

SPIRITICITY February 1944

Beloved of God, greeting:

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE greets you in its capacity as an established and recognized ministry of the Word. The only Truth is that of the Christ and we as individuals, and as a group, have pledged ourselves to be in league with that Christ Truth. This spiritual work, or service, has been active for a period of twenty years in the life and through the labors of its founders.

However, the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE represents more than that, for it is also the tangible expression of many of your hopes and ideals. It has become a treasure house for the friendship, co-operation, and loyalty of the many who have seen the need for an all-spiritual institution.

Such a work could exist only as the result of somebody maintaining a high and steadfast ideal, together with a co-ordinate group firm, persevering, and loyal to the inhering Principle. Because we have given our attention first to the Kingdom of God, evidence of that practice has materialized as good for all.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE knows that each supporter has received innumerable blessings because of the unfailing law of giving and receiving. That each giver has grown in grace and understanding is conceded, and the blessings partaken are part of the heart and life of the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE.

Thus we desire to express our Valentine sentiment and know that as we share every gift or treasure of the Spirit we experience the Love of God.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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WHY LOOK UP?

The eagle is a dauntless, majestic bird. He is remarkable for the power and stateliness of his flight. With wings outstretched, he soars direct into the face of the sun, his whole body pointed in the direction of his objective.

While man is unable to lift his body above the ground by means of wings, he is the only animal with the capacity to look upward and be conscious of what he is doing. He can keep his feet on the ground and let his gaze penetrate the Heights.

Man has been called the uplooker, the upward gazer, but he has neglected his calling.

The act of looking upward is still such an uncommon practice with the majority of people that if a man went about his business with gaze focused on some invisible point in the ethers above his head he would quite likely attract attention.

In the recent past, before the advent of the airplane, looking upward in a public place was so unusual that some practical jokesters would use it as a means of attracting a crowd. One of them would stand at a street corner and gaze upward at nothing in particular. Eventually he would attract a companion whose curiosity overcame his sense of intrusion, and the game was on. One person after another would add himself to the group until a crowd had assembled. Then the original gazer would walk away leaving a gaping throng together, standing and staring into empty space.

The ability to look up is not dependent upon the physical eyes. With eyes closed, a man can direct his inner visual sense to look wheresoever he will: to the past, to the future, to the present; or, he may lift the attention of his mind above these and, like the eagle, soar to realms above. But, unlike the eagle who has to return again to earth, man can keep his gaze transfixed on the Finished Kingdom above thinking and above being.

This is not theory; this is the most practical exercise in which a thinking man can engage. Down through the ages a similar instruction has come from the seers of all countries and of various religious faiths. For example:

"Verily, while he doth not there see with the eyes, yet he is seeing. for sight is inseparable from the seer, because it can not parish." -- Upanishad.

"Without going outside the door, one may know the whole world; without looking out of the window, one may see the Way of Heaven." -- Lao-tzu.

"The internal mind is perceived through the aspect, the gait, the speech, the changes in the eye, and in the face." -- Sanskrit.

"Behold wonders never seen before! Within My body see today the whole world, animate and inanimate, and all things else thou hast a mind to see. But thou canst not see Me with thy natural eye: I will give thee an eye divine. Behold My power as God!" -- Bhagavadgita.

"The soul is no longer conscious of body, ... but when, after having sought the One, it finds itself in His presence, it goes to meet Him and contemplates Him instead of itself." -- Plotinus.

"The soul's homeland is the whole space that encircles the height and breadth of the firmament, the whole rounded dome within which lie land and sea, and where all the sentinel stars are taking their turn on duty." -- Seneca.

"Gazing up into the broad expanse of heaven, Xenophanes declared, The One is God." -- Aristotle.

The teaching is the same, whether found in Hindu, Egyptian, Hebrew, or other scriptures. To us, the scripture with which we are familiar seems more vital and direct. From it we get such instructions as,

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God and there is none else."

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

"Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

With the exception of this call to endure as seeing Him who is Invisible, our scripture deals mostly with man's effort to follow the instruction and the effect such practice has had in developing cooperation with God and His Law.

Hear David crying, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

The Psalmist had discovered the secret of a successful day. This practice is a good way to start the day right. To use an obsolete example, we might liken the exercise to that of a street-car motorman who connects the trolley of his car to the electric wire above before he attempts to start the motor. The principle involved is that of putting first things first.

A right connection with the source of power has to be made before the work of the day can proceed in unerring order.

Much has been said in many languages about the advantages of having good connections, but unless the first, foremost, and only original connection between man and God is set up, all other instructions and practices are futile; they fall null and void into the realm of nothingness whence they issued. All procedure hinges upon this vital connection. All succeeding instructions deal with the operation, or the activity of the Laws within the Principle contacted, and the effect those Laws have upon the operator.

Hear the Psalmist exclaiming, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills whence cometh my help." He is like the wise motorman putting on his trolley. Why does he do this? Because his help comes from the direction in which he makes contact by means of his gaze or vision.

The Psalmist then emphasizes his conviction as to the Nature and Quality of, and the dependability of that help. "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth!"

This is comparable to a motorman explaining that he first put his trolley on because by so doing he contacted the motivating power which flowed through that channel to the motor governing the movement of the car. That power, set into action, takes the car wherever it is supposed to go.

The man who has not made union with Divinity through uplook might be compared to a motorman who was too busy to put on his trolley. Such a man would be classified as inefficient and would probably be dismissed from his job.

But, among men in general, the disconnected, the unenlightened, have always felt perfectly competent to judge the so-called fool who insists on keeping his connection with his Source of supply, or his Power.

Wise indeed was the watcher who said, "Now mine eye seeth thee." He knew that every benefit and blessing came down from the Giver of all good and perfect gifts by way of his vision toward Him. He understood that no one had anything, nor could he do anything, or be anybody, except it were given him by Jehovah.

He needed not to keep his body under surveillance so long as his eye was on the Heights. "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, ... also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before."

Such practice as this is not the negative sort of worship which permits its practitioners to wallow in the sloughs of despondency until they eventually

die in their sins. This is an ever-living, ever-lasting Principle whose creation is like unto Itself. Steadfast vision toward this Source well rewards and beautifies with bountiful blessings.

The God of the upward-watcher has nothing in common with the futile God of popular religion which allows - aye invites - its adherents to die and teaches them it is right to do so. The God of the upward-watcher is oblivious to such foolishness and ignorance.

A man need not feel at all apologetic for subscribing to such a splendid and saving Principle. His neighbor may not see eye to eye with him because his attention is on formula, large buildings, trained choirs, good crowds, and other things which have no power to maintain connection with Originality but which are highly pleasing to the eye of flesh and exaltation of the person.

One need not quarrel with neighbors; neither should one be judged by neighbors. A man's ability to give attention to the Supreme Judge instantly places him on a different, a higher circuit than that of his downward watching neighbors.

Formula, creeds, doctrines, - all are impotent. Words, decrees, affirmations, - all are powerless. Unless the vital, quickening action that results from face to face contact with the Most High causes an influx from the storehouse of Power into the consciousness, there cannot possibly be any truth in anything thought, written, or spoken by anybody. All other communications than acknowledgment of and description of this Responsive Action from the Heights are non est.

Whole states of consciousness fall away before the gaze of the upward-watcher. Hear the prophet exclaim, "The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved." Nothing but God and His creation, in which there is left nothing to ask for or desired. All is oblivion except, "Thou only."

A man comes back from such an experience changed in his nature, tone, and character. He brings with him the power from on High that restores, blesses, redeems, uplifts, and even saves his fellow man. He asks nothing, he says nothing, - he even does nothing apparently, yet his achievements far surpass the mighty efforts of his companions.

"Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch." "Watch ye therefore, and pray always."

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Dear Friends:

I was standing near a large bronze mail box in the lobby of an office building. I could hear a succession of letters dropping with a flop-flop into the receptacle and I got to thinking. As my imagination soared, I thought how the letters first originated. Each one was in response to some idea, either original or induced from another source. And here, beside me, they were falling

joyously into the mail box, where they would wait for the postman to pick them up and start them on their journeys.

Perhaps some of the letters were advertisements; some demanding payment on money loaned; some earnestly transacting business of one sort or another in quite an ordinary way. But you and I know that several letters in that box were filled with love - love for some person far away; or maybe near, who knows?

At any rate, those letters were alive with inspiration, with joy, with assurance of faith. Some recipients would know through face to face correspondence that they were not neglected or forgotten.

Sometimes our consciousness is like that letter box. Messages drop into it from above. Some of these come perhaps from the second floor, others from floors a little higher up, and still others from the highest point - the point of loving relationship between the Father and His Son.

In this Valentine month, the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE will remember you and bless you in His Service.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

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

FEBRUARY 1944

1. ASK, and it shall be given unto you.
2. Study ... to do your own BUSINESS.
3. And He said, CERTAINLY, I will be with thee.
4. DEAL kindly and truly with me.
5. All the EARTH shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

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7. Thine hands have made me and FASHIONED me.
8. The Lord shall GIVE that which is GOOD.
9. O my strength, HASTE thee to HELP me.
10. The Lord shall INCREASE you more and more.
11. JOY cometh in the morning.
12. Be KINDLY affectioned one to another.

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14. If ye be LED of the Spirit, ye are not under the LAW.
15. Wilt thou be MADE whole?
16. Ye shall ask of the Father in my NAME.
17. By the OBEDIENCE OF ONE shall many be made righteous.
18. Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS.
19. They came to Him from every QUARTER.

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21. The RANSOMED of the Lord shall RETURN.
22. He that is greatest ... SHALL be your SERVANT.
23. I have walked in THY TRUTH.
24. Lord, I believe; help Thou mine UNBELIEF.
25. Let Thy Word be VERIFIED.
26. I have WAITED for Thy salvation, O Lord.

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28. YEA, He loved the people.
29. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God in ZION. (peace.)

To reflect on some statement of Scripture is tonic to the soul. In no other way can newness be experienced so quickly. The mind and body freshen in the light of what has been considered. We invite you to join us in DAILY MEDITATION.

Blessings.