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Beloved of God, Greeting: Appearances

If things and conditions were as they seem to be, we could not help you. You could not help yourself; God could not help you.

Prayer does not change anything that IS. Prayer recognizes, acknowledges, and exposes a true order wherein sickness, inharmony, and lack do not exist. "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

Appearances are different for each seeker. What appears to be established for one is passing fancy for another. But that which is true is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The true and righteous state is that in which man is happy, healthy, and successful. Well-being is man's natural estate, man's original and fundamental estate. Because of this man can be relieved from appearances which our Scripture calls "vain imaginings."

Nothing can be gained by manipulating vain imaginings. "The servant of the Lord must not strive." To attempt to strive against such moving-pictures is to give them a semblance of substance. When they are ignored they drop away of their own weight to return to their shadow-origin.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." As we remember the fundamental reality we work to a purpose; that purpose is the steadfast fulfillment of the divine intention; that intention is to give man the kingdom of well-being, contentment, health, and success. It is by remembering this reality that we extend our spiritual ministry in helpfulness toward you in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours,
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NOTHING AFFECTS MAN

By Nell Truesdell

"God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." In his journey toward the Father's house man instinctively feels that he should place himself entirely in the hands of the Lord. A spiritual promise carried in the heart becomes a guiding light and an inspiration in moments of temptation to digress: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee."

When a lady decides she needs the services of a beautician she goes directly to a salon and humbly places herself in the hands of the chosen operator. Before entering a salon she does not stop to take a course in beauty culture nor does she delve into the chemical elements of cosmetics or permanent wave solutions.

A wise woman refrains from interfering with the work being done; she does not insist upon knowing in detail all the operator has learned in order to ply her trade; she willingly accepts the benefits of ministrations. With the specific objective of being made more beautiful she even undergoes some discomfort to attain the results desired or anticipated. Sometimes the customer experiences unpleasant reactions to the treatments received, but she is quite willing to continue on because she believes the operator is sincerely trying to help accomplish a desired end.

O that people would be as reasonable with God as they are with their fellowmen. Such would realize what manner of Spirit they are.

Whenever anybody seeks God for some specific benefit, the following occurs: because a willingness to receive help has been expressed, Spirit descends into consciousness to give that help. But Spirit works to heal the whole man and not a particular part. It works under cover to cleanse the consciousness of secret sins, to dislodge pet virtues or vices, and the reaction in consciousness during the process of restoration is sometimes very upsetting.

Often inner activities cause the petitioner to wonder if he is losing his mind. This very desirable end may be attained; the patient loses his old mind that he may receive the new mind in which is written his new name.

The body also reacts, for the potent ministrations of Spirit received fresh every day quicken functional activities which have long lain dormant and much creaking and squeaking is both felt and heard.

Right here, if the person remembered that he called on God for help, and would realize that the quality of help he is receiving transcends any he thinks he could receive through mental or physical sources, he would resolve to let God have his way with him until the whole man was restored. He would recall the promise, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Times come in the unfoldment of every person when feelings of futility arise and the goal he had believed attainable seems afar off. In such moments no help appears to be coming from any direction whatever and he is thrust back upon the integrity rock within himself. During such times he is caught unaware and is obliged to listen to an inner instruction which he finds has always been standing by, ready to guide, direct, heal, prosper, and comfort.

If these spiritual instructions are heeded, they will eventually become so magnified that they will be clearly distinguished above the hubbub and hullabaloo of the raucous voices of the world.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."

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THE LORD SHALL LIFT US UP

When the first railway train was sent out on a run, a group of actors was hired to make the trip. Their instructions were to act as though they enjoyed the experience. Crowds on the platforms and grounds willingly watched the performance and applauded lustily but no person could be induced to accept the services of the railway until it had first proved its merits.

People have always hovered around on the outskirts of truth. No doubt you and I have been bystanders in former incarnations. Possibly we were among those who railed against Moses as he led us like sheep into the wilderness, only to keep us there under discipline forty years before bringing us forth into the Promised Land.

We may have marched around the walls of Jericho with Joshua. We may have thrilled at the prowess of David or basked in the reflected glory of Solomon. No doubt some of us were entranced by the eloquence and beauty of speech of the great prophet Isaiah, and thoroughly cowed by the lamentations of Jeremiah.

In our unfoldment in this world we have no doubt touched upon every experience known to man. Perhaps we were baptized by John and may have been among the multitude who followed Jesus Christ into the desert.

Those who delve into reincarnation like to think in terms of former glory. But if a person could trace his former lives he might be surprised to discover they fluctuated between reasonably comfortable circumstances and rather difficult times. That is the way the pendulum of experience swings.

We have been rich hundreds of times; we have been prominent, even great and famous; to think on such probabilities is very interesting. But the fact that we are here now is proof positive that we did not have THE experience designed to end all experience. Possibly right at this moment we are closer than at any other time to becoming partakers of truth, actually getting aboard and riding "the new-fangled contraption." For truth is always new, always strange to those who deal in the commodities of the world.

In every age there are peculiar people giving attention and credence to something of an abstract nature that all the rest seem to fear and oppose. Perhaps this is our chance to climb aboard and even receive compensation for our pioneering attitude and progressive action.

All we need do is climb aboard; if we can look as though we enjoyed the experience of moving along in the new order, even though at times we are scared, we shall help to establish truth as a popular commodity.

If we have any tendency to look back, let it be to look to One who succeeded. If we aspire, let it be toward the Most High God and His Ambassador.

Truth can also be likened to an escalator. Step out upon it and you are sure to go upward. Today, if we choose the way of Spirit, we may be lifted upward to abide in the house of the Lord forever and go on being ourselves for eternity. Then we shall not need to aspire to heaven. We shall have discovered it to be a working and practical reality, now available, for the Kingdom of God is with men; they are his people; he is their God.

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
for every week-day of the month.

MON. I will ANSWER thee, that God is greater than man.
TUE. I will set before you this day a BLESSING.
WED. Be of good CHEER: it is I; be not afraid.
THU. Be Diligent that ye may be found of him in peace.
FRI. The counsel of the Lord standeth for EVER.
SAT. The just shall live by FAITH.

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MON. Open to me the GATES of righteousness.
TUE. My HEART greatly rejoiceth.
WED. When the wise IS INSTRUCTED, he receiveth knowledge.
THU. Make me to hear JOY and gladness.
FRI. They shall KNOW that I am the Lord.
SAT. The LORD LOOKETH on the heart.

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MON. A MAN can receive nothing, except it be given him from
Heaven.
TUE. NEW things do I declare.
WED. A good man OBTAINETH favor of the Lord.
THU. PRESERVE my life from fear.
FRI. Arise up QUICKLY.
SAT. Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our REDEEMER.

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MON. The Lord is my STRENGTH and my SHIELD.
TUE. THE TIME is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.
WED. UNLESS the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost
dwelt in silence.
THU. Through God we shall do VALIANTLY.
FRI. I will give thee riches, and WEALTH.
SAT. YEA, rather blessed are they that hear the word of God, and
keep it.

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MON. The ZEAL of the Lord of Hosts shall do this.

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If you practice meditation to enhance and strengthen your consciousness of things spiritual, then give the attention of your mind to Him who is the Source of the things of the Spirit.

Whatever you think about you increase your awareness of. It is good practice to apply this principle to the desirable gifts of the Spirit. Soon, as you continue your practice of giving attention to God, you discover to your joy that simply looking upward toward the Most High enlightens the mind, quiets the emotions, heals, blesses, and prospers body and affairs.

We shall keep each day's meditation and invite you to fellowship with us in prayer in His Name.

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Bless the Lord

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
Thou hast kept me alive.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance
of His holiness.

In His favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in
the morning.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope
in the Lord.

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His
people with peace.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard:
Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their
destructions.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His
sanctuary.

(adapted from the Book of Psalms)

My Dear Friend: Freedom

One of the promises of our Lord Jesus Christ is that we shall know the
truth and through that knowledge experience freedom. The great cry of humanity
is for deliverance from present bondage. As a whole the human family does not
yet know what state the freedom promised implies or represents.

A quick glimpse of this freedom is caught during those odd moments when
the attention of the mind is above thinking and feeling; when we are looking
toward the Most High in a loving, expectant mood. While the actual experience
is understood as reality and gives promise of things that have not yet entered
into the heart of man.

When you join us in daily prayer, you will have a sense of oneness with us
in holding fast to the doctrine of Jesus Christ. The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE
represents the doctrine of Him who proved for all time that man, created in the
image and likeness of the Father, is endowed with the freedom of very God
Himself, - is one with Him, and may inherit all He is and has, here in this
time.

We are with you in this realization and trust that you receive the full
benefit of fellowship through our ministry. Any gift you send to further the
work of teaching and preaching His Word will be blessed and consecrated to this
purpose.

May the light of truth reveal the usable riches of the Father prepared for
you from the beginning. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be
free indeed."

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell