN UNISON: Congregation

O Come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His Presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High. Bless His Holy Name. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; . . . that I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

I will praise Thee: for Thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.
Praise ye the Lord.

O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

ADDRESS: Thanksgiving Message

OFFERTORY: I consecrate this gift to God in grateful thanksgiving.

DOXOLOGY: We sing our praise to God above,
Who is all Good and perfect Love,
Who is all Life and holy Peace,
Whose blessings toward us never cease. Amen.

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HEALING PRACTICE

By H. B. Jeffery

(Notes taken at a public lecture by Nell Truesdell - continued from last month)

WHEN JESUS sent His disciples forth He said: "As ye go, preach, saying, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.'" (Mt. 10:7)

Healing was a large part of Jesus' work. "Jesus went about, . . . healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." (Mt. 4:23) Notice that it was "all manner of sickness." He did not classify and catalogue diseases; He did not draw lines. To Him there are no functional or nervous diseases. He was not concerned with disease. Furthermore, He was not instructed in hygiene, anatomy, etc.; He was not a pathologist. Yet He healed all manner of disease.

Jesus did not interest Himself with the diseases that were presented. He did not study symptoms; He did not make inquiries; He did not look into the histories of the patients or of the families - but He healed them. He used no material remedies; He did not apply chemicals, salves, plasters, or serums. He healed all manner of sickness without concerning Himself with sickness. This seems a paradox.

It is often brought up against those in spiritual healing that they have no training in pathological science - so called. They are not acquainted with that side of life. They are interested in health and wholeness rather than in abnormalities and sub-normalities. So did Jesus accomplish His healings. He healed by, through, and with His knowledge of, God; He was acquainted with God, and because of this, was acquainted with purity, chastity, wholeness.

Peace transcends mortal mind. Jesus had the great peace that "passes all understanding," which He had attained through being acquainted with God. He abode much in the Presence of God. Before the days when He did some of His greatest work in healing, He had spent all night in prayer. He came forth with the dynamic power of the Spirit. He had become vitally conscious of the Presence of God within, and He came forth with the radiance of His Father. His work was dynamic, full of peace and healing. All those who contacted His word responded.

In dealing with sickness, often all that is required is a sense of peace. Peace is one of the great medicines. Those who would heal must be filled with this peace. They must learn to walk with God. To "know Thee the Only True God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent" (Jn. 17:3) - this is Life. The healer must be possessed of that Life in order to awaken that Life in the one asking for help. "Acquaint now thyself with Him." (Job 22:21)

Know the Truth and be "partakers of the Divine Nature" (2Pet. 1:4) in order to be able to help those who wish to come to the Fountain of Life.

"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." (Psm. 119:165) If you seek the Divine Law, there will be imparted to you an understanding of the Law and the wisdom to minister the word. Such a word will bring order out of chaos, harmony out of discord. This is office of

the healers. Jesus said, "Feed My lambs. . . . Feed My sheep." (Jn. 21:15) We know that even in a natural way, more is gained by proper feeding than by administering drugs, etc. But in order to feed, we must first obtain the food. We must produce the food that ministers to the divine nature of those wanting our help. As you look out over the world today, you will find people spiritually hungry. More than ever before in the history of the race, people today are seeking spiritual food. We are called upon to stand firm - feed, sustain, and uphold. We must be able to reach out and help sustain others with the realization that "Underneath are the Everlasting Arms." (Deut. 33:27)

We must teach people that back of all this falsity and untrueness, there is the Almighty, the Everlasting God. It behooves us who have been called into the spiritual ministry to be "strong in the Lord, and in the power of His Might." (Eph. 5:10) Not strong in our own power. "Without Me ye can do nothing." (Jn. 15:5) It is not by individual will or power of mind. This is false and more destructive than the ill that seems to prevail.

Much work is done through hypnotism and suggestion; this is not the true way. Jesus never worked the law of suggestion. The effects of it are always hurtful. The human is brought into play very much. The will brings the idea of futurity into healing; this is false, for there is no futurity in God. Often a healing is slow because the healer catches the idea of futurity, which is of the carnal mind, at enmity with God. God knows no time. Jesus spoke and immediately the work was done. The word "immediately" is prominent in the descriptions of Jesus' work. With God, now is all the time there is. So in your healing, eliminate futurity. The reason why demonstrations are slow is that the notion of time is allowed to dominate. The man that God made in His image and likeness is not a creature of time. He knows God, in whom there is no time. The Spirit does the work.

Thought has no power; it is only a form unless it is charged with the dynamics of Spirit. So it is with words: they must be spoken from the Spirit to have power. When Jesus' word went forth, it did not break up; something else broke.

Jesus said: "I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things." (Jn. 8:29) It was not His human mind that did the work, for He had surrendered His mind and His will. He knew God completely.

If you would be healers, you must be imitators of Christ. You must surrender your mind and will.

Jesus lost Himself; He was empty of self; He was not looking to any thing for help. Is there any record that He did anything of or for Himself? Self had been eliminated. He knew He had all power in heaven and earth because He was One with the Father. He did not have the swell head; He never said, "I healed this case."

This is the state of consciousness that is needed to do spiritual work. You must know the Truth; you must know God; you must have the realization of His Presence constantly with you. You must be as aware of God as you are aware of the sunshine, be as conscious of His working in you as you are conscious of your breath working in you.

"I seek not mine own will, but the Will of the Father which hath sent Me," Jesus said. (Jn. 5:20) It is because of selfishness that it is said: "Many are called, but few are chosen." (Mt. 22:14) Many in this world are

called, but few are willing to lay down their wills and their bodies, as Christ did. Therefore they are not filled with the dynamics of the Spirit - and people know they are not. People do not listen to them because they feel that personal will coming to the fore. Healing is done only by and through the Spirit. Will is in the way.

The spiritual minister need not handle the thoughts of people; he need only be concerned with his own consciousness. Can it be said of you, as it was said of Jesus, that you have hid within you the "treasures of wisdom and knowledge"? (Col. 12:3) If so, people can walk with you in silence and they will be lifted into wisdom.

Many people seek wisdom in books; they have the letter, but not the spirit. "The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth life." (2Cor. 3:66) Einstein said, "Much reading kills initiative."

If you need wisdom, contact God as wisdom. Wisdom transcends the intellect. It does not deny the intellect, but it shines gently upon the foolishness of mind and dissolves it. This is the "wisdom that is from above." (Jas. 3:17) You cannot impart wisdom to others, but you can shine with it, so that they will want to turn and get it too.

Healing is the establishing of righteousness where unrighteousness seems to be. By our knowing God and walking with Him, healing is done. To know God is Life.

There is nothing occult about it - nothing mysterious, except as all life is mysterious. There is nothing tricky about healing.

To be a good healer, get rid of your notions, concepts, ideas; and let God do it all. Remember: your own will is destructive and will react upon you. If you use your own will in trying to heal another, you will be tried when you should be fresh and strong. The one who remains in the Presence of the Most High always has freshness and strength.

Fortify your powers by walking with God.

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Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For Every Day of the Month

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1. He will ABUNDANTLY pardon.
2. Through wisdom is an house BUILDED.
3. I am CALLED by Thy Name.
4. Thy DOMINION endureth throughout all generations.
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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 HONOURABLE and glorious.
10. Do not INTERPRETATIONS belong to God?
11. JUDGMENT is before Him.
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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.
18. Thou art my PORTION, O Lord.
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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.
25. Prepare a VOLUNTARY offering.
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27. WALK in His WAYS.
28. He leadeth me beside the still waters.
29. Thy YEARS shall not fail.
30. See my ZEAL for the Lord.

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

As electricity is the working power of the electrical principle,
So Spiriticity is the working Power of the Spiritual Principle.

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