

SPIRITICITY April 1944

## WE ARE VICTORS

During the Easter Season we observe movements and changes taking place in all growing things. Newness of life manifests in the earth. Trees, shrubs, and plants burst into bloom. We are thrilled by the beauty in even so lowly a thing as a blade of fresh, green grass.

In our bodies, we feel the surge of new life and strength. We attribute this vitality to the effects of the Season upon us. We exclaim Spring is here!

In our religious experience we turn again to the story of the Atonement and Resurrection. We review carefully incidents in the life of our Master and are struck by the fact that before His great experience Jesus Christ moved through a world black as night. That world was almost devoid of sympathy, understanding, love. It was a world held in the cold grip of a dreary and adverse force exhibited by civil and religious sovereigns who cared for nothing save exercise of their powers. Those they used to galvanize the people into an inert mass responsive only to the demands enforced upon them.

Treasonable and perfidious conduct especially characterized the rulers in the realm of religion. The trust reposed in them by the masses was violated and exploited outrageously. But what happened? The same thing that happens when icy blasts and stark cold of a winter season are confronted with the warm, bright sun of a new day. Thwartings, contraventions, and inertness loosed their grip under the impact of the relentless forward movement of renewal and revival.

Life and true purpose can never be killed and entombed. Though they appear to become dormant under forces that seem to dominate for a season, sooner or later the vital newness within stirs and delivers. And this newness transforms and takes possession of all that it touches.

As we consider what is meant by newness, we come to understand that the manifestation of that which appears fresh, young, wholesome, is but a phase of something which has gone before. In Ecclesiastes we read:

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be;  
and that which is done, is that which shall be done:  
and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there  
anything whereof it may be said, See, this is new?  
it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

One of the much disputed questions of theologians and students of Christianity is that of the Vicarious Atonement of Jesus Christ. Many truth students are uncertain on this subject.

Let us turn to the report of Matthew. When Jesus went to Peter's house, He healed his wife's mother of a fever, and :

When the even was come, they brought unto Him  
many that were possessed with devils: and He cast  
out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were  
sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by  
Esais the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities,

and bare our sicknesses.

Vicarious healing was something the Jews were so familiar with that even some of the most ardent enemies of Jesus were secretly delighted to hear Him boldly proclaim the true doctrine which they themselves helped to cover over with form, ceremony, ritual. They anticipated a vicarious atonement for their race and, particularly, for their religious profession. They expected the old conditions to be patched up by a sort of spiritual repair job. But they overlooked the fact that the Law was to deliver a complete new job and in order to accomplish it, the old was to be done away by the simple expedient of transformation.

When the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered in council to decide what should be done with Jesus,

One of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

We call Jesus Christ Lord not only because He was true to the best, but particularly because He accepted as His responsibility the task of reuniting the human race to its Source.

His demonstrations in overcoming the world and its temptations, His healing of all manner of diseases, His forgiving of sins, and His overcoming of death itself, were all a part of His accepted task.

For ages prophecies of one to come who would be strong enough to come into the world, contact and conquer all the ills and ailments which the race had brought upon itself by downward viewing and forgetfulness of its innate divinity were set forth. The expectancy included His taking away sickness, infirmities, and sin; taking them to Himself and rendering them impotent.

It seems that Jesus was quite aware of His task, for when the Samaritan woman said, "I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all things," Jesus answered her, "I that speak unto thee am He."

He made this announcement in one way or another time after time but His hearers neither understood nor believed. He promised that His works could also be done by anyone who believed on Him, "and greater works than these shall he do."

Evidently we are to learn to be victor over sin, suffering, disease, and death. Those who have experimented with the art of healing are convinced they make vicarious atonements for many of their friends, and even for some who are not so friendly. They allow their friends to come into their consciousness, dragging their infirmities and iniquities with them, and they then are obliged to chemicalize out of existence, the symptoms exhibited.

Very good and sensitive people have been stricken with strange and unexplainable maladies because they have unwittingly become sensitized to the misconceptions of the mortal, generally through misplaced sympathy. In praying for a friend, in their desire to help, the diseases of the friend are so vivid that the worshipper takes them to himself. The reason is that man is so constructed that he reproduces and exhibits that which he contemplates. Because

they are not aware of this principle, devout souls believe it is God's will that they suffer.

What do you give your attention to? the crucified Jesus or the resurrected Christ. Your choice determines, more than you realize, the sorrow or gladness you experience along your pathway through this life. Remember He overcame the crucifixion; you do not have to overcome it for Him.

The work Jesus was appointed to accomplish was finished. "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." On the cross He said, "It is finished."

How does this affect you and me? If we are wise, we shall not attempt to do a job that is already done. When we are faced with the appearance of disease, lack, death, instead of trying to cure the manifestations, we shall remember the work was done two thousand years ago and rejoice in that fact. That is our job, and it is not easy.

We do not have to help Jesus carry on His work. But, by remembering the work He did, we are freed from the necessity of re-doing it and are released to go about doing our own work - that of stirring up the gift of God within ourselves.

If we are confronted with disease, we remember that because we believe in Jesus Christ we cannot possibly believe in disease because He rendered such null and void. If we are true Christians, we are not worried at the appearance of lack because that problem, too, has already been solved.

The best healer is he who has accepted most thoroughly and heartily the gift of health and life entirely free from any possibility of contamination, separation, or interference. A healer has more opportunity, perhaps, to make vicarious atonements for his friends, and if he is alert he will keep Reality flowing so freely through his consciousness that no appearance of anything less can cling to him. Then both he and the people he is helping are free.

Man overcomes by remembering that whatever now confronts him has already been dealt with and there is no need for attempting to repeat a cure that has already been established and is serving its purpose; something which has already proved the Principle to be the only New thing under the sun. This Principle is: God is Good and God is all; there is One God.

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Beloved of God, greeting:

"Behold, I make all things new."

When newness is apparent all about us as nature brings forth her beauty, we are prone to forget the months each plant has spent in seeming idleness. We exclaim, "Nature is wonderful in Springtime; this is the time of miracles!"

Each plant, from seed to blossom, is subjected to processes of natural law. Growth is much in evidence, accompanied by the consequent struggle involved in growth. But this is forgotten in the glory of mature blossoming and

bearing of fruit, in the demonstration of the efficient nature principle from seed to tree yielding seed.

When God looked upon His potential creation the same action is reported that pertains to us when we look upon the actual. "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good."

The plants are under natural law. Man, too, is under natural law until through his spiritual potentialities, he partakes of and puts himself under spiritual law. But the processes of development in either case are much the same. However, growth in the spiritual realm may be retarded, regulated, or stimulated by faith - faith in the original declaration, "Behold, it is very good."

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE bears witness to the Omnipresence of God and we invite you to "see toward Him" with us. Together, our mouth shall be "filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing," as we rejoice in His loving care.

Sincerely yours,  
Nell and Alden Truesdell

READING IN UNISON;

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him.

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. Walk while ye have the light. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor. Father glorify thy Name.

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST I HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE  
EASTER SUNDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

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SILENCE: The way of Life is above to the wise.

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

SONG:  
"In The Garden"

I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, Falling on my ear;  
The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His Own.  
And the joy we share, As we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody, That He gave to me;  
Within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.

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READING IN UNISON: Congregation

ADDRESS: "The Light of Life"

OFFERTORY: I bless this gift in the Name of Jesus Christ.

DOXOLOGY: We sing our praise to Him above,  
Who is All-Good, and Perfect Love,  
Who is All-Life and Holy Peace,  
Whose blessings toward us never cease.

BENEDICTION: Rev. A. J. Truesdell

Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For Every Week Day Of The Month

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1. Before they call, I will ANSWER.

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3. He hath dealt BOUNTIFULLY with me.

4. Follow righteousness, faith, CHARITY, peace.

5. Seek Me DAILY, and DELIGHT to know My ways.

6. Mine ELECT shall long ENJOY the work of their hands.

7. Make they way straight before My FACE.

8. GET wisdom, GET understanding; forget Me not.

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10. HALLOWED be Thy Name,

11. I have walked in mine INTEGRITY.

12. The Lord is our JUDGE.

13. The God of heaven hath given thee a KINGDOM.

14. My words ... are LIFE unto those that find them.

15. It was MEET that we should MAKE MERRY.

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17. Maintain good works for NECESSARY uses.

18. The Kingdom ... cometh not with OBSERVATION.

19. Count me therefore a PARTNER.

20. QUIT you like men, be strong.

21. I will give thee REST.

22. Do SERVICE in the Holy Place.

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24. A soft answer TURNETH away wrath.

25. God ... hath begotten us ... to an inheritance incorruptible and  
UNDEFILED.

26. Be strengthened, and be ye VALIANT.

27. I say unto you, WATCH.

28. Our land shall YIELD her increase.

29. Come with me, and see my ZEAL for the Lord.

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There is no practice so uplifting, so elevating as DAILY MEDITATION on spiritual things. These statements, taken from Scripture, will delight you. We invite you to meditate seriously on them for we shall be faithful in practice every day. Blessings, in His Service.