

SPIRITICITY, April 1964

JOINT-HEIRS

By Alden Truesdell

"THE SPIRIT itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:16)

How long will man be able to hide his spiritual Identity in the dream of carnality, mortality, and humanity? "How long, O Lord?" was the Hebrews' plea. "How long, O Lord?" is the implied question of the modern searcher for freedom.

Well, just so long as man considers himself to be a mortal, material, or even mental, being, he will continue to be dominated by the world. Time, number, and corporeality are the wardens of this concentration camp. Timelessness, oneness, and spirituality (or formlessness) are the instruments of liberation.

The nowness of Spirit is a major discovery. The discovery of the moment that is now is a must in the plan of escape, for in this discovery man ceases to be bound by past or future. His looking to and declaring the Kingdom within and the Kingdom at hand does away with the time element which hides Infinity. But such things are hard to grasp for a consciousness that believes restriction to be normal and liberation impossible.

The time element seems adamant; it will not let the people go as long as they worship time. So it is with number (or multiplicity). It is hard for man to see how the Oneness of God can compensate for the seeming rewards of accumulation. And those who have communed with the One have been so taken up with the joys of meditation as to neglect giving reports to others inclined to follow. But the defectors have been loud in their declamations. Thus they refuse to enter - or to allow the others to enter - into their release.

Many return, but not to the Most High. These have further freedom to anticipate.

What a Kingdom it is to which we are heirs! But what is it? and where is it? and how do we get to it? Jesus Christ tells us it is "not of this world"; and yet the time comes when one cries out: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ." This happens in those times of timelessness, when even the sun stands still, as it did for Joshua.

In such an occurrence - or the realization of the Truth of the Allness of Spirit - there is no time, no number, no corporeality. There is no past, when men lived in God's time; there is no future golden age. Reality is now.

Even Jesus Christ could not, or would not, tell us what the Kingdom of God is. He simply illustrated certain aspects of it by comparing it to a tiny seed that grows into a tree, to a "pearl of great price," to leaven, etc. But He did tell us where it is: "The Kingdom of God is within you." And He told us clearly how to find it: "Follow Me."

Nothing must distract us from following in the moment that is now. Nothing is that important. We must not delay this extremely urgent business of

accepting our heritage to take care of some imaginary duty of charity, or doing good.

Birth, marriage, and death are unimportant in our acceptance as sons and heirs in this spiritual state. None of these things move us; all of these things work together for our good, as we enter into our heritage. For, remember, we are heirs to the One Kingdom of our Lord, which swallows up all the kingdoms of this world.

Probably most of us have had the somewhat awesome experience of approaching the Rocky Mountains from the flatlands of the South or the Middle West, and have been impressed by the impenetrable aspect of the massive wall of rock. The stately peaks stand as symbol of the spiritual uplands, for the mountains have always represented the security of Spirit.

But the geologists now tell us that the mountains have risen and disappeared time and again. Our archeologists have uncovered many vanished civilizations which have likewise risen and disappeared. The nuclear physicists have shown that seemingly solid masses are really as porous as filmy mesh; that in fact "solid matter" is composed of energy, which is immaterial.

In all this we endeavor to make a case for the absence of corporeality in Spirit and in Truth. This is what makes our heritage permanent - not subject to time, to number, to ponderability. And our Kingdom, our heritage, is not without compensations for these omissions. For time, we receive eternity; for multiplicity, the innumerable One; for corporeality, spirituality. In this we find all the things the world is seeking - the desire of all nations, the treasure hid in the field, the "unsearchable riches of Christ."

Our own attitude is the only thing able to make our labors arduous. God is ready and willing. His attitude is: "Let us give man dominion."

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible."

Our inheritance includes life, strength, protection, and provision. "Length of days, and long life, and peace" are added for good measure. The true values of the Kingdom found within show forth as things of value for all humanity.

All this is done for us when we have proved our spiritual Identity by remembering the laws of the Lord, by letting mercy and truth abide with us, by writing them upon the tablet of the heart. For so shall we "find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

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THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

(The following is a translation of the Twenty-Third Psalm as it appears in the Septuagint.)

The Lord shepherds me;
nothing shall be lacking to me.

In the place of green grass,
there He encamps me.

At the waters of refreshment,
He nourishes me, He renews my life.

He leads me in right paths
because He is what He is.

Even if I walk in the shadow of death,
I will not fear hurt because You are with me.

Your club and Your staff,
they encourage me.

You prepare a table for me
in the face of those that harass me.

With olive oil
You soothe my head.

Your cup is full
to overflowing.

Your goodness will pursue me
all the days of my life.

I will live in the Presence of the Lord
to long length of days.

The "club" which beats off wild animals represents protection; the "staff" which lifts a fallen lamb represents deliverance.

-- Robert Applegate, Jr.

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A LETTER:

Dear Friends in Christ Truth:

Just a note of appreciation and contribution of love, to tell you to celebrate with me. I have on my regular glasses and my sight is as good as new; and the doctor says may be even better. Thanks for your knowing this Truth all the time for me.

You know the doctor said I would be an invalid for a year - well he changed his mind you know and I was out of the hospital a week early, and out of the black glasses I guess six months early and ready to meet all my activities three months ahead of schedule, and can go back to teaching September 2, right on time. Thank God for people like you both that live within the Kingdom, so close, and yet can reach out a helping hand to those who fall.

Nell, I have just been reading my mail for the first time that I received in the hospital that I might write "Thank you" notes and read your letter where you make the statement "Vera did not fall, but rose." Humbly I want to say I think this is true, for I do feel a different seeing than before.

Thank you for a wonderful year of Truth, and may this year find my eyes looking in the right direction always.

Love and blessings,

Vera Campbell

NOTE: Mrs. Campbell has been a staunch supporter of the Christ Truth League for over 1/4 century.

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REDEMPTION

By H. B. Jeffery

IF YOU CAN stand the criticism, the condemnation, that is meted out by the world; if you can bless them that curse you and do good to them that wrongfully use you, you will find that every event will lift you to greater heights of understanding. You will then be blessed "in the heavens"; the high places of consciousness will be opened to You. Your own vision will soften; your own realization will be made more perfect. You will enter into higher and higher states of being, so that you will become more and more free from the limitations of flesh and of sense, from the limitations of mind and of matter. You will be moving through the world, but not of it. You will be free from the laws of mind and of matter. "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

Jesus was master over nature; all nature obeyed His words. He was not subject to anything. He had the word of authority over all the works of the Father. He had authority over that which took place in the world round-about Him. He went about doing good, spreading abroad peace and joy and gladness, healing all manner of sickness - not by wrestling with it, but by being what He was and knowing what He knew. He walked in the consciousness of the Kingdom of God in which there is no sickness and nothing to produce it.

And so as we make acknowledgment of the complete and finished work of the Christ, we are enabled to walk in that Realm wherein there is no sin or sickness. We will not see these things, for we will be seeing into the Kingdom of God. So long as our vision is held There and is steady, we may go about doing good - not by any effort of ours, but by the Activity of the Christ that becomes manifest because of our vision. The Spirit will work in us and through us to will and to do of Its pleasure. Whatever we touch will be blessed of the Father.

Upon the son of God are bestowed powers, abilities, privileges, and opportunities that those who are unawakened do not possess because they are not aware of them. These things are hidden from them. You remember that at one time Jesus said to His disciples: "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand." The people could not understand; so Jesus had to speak to them in parables.

All the parables of Jesus have the secret of the Spirit within them. Those who have eyes to see and ears to hear realize their meaning and enjoy them. They take pleasure in keeping them. They are given something. Something opens their eyes to see the Kingdom of God.

This is Life Eternal: to know God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. People misquote the words of Jesus; they say: "This is life eternal, to know God." They stop there. But Jesus Christ said: "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." It is the knowing of Christ that is eternal life. When we can enter into the Spirit of the Christ, we enter into all the blessings of heavenly grace, into freedom and forgiveness. We enter into another world.

There are those with us who are still living under the law and invoking the law and denying the Work of Christ. We have them all roundabout us; they

are our associates and neighbors. But we who have seen the Redemption and have entered into It live in a world that is free from sin and sickness; we walk under grace and not under law. The Apostle John says: "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

Let us be still and acknowledge the Christ of us.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory. Thy Glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ. We accept the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and are blessed thereby. We rejoice that there was One who through perfect realization of His Oneness with Thee and His Sonship to Thee was able to carry out the commission that was His and to finish His Work of Redemption. By His Work we are lifted into a new world of freedom and grace; we are no longer bound by laws of mind and matter. We walk in the glory of sonship, in Thy Presence and in Thy Kingdom which is the Kingdom of Love, Peace, Joy, Freedom, Kindness, Mercy, Health, Wholeness, Goodness, and Plenteousness - all that tends to make for our good in every way.

Holy art Thou and Thy Name is holy. Thou hast endowed Jesus the Christ with all the power of Thy Name; and so through Him we make acknowledgment to Thee of our deliverance. We accept His finished Work.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, we salute Thee as the Father of our lives. Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. And we are Thine. Amen.

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PETER 2:2-10

AS NEW-BORN babies, you should yearn for the pure milk of the Word, so that through It you may grow up into your deliverance - if you have tasted that the Lord is good. ...

As living stones, you must be built up into a spiritual house, a holy temple, that through Jesus Christ, you may offer spiritual sacrifices, pleasing to God. ...

You (who believe) are "a chosen family, a kingdom of priests, a holy tribe, God's own people," chosen that you may show forth the powers of Him who has called you out of darkness into His wondrous Light.

(Trans. by Robert Applegate, Jr.)

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A "LORD' S PRAYER" LITANY

OUR FATHER..... in the midst of us,
WHICH ART IN HEAVEN..... in the midst of us,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME..... in the midst of us,
THY KINGDOM COME..... in the midst of us,
THY WILL BE DONE..... in the midst of us.,
IN EARTH in the midst of us,
AS IT IS IN HEAVEN..... in the midst of us,
GIVE US THY DAY..... in the midst of us,
THY DAILY BREAD..... in the midst of us.,
FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES..... in the midst of us,
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE..... in the midst of us
WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US in the midst of us,
LEAVE US NOT IN TEMPTATION in the midst of us,
BUT DELIVER US FROM ERROR..... in the midst of us,
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM in the midst of us,
AND THE POWER..... in the midst of us,
AND THE GLORY..... in the midst of us,
FOREVER AND EVER..... in the midst of us.
Amen

NOTE: If Nell wishes to use this in her work, she may. It is a gift to her. It could be set to music for a chant, perhaps.

ALBERT SHAFFER

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UNIVERSAL GOOD IS OURS

By Nell Truesdell

THINK of your consciousness as a sphere, within which you are enclosed. The thin skin of your sphere is tough. Nothing from outside can break in; you cannot break out. All of your present existence is confined within the limits of your sphere - your consciousness. When you think of anything, you think only within the limits of your knowledge. When you are emotionally aroused, you are inwardly excited to action, and are controlled by your own settled determinations. Your desires are circumscribed by your ambitions. All that you appear to be to yourself is enclosed by your sphere - your consciousness.

Therefore, when you strike out against your so-called limitations you sin against yourself. You fight against yourself and hurt only yourself.

Often, we feel that if we could only cut through to some outer area that we imagine exists somewhere - anywhere - we would gain freedom, would be delivered from the hardships of our human lot. Many persons foolishly think that if they could move to another city or to another house, or change jobs, that they would be perfectly content. This is not so. For everyone takes his own consciousness with him wherever he goes and what is in his consciousness fills him, just as his flesh and blood and bones fill his skin.

The point that we, as Truth students, want to consider is this: the Universal Good that we call God presses on and interpenetrates our sphere - our consciousness - and is instantly available to us at any time that we cry out for anything whatever. We dream about how much God could do for us if only He made Himself - His Universal Good - present to us the way we think He should. We think that we will certainly recognize the Universal Good when It appears and that we will be thankful. Our imagination blazes with visions of the powers and possibilities that might be ours if only God could see how much we merited His riches and splendors.

But have we made ourselves ready for such responsibilities? Have we cleared the way through the mass of negation that, like jungle growth, seems impenetrable? Do we really believe that God's Universal Good is already ours?

Evidently not. The moment that we pray for the Universal Good to manifest, we begin to plan how it should be done. Little do we realize that our attempt to direct Its Presence thwarts our reception. An attitude of acceptance should always accompany our asking. It is something like a person's applying for a job that he eagerly hopes to get. The wise person does not set the rules; he abides by them.

All dissatisfaction indicates that we are disappointed with what we have built up in consciousness - our sphere of existence. When we are aware of this we more reverently wait on God, and are thankful.

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
for every week day of the month

APRIL, 1964

1. I will ACCEPT you, saith the Lord God.
2. BE thou an example of the BELIEVERS.
3. We CAN do all things through CHRIST.
4. Arise, therefore, and be DOING.
6. Mine EYES have been ENLIGHTENED.
7. Our FATHER which art in Heaven.
8. I will be GLAD, and rejoice in Thy mercy.
9. Put ye in the sickle; for the HARVEST is ripe.
10. IMMEDIATELY the man was made whole.
11. Lips of knowledge are a precious JEWEL.
13. The Lord deal KINDLY with you.
14. Thou shalt LOVE the LORD thy God.
15. O Lord, how MANINOLD are Thy works!
16. O sing unto the Lord a NEW song.
17. Thou Lord, ONLY makest me dwell in safety.
18. Thou wilt show me the PATH of life.
20. Be QUIET; fear not, neither be fainthearted.
21. All things are now READY.
22. A new SPIRIT will I put within you.
23. Give THANKS unto the Lord, for He is good.
24. Let not thine heart be hasty to UTTER anything.
25. My sheep hear My VOICE, and I know them.
27. WATCH and pray.
28. YE are the salt of the earth.
29. He was ZEALOUS for his God.
30. It shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

"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."

SPIRITICITY is the Working Power of the Spiritual Principle
as electricity is the working power of the electrical principle.