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## ASPIRATION

By Alden Truesdell

SOONER or later each one will find himself isolated with his own Lord and his own God, to find that his God is the One God. This is man's destiny - the purpose for which he came into being.

"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth," Jesus said.

That Truth which He proved is that God, His Father, is One God, that man is God's son, that God and man are one. The purpose of man's assignment to "watch and pray" is that he may become aware of this spiritual oneness. Man may know he is a son of God; he may be conscious of Christhood.

Many are the methods used by men to bring them back to remembrance of the land whence they came and the nature of their Progenitor. The best method we have learned is that of attention. But man is talkative; so he uses many words to help him in his spiritual restoration. He calls these words "statements of being" and uses them as reminders of the reality of his Spiritual Origin.

Sometimes men speak of this restoration as "getting spiritual power." But we can see that, if there is One God and that One is all power, then only that which is in right relation to that One can have any power. There is the promise, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you." But when that takes place, one is so empowered as to be overpowered. He becomes a unit in the One Power.

This gives us a rather different approach to the saying that the least in the Kingdom is greater than the greatest in the world. Being fortified by this merger with Power Itself, this least one is united with all power in heaven and on earth. The world itself is then seen to be but a symbol, a shadow, of That which is Real.

The statement "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" has been clarified over the years. The discovery of an actual, seemingly physical, location for the Kingdom of God was a tremendous realization. The finding of an inner chamber at the center of one's own being is all but overwhelming. Almost immediately the statement "Christ in you, your hope of glory" takes on vital meaning.

After this inner Entity is revealed, long seasons and sincere sessions of silence follow. For one needs no convincing that this Identity in him is greater than any whom he has met in the world. But this inner Identity seems to be so oblivious to the world that the seeker does not see how Its greatness can be applied to world problems. Yet he is so absorbed by the inner spiritual phenomenon that world problems are remote. And somehow they seem to be taken care of by whoever is running the show out there. Every time the seeker looks out, the problems have changed and the picture is different.

The trick is to keep the inner connections set up. Then the outer changes things for the better. The spiritual computation begins to add up and clarify. The consideration of the ways of this do-it-yourself spiritual system uncovers the following:

"The Kingdom of God is within you."

"Seek ye the Kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."

"All things work together for good to them that love God."

When a man turns his desire and affection toward God, he begins to become a new creature. He is liable to discover an entirely new way of life, different from the old routine of existence, that man is born in sin and must strive to attain merit worthy of reward. He does not become obsessed with his animal ancestry and his accidental uplift from that base. The Oneness and Spirituality of God, who is All-in-all, offer an entirely different approach to the understanding of the life of man. This approach requires discipline and dedication, just as mastery of any principle requires discipline and dedication. It discards all the former theories that have been considered of value.

The inkling that man receives of a cooperative Divinity is truly all-absorbing, all-demanding. One becomes as eager to follow up his spiritual search as was Paul when he said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The pressing on is the aspiration requisite for keeping contact. And this could be compared to a pensioner's establishing his eligibility.

Emerson, we remember, claimed to be a pensioner of God. He said: "I place myself in an attitude to receive, but the energy comes from realms I see not." So are we now all pensioners of this Energy which comes from Realms we see not and so should we all be about the business of establishing our eligibility, our spiritual security. We may not have a spiritual security number, but each one does have a name by which he is known to the All-knowing, Over-brooding Deity we call the Father.

But even after we have attained much by establishing our eligibility for the divine pension, we will not have attained fully. For the time is coming and is at hand when we shall be given a new consciousness and in it a new name. Now are we as remittance men in a remote country; then shall we be endowed with, and know, the name we are known by in Spirit and in Truth. We aspire then to know as we are known - to see, to know, to do, that which we see the Father doing.

In that time we shall cease to be pensioners. We shall be inheritors, sons and heirs in full possession of our inheritance incorruptible. The One God delights in giving His children all that He has.

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## CHRIST IN YOU

By Robert Applegate, Jr.

THE KING JAMES translation and most of the modern translations of the Bible obscure the central place that "Christ in you" has in the message of Paul. Translators, being scholars, have been unreceptive to such an idea and have often avoided the obvious meaning of Paul's words. "Christ in you" is the center of his teaching.

Paul says of his own conversion that God "was pleased to uncover His Son in me." Later he wrote to the Corinthians: "The Son of God, Christ Jesus, who is in you, who was proclaimed by us, by Silvanus and Timothy and me - all the promises of God are fulfilled in Him. ... He is not weak towards you, but is powerful within you! ... Do you not know your own selves - that Jesus Christ is in you?" Paul calls his message "the Good News of the Christ."

There are two words which Paul was particularly fond of which carry the same idea. One is endunamēo; it means to be powerful within, or to empower. So we can translate Philippians 4:13: "I have the strength for all things in Him that empowers me." And in Ephesians Paul says: "Be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His Strength." To Timothy he wrote: "The Lord stood by me and was powerful within me."

The other word, which Paul uses even more frequently, is energeo, which means work in. (From this we get our word "energy.") So he says: "He that worked in Peter for the Jews worked in me for the nations. ... It is the same God that works all things in all men. ... It is God that works in you to desire and to work in (you) according to His pleasure. ... To Him that is able to do over-abundantly above all that we ask or intend, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory among the believers!"

It is especially in Colossians that Paul emphasizes "Christ in you." This is because someone had been telling the Colossians that they needed something more than Christ, that Christ in Himself was not enough. So Paul wrote: "Look out! and see to it that no one leads you prisoner through philosophy, ... according to the materialistic reasoning and not according to Christ; for in Him actually lives all the fullness of Deity, and you are filled full in Him. He (Christ in you) is the source of all power." Paul sums up the Christian teaching neatly; he says: "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you will be revealed as being with Him in the Spiritual Realm."

From this Paul draws a surprising conclusion. He says: "Put to death, therefore, your members that are earthly: ... uncleanness, passion, harmful desire, and graspingness which is idolatry." This is an unexpected conclusion; yet it is logical and inevitable. Everything that we truly want is in Christ. And so everything that distracts from Him must sometime be discarded. The sooner, the better.

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## GOD'S PURPOSE

By H. B. Jeffery

JESUS KNEW things that no man could teach Him, for He hearkened to the Eternal and received His instruction There. God is ever whispering to Man secret knowledge and instructing him in the ways he should go.

As we touch the Hearing Principle, we find that the ears are open not only to the common sounds about us, but also to angelic voices. We receive instruction silently, secretly, in the ways that we should walk. For everyone of us is a special product of the Divine Creator. There are no two human beings alike, and there are no two persons having the same purpose in the world. We all have our own significance in the eye of the Eternal; we all have our own purpose. The Infinite Wisdom of God never brought forth anything that He had no intention of using. We are here as the instruments of the Almighty, created by Him for His purpose - not for our own. If we can realize that and know that, we will find that His purpose can become our purpose, that each one has a particular talent waiting to be exercised and expressed. You have a special reason for being. The Divine has a particular idea for you.

Mind is immortal. We are not creatures of time and sense. Man is immortal; he is not mortal. God created man in His image and made him after His likeness; and God is eternal: from everlasting to everlasting, the self-created, the self-sustained. So man, the image and likeness of God, is not a creature of time and sense.

You are a son of God. His Breath brought you into life, and His Spirit sustains that life. As you keep your eye single, you will behold the Principle of Life all roundabout you, you will find that there is a science of it, an application of it in all walks of life, in all purposes that you have.

God works in the NOW- the Eternal Now. There is no past nor future to the Divine. It is always Now with God. When you learn that and see that you live in an Eternal Now, you will have no fear of the action of time upon you.

Some people live in fear. They are so afraid that they feel they are going to lose their mind. But they can't lose their mind. There is only One Mind and that is the Mind of God. So they haven't any mind to lose. It is God who works all-in-all and thinks all-in-all in man. God thinks by means of man, works by means of man's consciousness; He uses man as the instrument of His purposes. God is the Principle of Intelligence. You cannot divide a principle or separate a principle into parts.

There is only One Intelligence. Jesus knew this. So it was said of Him that in Him were hidden "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

The Scriptures say: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God"- not ask of some other human being, not ask of books or of schools, but let him ask of God. The instruction is within us. The Principle of Knowing is there. It will stir if we are constant in our attention to the Divine, if we remember that we are always in Him and He in us. We live in a universe of consciousness, not of matter. The Kingdom of God, which is love and joy and peace and strength and harmony and wholeness, is all about, waiting our recognition. It is ready to

respond and to serve us; for God created man for Himself, to use to manifest Himself.

God works in you and through you to will and to do. If you keep your eye single on the Divine, you will learn of His Will, and know what it is that He wishes for you to do. For He is ever whispering to the inner man and calling him and telling him: This is the way; walk in it.

"It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom"- to give you all that there is. For He withholds no good thing from them that love Him. Do not ever believe that the Divine is withholding something from you, that He is chastising you, that He is trying to bring you into line for something you have done. We find people that think that way, and that is what is the matter with them - the reason why they suffer. They are not in good grace with the Almighty.

But God is not concerned with man's ignorance and foolishness. His eye is too pure to behold iniquity and He sees no evil. He sees only what He has created, for He knows that what He has created is all that really IS. "Thus saith God the Lord, He that created the heavens and stretched them out; He that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it: ... There is none beside Me. I am the Lord, and there is none else."

In reality there is nothing besides that which God has created. Man lives in an hypnotic state, moving about in the formulations of his own imagination. He thinks God created the dissension that he sees, but God had nothing to do with it. All God's creations are good. There is no evil in any of them; there is no hurt in any of them; there is no pain in any of them. There is no cause for sickness or weakness in any of the things that God has created. So we will not accuse the Divine of those things which the foolishness of man has formed. But we will hearken to the Voice that speaks to our souls. Always It speaks in wisdom, in goodness, in beauty, showing us the way of order and harmony, the path of light, the way in which we should walk. "I will shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

I have seen many who have been turned away from that which they had been doing into new paths of action and accomplishment. I have seen them doing things that they never dreamed they could do and never thought of doing. I have seen men lifted out of mediocrity and set in high places. I have seen authority and executive ability awakened in them: the power to direct and to see what others could not see. I have seen men come into a business in which they never had any training and take over. They showed more skill and more knowledge in the conduct of the business than those who had been working in it for years. God works instantly; His Spirit knows no time.

When some people have felt the touch of the Divine, they have been stunned. They did not know what hit them. They wondered what was the matter with them. It was just that the Divine had stilled all the false activities of their consciousness. It then opened a new order, a new knowledge, a new vision. They went out into the world doing new things.

And so we salute the Father, the Giver of life and breath to all creatures, the Creator of heaven and earth. We attribute to Him all knowledge and power, might and majesty. For His is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory.

Unto Thee, Father, we lift our eyes in conscious contemplation, forgetting not that Thou art ever present, that we face Thee at every turn, that Thy Light shines upon us eternally, that Thy Light is life and love and joy and peace and health and harmony, for ever. We salute Thee, Father of Light; we acknowledge ourselves as sons of Thee. Thou hast honored us with our being. Thou hast put Thy Name upon us. Thou dost lead us in the ways of righteousness and of power and of joy and of peace. All hail, Father of Light, Giver of life, Giver of peace. All hail! We salute Thee all day long.

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A LETTER

Received your letter today, and the October paper. Many thanks. I can see why you had the reaction you did to my letter, having already tried the "social way" in your work and having found it unpleasant. I can see that your way of ministry is unique; it is powerful and is immediately felt by one's just being at your place. Your ministry is not something that you won't see realized - it will come to be seen as well as felt.

I just wish you'd record your Wednesday night lessons to give us something to go by. Your explanations are so wonderful and should be available to more people. So few ever get to come to the classes and, for me, one class a year certainly whets my appetite for more instruction.

It's funny, but when a person really has something it is not necessary that he show it; e.g., the people here in Puerto Rico who have \$'s for the first time can't wait to make a big splash: big house, big cars, big deals; and they are run after by the people you wouldn't care for anyway. It is the same with what you are doing; you don't have to make a big organized show of what you have to teach - your time can be used much more wisely.

I sincerely hope you record your teachings; they can be put into book form some day and be the guide line for more people in the future. ... Blessings and love,

-Betty Bland

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## ENLARGE YOUR CAPACITY

By Nell Truesdell

I LIVE in an old-fashioned house. In winter the rooms are heated by gas heaters of various sizes to meet the requirements of each room. The largest room has the largest heaters of course.

This thought occurred to me: If the largest heater were installed in the bathroom, it would not only take up precious space but also supply heat out of proportion to the room's dimensions. Conversely, if the smallest heater were installed in the largest room, its capacity to give off heat would be inadequate. All the heaters are mechanically perfect; the gas supply is the same for all; but one heater is designed to give off more heat than another.

May we not use this example to point up a truth: that God - the Principle of Perfection - endows mankind with talents that are complete; however, each person must enlarge his capacity to let a talent express itself fully. God provides the gift; man, unlike a mechanical device, may set the limits of a gift's expression through him. One person may claim to have a certain talent, and let it lie latent in his consciousness. Another may willingly put himself through the rigors of enlarging his capacity so that his talent rewards him bountifully. One may blame God for not working through him; the other may praise God for permitting him to make himself a channel for his talent to express itself in its perfect way.

Nobody becomes a success in any field of endeavor until he concurs with the demands of that field. While some persons appear to reap unmerited rewards they are few compared with those who have never bestirred themselves to become acquainted with the special talent with which they were endowed from the beginning of their existence. This is the birthright which, sadly, many sell "for a mess of pottage" because they are too lazy-minded to prepare themselves sufficiently to meet the demands of the perfect gift that would express through them to their advantage.

I have a message from a 56-year-old woman who recently began a study of oil painting. She has sold two paintings: one for \$100 and the other for \$500. Before she registered for the course she felt that there was nothing for her to do but vegetate. But once she started, she applied herself so diligently to the principles of painting that she is already a success. She has opened her capacity to her already perfect talent and allowed it to express through her. She is not only happy in her success, but most grateful to God for allowing her to prove herself in this way.

Remember this: God has already provided you with a perfect gift. You may not yet know what it is. But if you will earnestly ask God to help you discover it, and then apply yourself diligently to the rudiments of its expression in you, it will reward you handsomely. God will not do the work; that is your privilege.

Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
for every week day of the month

FEBRUARY 1964

1. ACQUAINT now thyself with Him and be at peace.
3. Come BEFORE His Presence with thanksgiving.
4. Seek His face CONTINUALLY.
5. God is my DEFENSE.
6. EVERY man should ENJOY the good of his labour.
7. He FILLETH the hungry soul with goodness.
8. It is GOD that GIRDETH me with strength.
10. All men should HONOUR the Son.
11. I know Whom I have believed.
12. Let us make a JOYFUL noise unto God.
13. We KNOW that the Son of God has come.
14. LABOUR not for the meat which perisheth.
15. He MAKETH MY way perfect.
17. Hold fast My NAME.
18. ONLY believe.
19. Thou wilt show me the PATH of life.
20. Make me of QUICK understanding.
21. I have hid Thy RIGHTEOUSNESS within my heart.
22. God is my STRENGTH.
24. Blessed is the man that TRUSTETH in the Lord.
25. The highway of the UPRIGHT is to depart from evil.
26. Pay thy VOWS unto the Most High God.
27. WALK in the Spirit.
28. Thy YEARS shall have no end.
29. Where is thy ZEAL and thy strength?

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

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