

SPIRITICITY December 1942

Beloved of God, Greetings:

Who among you can remember when a Christmas tree was a family triumph. Every member of a family, including the children, contributed something, not alone to the huge mound of many shaped packages beneath the tree, but to the actual trimmings.

Varied talents of each member were allowed full expression and all were provided with materials for artistic creations. Scissors, colored paper, cranberries, popcorn, tinfoil, tinsel, and string were assembled and from the production line there emerged complete and ready for the office of decoration, gay strings of red and white, multicolored paper chains, bright little lanterns, and other ingenious trinkets. Cotton batting was also used effectively.

Artistry and skill of a high order were required in placing in perfect balance among the branches the real tallow candles of many colors. The amateur who failed to make proper distribution in right relation to decorations, tree limbs, and cotton, often completely nullified the efforts of all concerned when the tree was lighted. The final touch was that of placing the large tinsel star at the pinnacle of this tree of triumph.

From baby to grandma, all would gather round to witness this heroic achievement and amid many suggestions from everybody the breath-taking feat of balancing the star would be accomplished. Now the tree was completely decorated and all partook of the glory it shed around about. The indescribable spirit of Christmas was fraught with the spirit of high adventure as each knew his secret contribution would be met with love and appreciation.

The most important as well as hazardous role was usually reserved for father unless someone with more realistic physique was available. A jovial and ruddy countenance was framed with white beard and hair and a bright red tassel-cap topped off a costume of like hue trimmed with cotton. This character immediately inspired the confidence of everybody for he was the one who distributed the gifts.

As each one received his gifts, he had the satisfaction of knowing that his ideas, efforts, and gifts had made the whole delightful experience possible. Each one had the gratification that comes of being both giver and receiver and the children of the group learned early the deep contentment of giving over and above receiving. Not only this, they learned the wisdom and courtesy of receiving gracefully.

As the festivities unfolded in order, the ladies in charge of the more substantial departments contributed cookies of all sizes and shapes: stars, hearts, diamonds, even replicas of Santa himself, and beady-eyed gingerbread men. Christmas dinner was a never to be forgotten revel under which the table groaned with food fit for the gods.

All such outer activities have their component inward phases. The independent variations grow out of an inner stability based in Reality. Our Christmas celebration is but an outer expression of joy in newness. The new birth heralds a flood of supply that is a free gift, readily available to all who contribute to and rejoice in its existence.

May the Spirit of Christ bless you richly in this happy Christmas Season.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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TRUTH WORKS

Every principle in scholastic metaphysics and philosophy can be found in the pure doctrine of Jesus Christ. Because of lack of correct instruction in the doctrine of Jesus Christ by those teaching or preaching in the Name of that doctrine, the inquiring mind is obliged to seek in other fields for satisfaction. So man searches for a solution to the problems of life in realms of science, art, and literature. He has reclaimed rich treasure in these fields but he has not attained the satisfaction he knows is his inherent right.

It is not enough to declare dogmatically that Jesus Christ is the Way of life without giving a reason for belief in the fact.

Neglect or inability to explain the gospel of Jesus Christ to the satisfaction of the sincere seeker after the truth has subjugated inquiring Christians to all sorts of fallacies. The unscrupulous have found a fertile field in the uninstructed mind of the average Christian. In consequence he has been harangued and browbeaten into subservient fear of something intangible and awesome rather than having been enlightened as to the tangible benefits and blessings derived from the gospel.

The average Christian accepts his certain duties to church and community with resignation. But now and again some unusual mind begins to inquire and ask embarrassing questions. Though the obstreperous member be threatened with being "cast out of the temple," the threat does not keep the culprit from asking but it does relieve the church body from responsibility to answer his questions. Other bodies admit free speech and open discussion, but since all such is circumscribed by set form and dogma the questioner becomes confused and lets the matter drop.

For those unpredictable persons who insist on higher and better knowledge there must be something more than religious duty and a promise of future reward. There must be an intelligent explanation of how Jesus Christ is the Way and why God can and does give Good to all who ask of him. There must be a reason for faith declared. There must be evidence of some solution to the problems of daily life which enables any man to do more than bear his burden with Christian fortitude. Jesus Christ said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The teaching of a principle of life should carry with it a solution to the problems of life with such clarity that even though a person might not be able to grasp the abstract principle he would see the benefits of making shining examples of difficult problems. A teaching of a principle of life that does not solve the problems of life must explain itself. If it fails to work it is on the defensive and no amount of accusation toward those who perceive increased life or light can convince such recipients they are in disgrace because they neglect their future rewards for present blessings

The only disgrace is that man neglects his science. Truth works. God works in truth. Whoever asks for understanding of truth will receive his measure of understanding and the reward will be with it.

Anybody may enjoy the privilege of making the gospel of Jesus Christ yield its blessings if he is willing to receive from that source. But in dealing with that gospel he must accept its terms and abide by its laws and modes of operation. The gospel of Jesus Christ comes into consciousness on terms of full possession only, and delivers its rewards now. It does not promise "yet four months and then the harvest." It says, "Behold, I say unto you, Life up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

"I say unto you, What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my Name : ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Look upward, Godward: desire his Good; believe in the active reality of his Good; ask that it be given unto you in the Name of Jesus Christ; rejoice in the full demonstration of God's Good for you IN his Name.

This simple formula will work for anybody, anywhere, anytime. It demands that full attention be directed God-ward and it fulfills its intention toward whoever practices in faith and love of God. In Jesus Christ man will find that which is all-sufficient and effective NOW.

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Dear Friend:

Christmas recurs year after year, each time heralding newness, the beginning or appearance of a previous experience freshly resumed. It is the same celebration, yet not the same in that each succeeding occasion is honored or observed in some special way.

Celebrating the birth of the Savior is but the first phase in entering upon a new life in Christ. We take back or pick up again the thread of our spiritual reality and begin a new cycle. Often new resolutions are formulated in the mind and a renewed determination to fulfill them grips the heart.

If the attention of the mind could be stayed on the High, the new birth experience in consciousness would again and again lift the devotee step by step toward those Heights on which dwells the Father of Lights.

"Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them."

We invite you through the ministry of CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE to be steadfast, constant in your course toward the Miracle-Working Uplands and though you appear to remain in a given place or condition follow the direction of your inner vision until you become a witness to the promises of God for you, his child.

We shall be faithful to our trust as ministers in His Service and shall carry on without interruption the mission designated as ours. In this high purpose we bless you and pray that you prosper and be at peace.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For Every Week Day of the Month

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1. Thou ANOINTEST my head with oil.
2. It is BETTER to trust in the Lord.
3. I have CHOSEN the way of Truth.
4. Be not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER of the work.
5. The ETERNAL God is thy refuge.

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6. FULFILL the Word of God.
7. Thou hast put GLADNESS in my heart.
8. WE are all the work of thy HAND.
9. I AM the Lord your God.
10. To him that is JOINED to all living there is hope.
11. Wise men lay up KNOWLEDGE.
12. In all LABOR there is profit.

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14. MAKE known ... the glorious MAJESTY of His Kingdom.
15. Love thy NEIGHBOR.
16. The Lord is ONE Lord.
17. We are all made PARTAKERS of Christ.
18. In QUIETNESS ... shall be your strength.
19. Your work shall be REWARDED.

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21. He that STANDETH STEADFAST doeth well.
22. God doth TALK with man.
23. He is able to save them to the UTTERMOST.
24. Hear His VOICE.
25. WALK as children of Light.
26. Let not YOUR hands be weak.

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28. Let the children of ZION be joyful.
29. His glory is above the earth and heaven.
30. Praise the Lord; for the Lord is Good.
31. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

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Again we invite you to join us in DAILY MEDITATION and suggest that you keep your vision moving upward while holding the statements in mind. The affirmations do not save, nor does the up-look, but what lies beyond and above these quickens with new Life, illumines with new Light, and fills full to overflowing with new Substance. We bless you in your practice and pray that you receive a rich reward in His Name.

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