

SPIRITICITY, AUGUST 1944

Beloved of God, greeting:

Looking to the world and the race and magnifying the appearance of things, no matter how beautiful or desirable, will not cause any measure of satisfaction, and will perform no miracles.

Living with God is a miracle. Eventually every man will express and enjoy Life within himself. He who delights in the realm where he finds himself will be open to new wonders, new glories of living and of life. "In my Father's house are many mansions."

The consciousness of where one is, is God. David was amazed to discover that wherever he went he found God; down in the depths of consciousness, or up in the heights. Where shall I go to escape the Spirit? he asked.

At least once during every man's life, he comes to the realization, though vaguely sometimes, that he and God are all there is. Many of the things of the Spirit are foolishness unto him; but eventually he will have to admit that everything is dependent upon God.

Man exists in God; lives, moves, and has his being in God. God, being Spirit, man is a spiritual being, the image and likeness of what God thinks Himself to be.

Man, trying to live outside of God, is worse off than a fish out of water because he is thinking and believing a lie. No matter what thousands of others say about it, those thousands dry up like fish out of water, because they believe they are separated from God, who is their very life.

Take the wings of the morning and open your eyes to the Presence of God with you, here and now.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Truesdell

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WHAT IS IN A NAME?

A Principle, to be effective, must be carried through to a proper conclusion. Any Principle has within it the law which motivates it, and the law carries its own results. When one forgets the Principle with which one is dealing, and transgresses its law, results are harsh. It then seems as though the Principle is angry with the offender and is meting out punishment.

Whoever discovers "the way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath," tries to continue on the way until he arrives. He is willing to give his high science its heaven allotted time for fulfillment.

A scientist in any field must pursue his science. He must be willing to do any research work essential to his understanding of that science, no matter how long or arduous. He investigates his science until he and his work become so identified that he becomes the personification of that science. Whenever you

think of Albert Einstein, you associate with him the science of higher mathematics. particularly the theory of relativity. It is difficult for us to think about Thomas Edison without an immediate association of that name with electricity.

Certain names always bring to mind outstanding accomplishments in some particular field. Lincoln symbolizes wise statesmanship and humanitarianism. John, the Apostle, symbolizes great love for his Master. Jesus Christ symbolizes the Son of God, and brother of man.

Each name that has gone down in history contains its own achievement, presents and represents an accomplishment, or a quality, to the race and to the world.

Many names represent phases of truth or reality or spiritual science to the race. Some of the names with which we are familiar are: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Job, and on up to the Name Jesus Christ and his disciples. Each name in the development of spiritual consciousness in the Hebrew and Christian traditions represents some outstanding quality, trait, or achievement.

While there is much instruction, information, and even inspiration in the history of each person bearing an important name, of more consequence to us is the science each name represents.

The name Abraham represents the power of mind to reproduce its ideas in unlimited expression.. Abraham had the capacity to obey the Lord to the extreme of leaving a familiar country, his homeland, to make his abode in a strange land. Here, his progeny increased tremendously. If Abraham had not obeyed his Lord, he could never have known the assurance that he was being guided by Him, nor would he have become "the father of a multitude."

The name Moses brings to mind the picture of a scientist who spent forty years in the wilderness preparing himself for his divinely ordained work. Eventually, he was prepared and when he came forth to emancipate the Hebrew race, he brought with him the concept that the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob were no longer three tribal Gods, but One God of all the tribes; henceforth to be known as the Lord, or Yahweh.

Mighty achievement and wise activity is associated with the great Moses, but there must have been moments in his experience when he questioned; too, there must have been times when he felt that any period spent away from communion with his Instructor was unprofitable.

Moses is not only an historical fact in the history of the race, but he is also representative of something which takes place in every consciousness when any person chooses to become free from ignorance, superstition, slavery, and other Egyptian-like ruling powers.

Moses did not consider forty years too long a time to spend in preparation for a work of such magnitude as his. In contrast today, we observe some people who are perfectly willing to take over and conduct every sort of spiritual activity under the sun on very short notice and with no attention given to preparation. This, of course, is unwise.

David is a type in history who, in youth, daily communed with the Lord and reflected divine love. While David remained innocent, unspotted, he knew something greater than kings, something wiser than kings' counsellors, something

that instructed and helped him, something that protected his flocks from wild animals.

David companioned with this something which, to him, was a real Presence, and during solitary days and lonesome nights, he brought forth his doctrine. Rulership of the people was gradually withdrawn from the head (will) symbolized by Saul, and transferred to the heart (love) symbolized by David. His childlike obedience and simplicity won for him a place among his people, which in the history of his nation, was never usurped by any who followed him. When Jesus Christ eventually appeared, he fulfilled in the consciousness of all mankind the ideals symbolized by David.

Every truly spiritual character has at some time or other isolated himself with his science. The spiritual characters of Scripture were not prone to exercise much intellectual activity. Rather, they were witnesses, recorders, reporters of what they saw and heard from above and from within. And the race went on to live out what these brave and wise men reported.

Elijah made a report to the race that pushed its spiritual development forward in one great leap. He was a rough and ready prophet of the 9th century B. C. He fled into the wilderness from the wrath of Jezebel and hid himself in a cave. And there the Lord revealed that He was not in the strong wind, earthquake, or fire; He was in the still, small voice within heart and mind.

Elijah moved rapidly to a more spiritual concept of God. Until then, he had known God only in unusual happenings; now he was losing his superstitious view. He learned the lesson that a man entered the Kingdom of God as a little child, and he was among the first who gave this lesson to the world.

Amos, an 8th century B. C. prophet, was an amateur so far as religious leadership goes. But then none of the great prophets were professional religious leaders. By profession Amos was a herdsman and dresser of sycamore rees. His long hours of vigil guarding his flocks from the lions of the desert gave him the thought that Israel was likewise menaced by the lurking lion of Assyria. He felt he must warn his people and recall them to God.

One of the greatest ethical statements of human history was first proclaimed by Amos: privilege involves corresponding responsibility. Because he declared that God expects more from men who have the larger opportunity, he was banished in the name of church and king. But his writings (which otherwise might never have come into being) continue to emphasize the Righteousness and Justice of God who requires that His people manifest these attributes.

Hosea, a contemporary of Amos, gave to his people what is probably the sublimest revelation of God we can find anywhere in Scripture until Jesus uttered the parable of the Prodigal Son. Hosea's wife was unfaithful; she left him heart-broken. Eventually she fell into slavery, but her husband redeemed her and brought her back into his home. In this tragedy of his own life, Hosea understood the heart of God and placed emphasis on the Divine Mercy and Love of God toward mankind.

Micah, appearing out of the hill country of Judah, a peasant, was so stirred by the wrongs and oppression of his class by the wealthy that he gave to the world one of the best definitions of religion. (6:8) "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Isaiah, born in Jerusalem, of wealthy and cultured parents, chose the unpopular career of prophet. In a vision in the temple he became aware of the Majesty and Holiness of God. And for fifty years, with this great vision in his heart, he tried to keep his people's vision and faith on the Lord.

Jesus, born of humble parents, and brought up in humble surroundings, was so fired with his doctrine of Love for God that he gave to the world the greatest commandment yet uttered among men. (John 13:34) "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Each name throughout Scripture represents a phase of truth and a promise of truth. The Name of Jesus Christ represents the collection of all decrees and promises brought into individual fulfillment of truth. In the New Dispensation, Paul is the person around and about whom were gathered all the qualities of the early Christians.

Much desirable wisdom has been brought to bear upon the modern versions of truth. We are now in a dispensation of this new unfoldment, individualized and all-encompassing. No doubt, from this age some name will appear in the future to stand out with the strength of a Samson, the compassion of a Jesus of Nazareth, and the indefatigable ability to minister of a Paul.

This will not manifest as a new religion, but will be a culmination of the inherent religious attitude in man co-ordinating with man's scientific experiments and findings. It will not confine itself to one man, or one group; it will be the Creator of many glorifying Itself again in man.

This all-encompassing ministry will not originate in the halls of fame in the world, but will come as a thief in the night, from within, from above, to descend upon some unheralded shepherd, some obscure carpenter, or some ragged street urchin. For God chooses the weak to confound the mighty, and that which is despised to the dissolution of that which is established.

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Dear Friend:

Do you ever feel that you are at the mercy of others? Do not try to get them to give you an opportunity to prove yourself. Rather, get them to co-operate with you. Often in our efforts to please others, we irritate them beyond endurance.

But any time we allow anybody to help us, to express and expand himself in some gesture of kindness toward us, we gain a friend. For, the other fellow, like ourselves, enjoys doing something really constructive to help his fellow man.

Human emotions are unstable, unreliable. They are like a sea, calm one hour, choppy the next. Whenever anyone tries to adjust himself to somebody's emotions, he is in for a difficult time.

If there is any friction at all between you and some fellow-associate, relax, let go. You are easier to get along with then. Too, you soothe irritated personality that is going through some unknown development. And soon all friction disappears.

People really appreciate kindness, understanding, just the same way you do. If you are under obligations to another who appears difficult to get along with, forget yourself and cease your desperate attempt to adjust yourself to his demands. Lift your inner vision above your associations; set your heart on High. Many times, the few moments devoted to such practice prove to be salvation from otherwise impossible situations.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE is with you in Spirit and in Truth. Blessings, in His Name.

Lovingly yours,

Nell Truesdell

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Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For Every Week-Day In The Month

JULY 1944

1. Call ... this AN ACCEPTABLE day to the Lord.  
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  3. In the BEGINNING was the word.
  4. He that is CALLED ... is CHRIST'S servant.
  5. DELIGHT thyself in the Lord.
  6. The Word of God EFFECTUALLY worketh in you.
  7. FEED my sheep.
  8. GOD is with men.  
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  10. HONOR and majesty are before HIM.
  11. INCLINE your heart unto the Lord.
  12. He is excellent ... in JUDGMENT, and in plenty of JUSTICE.
  13. His merciful KINDNESS is great toward us.
  14. The LORD shall be thine everlasting LIGHT.
  15. Behold, God is MIGHTY.  
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  17. NOW we live.
  18. OPEN you the wisdom of heaven.
  19. Blessed of the Lord ... be the PRECIOUS things of the earth.
  20. I have ... QUIETED myself, as a child.
  21. The Lord hath REDEEMED my soul.
  22. They that be wise SHALL SHINE.  
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  24. His TRUTH endureth forever.
  25. Keep ... UNSPOTTED from the world.
  26. Be thou VALIANT for me.
  27. WE WAIT for light.
  28. Take my YOKE upon YOU, and learn of me.
  29. Ye are ZEALOUS of spiritual gifts.  
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  31. The Lord bless you and keep you always.  
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- A word is a symbol of an idea. The words in DAILY MEDITATIONS offer a variety of symbols, the meanings of which will add to your understanding of the things of the Spirit.

Please join us in prayer, for we shall be remembering you daily.

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AUGUST 1944 SPIRITICITY

Beloved of God, greeting:

Who dares to acknowledge and practice the love of God which can bide the time when all mankind will turn toward the Light? Who can stand and gaze steadfastly into the face of God and know the truth of his being?

Many persons prefer to look toward some other person as their god. Others place their faith in some institution, in some book.

One truth stands. "Thy word is truth," declared Jesus Christ. Any person or place that does not point steadily toward God is not to be trusted. No person, no matter how consecrated he may be; no place, no matter how holy, has the power of God: nor can either take the place of God.

Let us continue to lift our vision toward Him who created the world and all therein. Let us listen to the Great Teacher who announced there was only one Good, even God. Let us accept his simple realization for himself, as well as for all mankind, "I and my Father are one."

Perhaps it is our mission to stand steadfast in this simple recognition of the Allness and Goodness of God. It takes a person of good courage and strong heart to maintain such an attitude in the face of unfavorable conditions and beliefs on the part of friends and associates.

But I believe we can do it, for we have such a good start; we have already proved our faith and it will establish itself in its own perfect way for all to see.

Sincerely yours,

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PILGRIMS ALL

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When any prodigal son undertakes the return trip to the Father's house, there come times when the directions seem confused. The landmarks changed while he was away and, of course, they look different when approached from the opposite direction. Too, the multitude of highways bear signs each of which claims that particular road to be the shortest, easiest, and more direct route back.

Little wonder that the anxious homeward traveler sometimes finds himself on detours. Now and again he stumbles upon the main highway and is always delighted.

Usually the urge to express this delight manifests itself in shouts of praise. Others, hearing these shouts, are attracted. Such a picture can become a symbol. The happy spontaneous shoutings have always become doctrines of men whereby they mark the place of passage in their stop to celebrate the joyous event of finding what they think to be the most direct route homeward.

Around these cheery hailings assemble those who eventually become lights in the firmament to whom other weary ones may turn to rest and gather strength preparatory to continuing on in the way. Around such groups have been built churches, fraternities, metaphysical, and occult schools, each offering sanctuary to sincere seekers who meet in anticipation of another forward movement in the way.

Each person, re-discovering his way of life, is able to give directions for the distance he himself has been able to follow. Each gives only so much as has been vouchsafed him. There is not the slightest doubt that others need just the

particular instruction and encouragement available at the respective accommodating information camps.

Some of the travelers, arriving among a group of pilgrims, may feel the camp itself is the journey's end. For a season, it may be just that. They even may become so zealous that they call to other seekers, Lo, here is the place. There is no doubt such places are worshipped by some receiving sanctuary there. But each place is but a means to an end. The true end of the journey homeward is an awakening in the consciousness of the son whereby he is aware that he has returned to the house of his Father and has received and wears the insignia of sonship.

"We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Does this mean that we are to be sanctified and resurrected to sit on clouds of glory, play harps of gold, walk streets paved with precious stones? A measure of this might be enjoyable. Our object, however, is not to point to such a reward so much as to discover, if possible, what life is and how successfully we may live it here in the place where we find ourselves.

Numerous persons become confused because of so many religious schools. They declare all of them can't be right for some seem opposed to others. Why not say all are partially right, giving directions as they are seen, each for the particular distance in the road that leads to the next bend. The fact that there are so many churches and schools for study of the laws of life should be a good indication of a spiritual reality and of man's determination to seek it out.

No one institution can hope to encompass all there is to know about life; but each contributes its portion of light on the subject. Why not acknowledge each to be a witness-bearer in our search for the light of life.

"They (the Scriptures) are they which testify of Me," said Jesus. All of the teaching up to His time was but a preparation for the lesson He brought, a clearing of the mental decks for action..

Our very urge toward understanding of religion through occult and metaphysical studies is reason enough for our study. We need no other urge nor should we be required to offer explanation. The desire to know is sufficient.

Whatever man gives his attention to reveals its nature. In examining any objective, the first movement is to look toward it. So, the first lesson is always a lesson on looking. We are learning to direct the attention of our mind toward that which we wish to know; namely, God. We look toward Him who is above thinking. Continued attention Godward opens our understanding and enables us to perceive His secrets. In our study of God, we become acquainted with one Teacher who spoke with authority about Him; one person who did works He claimed were the works of God. He confounded the wise of His time by practicing a Principle higher than the Law of Moses on which the whole Hebrew nation based their conclusions in varying degrees.

Never in history had, or has, such a Teacher appeared. "Never man so spake." Yet He was simple, benevolent, and so understanding; but never for a moment did He deviate from His precious Principle. He said His very life depended upon the



right expression of life. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

The disciples of this spiritual leader deemed it a privilege to associate with Him. Paul felt he had been born out of season because he had not been privileged to share the benefits of such companionship. We, too, might be reluctant to study with any lesser light. But we do have the assurance that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He is among them. We can feel that in accepting Jesus Christ and His gospel we are not overstepping our bounds. Nor, will we look to another for authority.

The object of our search might be designated as a returning to the Father's house, for we look to the Principle which created us and all things. We cannot see God with our physical eyes, but we can direct the attention of our mind toward Him.

Men who direct and fix the attention of their mind on the physical body become enlightened in anatomy, hygiene, diet, and so forth. The body is an interesting study. It is not, however, spiritual except as Spirit extends and expresses through the body. In study of things spiritual, the body is a divine instrument, a body of divine facts and forces. It is seen to be the vehicle for the expression of free Spirit which is embodied in all bodies. We prefer to leave investigation of functions of the body to students of the body.

As we press on, we become aware of a realm called the intellect, the power or faculty of knowing. Here man deals with mental propositions, makes right and wrong decisions, and collects knowledge, through his senses, from whatever source the attention of his mind rests upon. Like the body, the intellect is permeated with Spirit, revealed as Intelligence which seems to make use of an instrument called mind which, in its turn uses the body as its field of action. Here we come upon the studies in practical shrewdness and efficiency, social behavior, morals, ethics, and so forth.

If we forego studying the mind, the cry goes up, God gave us a mind to use. We agree to this and add, A Spirit also. "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

To conclude that a man must know all about his body and mind before he can live a full and complete life is like saying that a man cannot drive a car until he knows all about mechanics, construction, engineering, and electrical science.

Passing through and touching lightly upon the body and mental realms, we make the observation that at any point we can stop and let our attention rest and come to know all there is to know at that point. We discover we can allow the attention to rest where we will; we may withdraw it from one object and place it upon another. Always it does our bidding and through it we perceive what lies in the direction toward which it is directed to the degree of our interest and steadfastness of purpose.

If the attention is withdrawn from the body and the activity of intellect, the driver upon life's highway then is enabled to keep that attention on the road and the mechanics of his vehicle function automatically.

As we learn the spiritual way, we see confirmation of our accepted authority on every hand. We find Jesus Christ still instructing. Watch and pray. The flesh profiteth nothing. In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh.

Please do not jump to the conclusion that we are going to neglect the body and the intellect. We are going to give our attention to that which builds a body and illumines an intellect. Because a driver learns to watch the road ahead does not mean he will ignore or abuse the car he is driving. He will concentrate his attention on his destination and the chances are, without his limitations and fears, his car will function more perfectly. There is wisdom in watching where you are going.

Therefore, the first lesson is, look where you are going. In this case, you are going to your Father's house. Make straight for the goal. If you are steadfast, you will automatically drop burdens of fear, selfishness, sorrow, disease, death. Looking neither to the right nor the left, you approach the throne with boldness, saluting no man by the way.

At first you will be quite alone. You must be alone in order to prove your mettle. Do you have the courage, the tenacity, the audacity, to come to yourself, arise, and begin your journey to your Father's house? You yourself make the decision. No man makes it for you.

Once made, you must be ready to accept the consequences. Because your former life had been patterned according to the world standard, it will no longer serve you. Willingness, tractability, are musts. Become as a little child. It does not take the child long to catch on to standing on his own feet, to begin doing for himself. The glory of self-sufficiency shines from his countenance for all to see.

The Light within lighteth every man into and through this world. Let this Light be - be this Light. Your burden shall be Light. It is your destiny.

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Dear Friend:

A gift is never lost. The only thing we lose is the opportunity to develop a talent at a given time. Even then, opportunities continue to present themselves all through our life whereby we may familiarize ourselves with the underlying principles of the precious gift with which we are entrusted.

Sometimes a talent in its natural state enables us to perform so effectively along certain lines that we are quite satisfied with mediocre achievement. Skill and expertness come with practice. It is wise to recognize a special aptitude and then cooperate with its hidden genius in every possible way. Skill is the ability to use one's knowledge effectively and readily in execution or performance. Skill is a habit of doing a thing competently.

A teacher once told me that skill is substance. I have found this to be true. Skill along any line of endeavor translates into a substance upon which we can rely and which becomes our support and supply.

You may become skilled in truth. You may know the truth that makes free. It will be the truth about God, of course. By giving attention to God, you come to know God, and he becomes your substance.

Lt. Comdr. Duff wrote these lines to me: Gems of truth are like radium - though covered with dross, they are indestructible, and endure forever, awaiting recognition.

Recognize your talent, though you are not yet skilled in exercising it. Be thankful it enables you to appreciate the progress made by others in its field.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE blesses you.

Lovingly yours,

Nell Truesdell

Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For Every Week-Day Of The Month.

AUGUST 1944

1. I will give unto him that is ATHIRST ...the water of life freely.
2. BEAR witness of Me.
3. I have CREATED him for my glory.
4. Keep thy soul DILIGENTLY.
5. The light of the body is the EYE.

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7. The FORMER things are passed away.
8. Thine, O Lord, is the GREATNESS.
9. I am the Lord that HEALETH thee.
10. He that overcometh shall INHERIT all things.
11. In Thy Presence is fulness of JOY.
12. Grow ... in the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord.

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14. Thou LOVEDST me before the foundation of the world.
15. His MERCIES are great.
16. I make all things NEW.
17. Whatsoever is born OF God OVERCOMETH the world.
18. Watch with PERSEVERANCE.
19. It is the Spirit that QUICKENETH.

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21. Thou REIGNEST over all.
22. SAY to them that are of a fearful heart, Be STRONG.
23. O Lord my God, in THEE do I put my TRUST.
24. I UNDERSTOOD as a child.
25. Ye are of more VALUE than many sparrows.
26. If any man WALK in the day, he stumbleth not.

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28. YEA, before the day was, I am He.
29. The Lord shall bless thee out of ZION. (peace)
30. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
31. He that doeth truth cometh to the light.

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"Man alone of all the animals goes in quest of his origin, and perceiving that the highest good is to be sought in the highest place, looks to his Maker."

Please join us in DAILY MEDITATIONS. Keep your inner visional faculty moving upward. Your consciousness will be illumined, you will know new truths and old.