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Beloved of God, greeting:

The ways and means of spiritual law are innumerable and limitless. God seems to work in mysterious ways. While we insist upon good coming from one source, He delivers something better through another and we can imagine Him chuckling at our expense, much like a kindly parent giving a surprise party and delivering many surprise gifts to his child.

Watching the working of God's way with man over a period of years convinces me of a seemingly humorous trait in the impeachable character we call God. He can be depended upon to do the unexpected. While we might be looking for a money-order-bearing-letter to come in our front door, a truck is backed up to the side door and a surprising collection of unexpected treasures is emptied out for us.

When we realize how prone God is to do the unexpected we become more flexible and malleable. We tend less to fixed and familiar sources of supply. We accept good from any one of His innumerable and limitless channels, for, after all, His ways are ways of pleasantness, and His paths are paths of peace and prosperity.

Becoming familiar with Him we cease to function on the simple track in mind or habits. We indulge our hobby as well as our work and while doing so, our work is blessed and our hobby becomes more interesting.

Continued observance convinces us that God in His good humor is just as willing to laugh with us as at us.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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Prayer or Life Abundant

The subject of worship presupposes something to be worshipped together with something to be expected from the practice of worship. A worshipper believes in a God, some sort of a Supreme Being or Agency from which good may be expected and toward whom respect and reverence may be directed.

Prayer is a fundamental of man's nature. Prayer should be as spontaneous as breathing. Every man, woman, and child is praying to or worshipping that which he believes will bring his good to him. Each one is burning incense to his particular God. Each one is endeavoring to keep his own God immaculate.

Each man's God is his idea of Good. In this respect, there are as many "Gods" as there are men. Each man's concept or idea of God is constantly yielding newer and higher aspects which previously had been hidden. There is an all-knowing, and yet, unknown quality about every concept of God.

Job said, "Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict. Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise in heart."

Those who know God best are most careful to continue on in a child-like state of knowing and learning.

Men worship in several ways, in spirit and in truth, in public places to be seen of men, or because of some former good received. But the primary urge in man to worship is the hope of extracting greater good, each from his own God.

Something within man tells him that his God and his brother's God are one and the same, or, at least, that the two "Gods" have much in common. "Jove nods to Jove behind men's backs."

Paul found the men of Athens much occupied with the behavior of many gods and in his address at Mars Hill said,

"Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, "To the unknown God." Whom, therefore, ye ignorantly worship, Him I declare unto you. God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth; and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, "For we are also his offspring."

This tendency to pray, then, is simply the dependance of the offspring upon that from which it came forth. All of us believe we came forth from God. Some have declared this publicly, and others actually believe in and are, in degree, quite aware of their divine nature.

We do not teach a child to breathe. But as the child grows he may learn to become aware of finer ethers which he may inbreathe at will as the Breath of the Almighty in him. Man is not a material being. Man is a spiritual being. His awareness of this unaccountable fact enables him to perceive and receive the healing waters of Spirit which flow freely into any and all men coming into this consciousness, or, before His Presence. This is spiritual healing.

There are many practices in the healing art. Mental healing is popular with people. Mental healing is the correct arranging and setting forth of right doctrine in the mental processes of the individual which, together with an exercise of the will, (on the part of the healer,) sometimes gives the one who is being treated a sense of being pushed or forced. Unless this type of healing is exercised with the greatest efficiency and wisdom, it is more harmful than helpful, galvanizing the patient into a state of crystallization.

Spiritual healing gives a sense of uplift and freedom as well as imparting a joyous strength to the "patient". This is because the connection in the mind of the healer is direct with the Source or Spring of Life.

We hear men singing diligently songs which invite others to come into the Life-stream and be made whole, then insisting that the people subscribe to their

special concept and particular temple, even though their concept, expressed as doctrine, brings forth fruit which is not always tasty.

There is a Life-spring where any man can go and be healed, but he does not find it through the many concepts of men. He finds it by going direct to it, making straight the path, saluting no man-made-concept by the way.

The simple act of looking, seeking, turning, causes an increased flow of the Living waters toward the on-looker. The practice enables the devotee to penetrate into higher realms of consciousness where the Unknown All-knowing God may have His perfect way. He finds the place where man may be judged and may judge by divine standards like Job who broke through his friends' concept of God, society's concept of God, and even his own concept of God, and directed his application to the Unknown All-knowing God.

Job approached the throne with boldness, fearlessly rending the vail of false claims, no matter of how long standing. He talked face to face with a God who was entirely oblivious to all this "tempest in a tea-cup" regarding doctrine and theory and right practice. He refused to be deceived with partial truths and partial successes which turn to dust and ashes after being conceived.

Job was tired of playing around, having his life, his family, and his estate in good repair part of the time and out of repair at other times. He determined to have it fixed up right once and for all. And through his recognition of the one Source of all good and his ability to draw from it by going direct to it, breaking through the conglomerate of mass opinion, he found that God's judgment of him was of an entirely different nature from man's. He also found that God's judgment was the most important and effective.

The key to his success may be found in this declaration: "Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand. Thine hands have made me, and fashioned me together round about."

Such an attitude develops a fearlessness, an audacity, a daring and boldness which hath great recompense. With it a man becomes freed forever from fear of what others think and of what God is going to do to him. He walks in the ways of wisdom which foster understanding and which in turn promotes knowledge.

"Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

This sort of man so completely healed in soul, mind, body, and estate influences everybody everywhere and even those who are afar off in the very rim of materiality and superstitions see his light, his radiance, his rebirth, his crown of glory, and turn to see whence such light comes. This is spiritual healing.

The spiritual healer remembers this and is moved by it alone. And being motivated and governed by this, he does not see a patient, he develops the ability to see the spiritual reality of a person through perceptions working at high efficiency.

He sees a perfect creation of a living God, spiritual, harmonious, fearless, free, reflecting good in all aspects; he sees the happy action of words of truth going and coming from all directions, making man to know that he

is free, wise, and happy, that he is satisfied with the world round about showing forth health, wisdom, peace, and plenty.

He sees the Omnipotent will of Good in all form, with each form responding as a living demonstration to let the world know it is every whit whole.

He is grateful to God for Good, acknowledging to God, the universe, the world, and himself, the health, strength, defense, and support of an ever-mindful Father who knows and supplies the son's need.

This is the correct attitude of the spiritual healer. But the healing action, even the occasional miracle, comes when the healer forgets all about correctness of action or sequence of reason and is lost in God, gazing spellbound at the Miracle-Working Uplands.

As he attempts to touch the higher ground the miracle springs forth from the ground round about him as well as in far away places. His prayers may heal total strangers who understand neither his language nor his line of reasoning. For, God's way and means are innumerable. The valuable effects of this practice are definite, yet the practice of the true healer embraces all humanity.

Dear Friend:

A rich blessing to you from your Lord is my prayer. Keep your inner vision on High and know that He "is able to do all things exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE stands true in its trust of holding the High Watch.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For Every Week Day of the Month

August 1943

2. Yea, the ALMIGHTY shall be thy defense.
3. BEHOLD, God is mighty, and despiseth not any.
4. The CREATOR ... fainteth not, neither is weary.
5. DREAD not, neither be afraid.
6. The ETERNAL God is thy refuge.
7. FEEL after Him, and FIND Him.
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9. He GIVETH to all life, and breath, and all things.
10. HEAVEN is like unto leaven.
11. I heard thee, I helped thee, I will preserve thee.
12. How should a man be JUST with God?
13. A man of KNOWLEDGE increaseth strength.
14. LIFT up thy face unto God.
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16. God ... MAKETH MY way perfect.
17. I am called by thy NAME.
18. OUR soul waiteth for the Lord.
19. Thou shalt have PLENTY of silver.
20. Many waters cannot QUENCH Love.
21. I lead the way of RIGHTEOUSNESS.
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23. STAND STILL, and SEE the SALVATION of the Lord.
24. In Him will I TRUST.
25. UNDERNEATH are the everlasting arms.
26. Ye are of more VALUE than many sparrows.
27. The Light shall shine upon thy WAYS.
28. Preach the acceptable YEAR of the Lord.
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30. See my ZEAL for the Lord.
31. As for God, His way is perfect.

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In DAILY MEDITATION look up above the thoughts in your mind and the feelings in your body. "The way of life is above to the wise."

We invite you to engage in this practice and we give you our blessing in the Name of JESUS CHRIST.