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CHRISTMAS LESSON

Christmas is the season when anticipations, hopes, aspirations, and secret longings become very present realities. Every one looks with great expectation to the Christmas festivities and many persons give serious thought to the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Birth is a bringing into view something or somebody. Birth may pertain to an idea, a person, a nation, or a world. Even our universe must have been born at some time. For us, the birth of Christ, who is our life, as well as the life of all ideas, nations, worlds, and universes, is most important of all. Christ is the activity of God through whom all things are accomplished. This is Immanuel, or God with us.

The actual birth of Jesus Christ into this world was anticipated and described by the prophets. Isaiah, the prophet with keen perception, announced, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."

Little vitality is present in any one or any movement preoccupied with prophecies. The Kingdom of God is not found in mulling over old doctrine. It is where Christ IS all, and IN all, now, in this present time.

Acceptance and use of the saving, redeeming Christ Principle as a pure, clear concept of man's present working relationship with his Creator, appears as a new-born idea. "Today a child is born." No more is this something to come, to be brought about, or attained in the future. Now is the Spirit of the Lord upon me. Today is salvation come to this house.

Herein is the office of Immanuel, or God with us. Herein is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Here is Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Here is Christ, our life (for to live is Christ), through whom we can do all things. And Christ shall give us light. We deal truly with Him when we are hospitable to His outpourings of life, the ever-present sign of His beneficent activity in our behalf.

The mother of Jesus spoke in terms of the present. "He that is mighty hath done to me great things and Holy is His Name." We find that tone and quality in the pronouncements of Jesus. "I and the Father are one." "O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou didst send me. And I have declared unto them thy Name, and will declare IT; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

All through His ministry we find that tone of self-conscious conviction that all prophecies were fulfilled. Thus He spoke with authority.

You may remember and acknowledge the birth of Christ in you. Your inner eye can open to the realization that there is more to man than his body and something more potent and satisfying than his purely mental achievements. Now can definite assurance cause authoritative speech which rebukes the nobles and elders and you discover yourself so audacious that you lift the Little One in

you to the highest place in your consciousness and see the mighty recede and return, each man to his own house.

See how this Little One calls the faculties into action, stirs up the gifts of God within, and restores all in right relationship. All the departments of being respond in orderly and joyous manner to this new tone, this true tone, this Christ tone. "Joyful all ye nations rise."

For this purpose is the Christ birth reenacted in the consciousness of every individual in the fulness of time. The real nature and character are revealed and whoever believes in and accepts the fact of his own divinity, his own Sonship, experiences the New Birth of Christ.

"Though Christ a thousand times in
Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee, thy
life is all forlorn."

ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mr. H. B. Jeffery is coming to Fort Worth about the middle of JANUARY. It is our pleasure to invite you to attend a series of lectures in Christian Mysticism.

Mr. Jeffery is known to our friends by his writings and former visits in this area. We suggest that you make plans to be in Fort Worth during his series of talks.

Please write direct to us for definite information as to dates, time, and place of meetings.

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
FOR EVERY WEEK-DAY OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER 1941

1. I will see you AGAIN.
 2. BRING glad tidings of good things.
 3. Ye are CHRIST'S; and CHRIST'S is God's.
 4. I say unto you, I am the DOOR.
 5. I will speak of EXCELLENT things.
 6. Our FELLOWSHIP is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.
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8. The Lord is GRACIOUS.
 9. I the Lord ... will HOLD thine HAND.
 10. Call His Name IMMANUEL.
 11. Your JOY no man taketh from you.
 12. KEEP that which is committed to thy trust.
 13. The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you.
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15. Let the MIND be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.
 16. Serve in NEWNESS of spirit.
 17. The windows from ON High are OPEN.
 18. PREACH the gospel of PEACE.

19. The Son QUICKENETH whom He will.
20. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my ROCK.
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22. SANCTIFY the Lord God in your heart.
23. Jesus came and TOUCHED THEM.
24. Tell this, UTTER it even to the end of the earth.
25. God is ... a VERY present help.
26. Christ ... the WISDOM of God.
27. YOUR YOUNG men shall see visions.
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29. They are all ZEALOUS of the law.
30. The Father hath not left me alone.
31. My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me.

In DAILY MEDITATION we should direct the attention of our mind above thinking and above feeling. We have already received the full benefit of what we know. Only in new knowledge is there vitality, and such knowledge comes from the Unknown.

Our feelings are never a safe guide for they change often because they are easily influenced. When the attention is set above feelings, they quickly respond to inspiration from Above.

Look up, lift up your eyes, and see that your Lord is Good.
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THE SHEPHERDS

(From the translation by Ferrar Fenton.)

It came about that while Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time was completed for her delivery. And she gave birth to her first-born son; and, wrapping Him in baby clothes, she laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

In that same district there were shepherds out in the fields, and keeping guard over their flocks by night. And a messenger of the Lord descended to them, and the lustre of the Lord shown round about them; and they became terribly afraid. The messenger, however, said to them, "Do not be afraid: for I come to make known to you a great Gift which shall be to all the people; for today there is born in the town of David a Savior, who is the Lord Messiah. And the token is this: you shall find the babe wrapped up in baby clothes, and lying in a manger." Then suddenly appeared with the messenger a whole heavenly army, praising God, and chanting,

"Honor among the highest, to God, And peace upon earth, to men who accept."

The messengers then withdrew from them to heaven; and the shepherds said to one another, "Come now, let us go as far as Bethlehem, in order that we may see this event which the Lord has announced to us."

They accordingly went with all speed, and found Mary and Joseph; and the Infant lying in the manger. Then when they saw it, they made known the event told to them concerning the Child; and all who heard it wondered at what was

said respecting Him by the shepherds. Mary, however treasured up all these events in her mind reflecting upon them in her heart.

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Beloved of God, greeting:

In bringing forth a new idea or developing a new science; a succession of experiments follow each other in orderly sequence. Many attempts with but slight variation from preceding efforts eventually bring forth the more perfect idea or science.

Countless acknowledgments of the birth of Jesus Christ should brighten the understanding of all people with the Light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

It is not unusual for people to honor a scientist but neglect to understand his science. We recall Diogenes lived in a tub; Newton was thumped on his head by a falling apple; George Washington cut down a cherry tree; Paul Revere rode a horse; Franklin flew a kite; and, Jesus Christ was born in a manger.

Since we have not completely mastered the principles set forth by our worldly great, it is not strange that in two thousand years few have benefitted by a full comprehension of the Highest Science, the Science of Man and his Maker, epitomized by Jesus Christ.

It is not unusual that we have accepted Jesus the Savior while neglecting the salvation of Christ. It is true that we benefit indirectly by honoring him. However, there is more benefit in our mystical relationship with Him than has been generally accepted. Often only in extremity do we trust the Jesus Christ Principle to experience its instant capacity to meet demands.

Let us draw our concept of Jesus out of Bethlehem, away from Calvary, into our own mind and heart. Let us believe on His Name, Nature, and Character, and celebrate the birth of Christ in our consciousness at this Christmas Season. Blessings on you, in His Service,

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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My dear Friend:

This is the month of rejoicing, good cheer, and happy relationships. At Christmas every one sets aside personal differences and, in the zestful atmosphere of giving and receiving, accepts his mission of good will toward all.

This is the year when we may rejoice in our understanding of truth and boldly speak of joy to the world and peace on earth. Every day this month we

can remember to lift our vision upward and see the Good Will of the loving Father manifesting in the lives of all men everywhere. Too, we can bring this realization into daily practice for ourselves and live according to its dictates. Thus will we be giving the greater gift to ourselves, our friends, and the world at large.

When we praise the Most High God for His Goodness toward us, let us add our gratitude for this opportunity to fellowship gladly in the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE with a group of people eager and willing to believe in and live by the doctrine of Jesus Christ.

Every day we shall bespeak a blessing for you in the spirit of loving service and pray that you receive according to your desire. As you receive, may you remember to give toward the ministry.

It is our prayer that the warm love of Jesus and the bright light of Christ combine in your heart and mind to fill you with the Spirit of all that is good, beautiful, and true.

Blessings of peace, blessings of security, blessings of great joy, and blessings of the consciousness of life everlasting be yours, in His Name.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell