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Beloved of God, greeting: All Things New

If, during the past year, you have felt with us a new and vital change within and above the customary consciousness, we rejoice.

The only benefit derived from reviewing the past is that of being able to check progress made. The present is all-important. "For this cause came I unto this hour." In this hour we receive and utilize the good news of a positive, vital Principle, operative and effective NOW. "Now are we sons of God."

The progress all of us have made during the past year has been in exact ratio to our ability and willingness to believe in and receive the Good. The progress we make in this New Year will be in like proportion. Some will accept more, some less. But to each one who desires to unfold his spiritual prerogatives will be given according to his faith. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name."

To those who seek this goal all things will be added. To those who seek things shall be given according to their faith .

"Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."

We pray that these Lesson-Bulletins will inspire you to determine in your heart to know the things of God. "Behold, I will do a new thing." "Behold, I make all things new."

Blessings of new achievements and new exploits be yours, and the joy of the Lord which is strength abide with you forever.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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YOUR CHOICE

By Nell Truesdell

The test of a true teaching is its vitality. Can it withstand the lustings of the world, the flesh, and the devil? Will it endure by its own nature? Is it complete in itself, or does it look to the world? Is it supported by its own radiance, dependence upon, and practice of itself; or, does it turn to the help of man?

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not the popular religion. Institutions which purport to represent His Gospel really idolize Jesus the man and teach the story about the man.

Worship of Jesus the man can be likened to a field of plants wherein bulb, sprout, stock, and bud stand in awe of the plant among them which had blossomed and brought forth fruit. Whereas, each plant would be better off attending to its own business of growing and bearing good fruit instead of trying to reflect, or even attempt to appropriate, the bloom from the one that had done the necessary work.

Works and truth go hand in hand. Works follow truth wherever it is practiced. The worshippers of a personal spirit are always looking for some one to come and do something for them. The Jews were looking for a Messiah and were so determined in their belief that He come in some future time they were unable to recognize Him when He was in their midst.

We say we should not do as they; yet, we reject constantly those things which have a tendency to magnify His teaching but which deflate the personal ego. Jesus stated clearly: "I am come in my Father's Name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?"

There seems to be no doubt in the mind of the race that this man was the appointed Savior of this race. But the only salvation He can effect for the race is through its willingness to be at one with Him and His doctrine. "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honor from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you."

These words resound through the ages and ring in our ears today as a challenge. Only one choice will bear the heavenly reward. The right choice - who will make it?

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the teaching based on the Word of Jesus Christ, is the only teaching worthy of consideration. Such teaching carries its works with it. You will find a strength and a vitality emanating from any ministry based upon the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the man of full stature, the man in full bloom in the Garden of God, bearing the first fruits of the Father. We are to take our gaze off the suffering, sorrowing Jesus and set it toward the Risen, Victorious, Christ-Empowered Jesus.

Whatever we imagine about our God impresses itself on us and makes us dissatisfied with ourselves. We are instructed again and again to "Declare His glory." This is the time when only those who call on the Name of the Lord shall be delivered from identification with the conflict in which all others on earth are engaged.

There is a vast difference between talking about God and His Good and practicing the Presence of God and His Good. And that difference is your individual choice, your God-given prerogative in this New Year of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOD, THE SUPREME

"John bare witness of Him, and cried, saying, This was he of who I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me."

But the One of whom John spake said, "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me." "I am not come of myself." "I do nothing of myself."

Both John the Baptist and Jesus did works that made their names so outstanding that they are to be revered all the days of all generations.

Some people in this time feel that too much attention given to God can, in some manner, detract from personal glory and accomplishments. Just the opposite is true. The Man who came not in His Own Name accomplished works none other was able and attained glory and honor never before equaled and never since duplicated.

This Man revealed the very secrets of life and opened the understanding of other men that they too might comprehend the Scriptures and know the truth. He invited all who would listen to come and partake of Reality and His only stipulation was "Believe - only believe."

His directions were simple: "Watch and pray."

Such simple instructions are not to the liking of egotists and sophists for all credit is placed where it is due and every man receives his rewards in ratio to his believing and watching. We can assume that the most steadfast believer or the most intense watcher is entitled to and receives the greatest reward. Yet, every reward is for the profit of all.

This example will clarify the proposition: A sailor in the crow's-nest of a ship is able to see the shore much sooner than the rest of the crew and passengers. His presence in the crow's-nest and his advanced knowledge is for the protection and benefit of all. Too, he arrives at port along with the others.

Many cults, sects, and religious zealots believe they possess a creedal God who will save their particular congregation and dispense with all others by the very neat process of dropping them alive into a lake of fire. Such devotees know neither the manner of spirit they are nor do they understand the nature, character, or power of God.

Is God impressed by any threat against the evil doer? "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked."

If Jesus Christ, doing God's will, came not to judge, condemn, or punish, but to save, then all dramatic proclamations wander far afield.

One of the symbols of Spirit is fire. As we analyze the properties of fire we see how it attains the dignity of symbolizing Spirit. It is all-consuming, it is a blessing, it is a vital activity, it tempers that which is useful, and it purges that which is useless.

The fire that symbolizes higher powers and finer ethers of fulfillment for him who aspires to spiritual restoration, might be a dreadful purging to him who insists that the only reality is material and the only action mental.

But God is Love and His all-consuming Love takes its own to itself and tempers all things to its use and steadfast fulfillment of its divine intention. God is Love out of which intelligence emanates as light from fire.

God, like fire, is always the same, yet always changing. Some instructed in the High Watch see nothing new. But soon they will distinguish things spiritual from things mental when their aspiration and vision are toward the Father's house. "I am the Lord, I change not." "Look unto Me." "Only believe."

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DEFENSE

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

We went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands;

Sing forth the honor of his Name: make his praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy Name.

(Adapted from the Book of Psalms.)

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Dear Friend:

According to our calendar, we enter a New Year. At the beginning and during the period of the year 1942 we shall resume and repeat previous beliefs and practices. We shall also enjoy countless opportunities to accept new

beliefs and practices that will influence our lives and affairs, producing far-reaching benefits.

The most powerful belief in our mind pertains to God. What we think about God becomes a habit of mind that demonstrates as a conviction. Fortunate indeed is he who thinks well of God, who knows that God is Absolute Good, without variableness or shadow of turning.

The entire period of our year will reflect our deep assurances of Reality. It is a wonderful opportunity for all of us who practice the Truth. We can add to, increase, augment our consciousness of the Good and witness its demonstration in daily affairs.

The simple rule of action is this: "Look unto Me." "Look up." Lift the attention of your mind above thinking and above feeling. Let it soar toward the Heights, its natural resting place, and it will reward you with all the gifts of the Spirit, without measure.

We of the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE will send forth our daily blessing in your behalf. We invite you to unite with us in spiritual association that all might be strengthened in the inner man and encouraged in every endeavor. Your support of this work will return in rich blessings of new understanding, new mercies, new life.

May you carry the peace that passeth understanding in your heart throughout this year.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
for every week-day of the month.

JANUARY 1942

1. The glory of the Lord APPEARED unto ALL.
2. BEHOLD, now is the accepted time.
3. Peace, with them that CALL on the Lord.

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5. Let us not be weary in well DOING.
6. I will EXTOL Thee, my God, O King.
7. Guide our FEET into the way of peace.
8. GOD is GREATER than man.
9. The Lord is at HAND.
10. Out of IT (the heart) are the ISSUES of life.

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12. We seek to be JUSTIFIED by Christ.
13. Come unto the KNOWLEDGE of the truth.
14. LAUNCH out into the deep, and LET down your nets.
15. The MEEK will He teach His way.
16. With God NOTHING shall be impossible.
17. OVERCOME evil with good.

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19. PREPARE ye the way of the Lord.
20. When He giveth QUIETNESS, who then can make trouble?
21. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to RECEIVE glory.
22. Ye cannot SERVE God and mammon.
23. TAKE THEREFORE no THOUGHT for the morrow.
24. The law is good, if a man USES it lawfully.

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26. Be a VESSEL unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's
use, and prepared unto every good work.
27. Both hope and quietly WAIT for the salvation of the Lord.
28. Lay up for YOURSELVES treasures in heaven.
29. Where is thy ZEAL and thy strength?
30. I will ASCRIBE righteousness to my Maker.
31. He that hath a BOUNTIFUL eye shall BE BLESSED.

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Daily communion with God is a privilege everybody can enjoy. Whoever looks to God is casting his lot with the Good, for whatever we look toward gives of itself. And God IS Good.

We know a great blessing is being poured out on all who lift their vision upward. The inspiration of God fills the mind and heart of all who dare look to and trust Him.

We invite you to join us daily in this practice and we pray that your MEDITATION be on Him who does all things well.

To The Seeker After
Health, Happiness, and Prosperity,

GREETING:

"What can I do to co-operate with my treatment?"

This question is frequently asked by patients. In attempting an answer, let us consider why a person asks for help. Usually he does so because some condition of body, mind, and environment is unpleasant, even intolerable, and there must be a change; relief is sought.

If the patient goes to a healer, it should be for the purpose of being healed from disease or disturbance. Because a seeker has outgrown dependence upon other forms of obtaining relief and has turned to contact true spiritual restoration does not alter the fact that he is subscribing to a system or method of attaining comfort.

That this system was established from the beginning by the All-Knowing and Everlasting God of the Universe only makes it more effective and there for, actually, it is the only true healing agency.

Let us examine the process involved in the more popular method of healing. If a person suffers an ill or ailment, he goes to a doctor in whom he has faith, explains his disease as he sees it, is examined, receives a diagnosis he sees it, is examined, receives a diagnosis and, no doubt, a prescription for medicine. The patient does not insist that his physician explain the entire theory of material medica; neither does he demand to know what ingredients compose the medicine. He would trust his doctor to prescribe the best possible medicine for the quickest and most complete relief.

"How can the patient help the doctor?"

By having such confidence in both doctor and medicine that he obeys all instructions and takes his medicine expecting it to do its perfect work.

Just so does the element of FAITH enter into spiritual healing. Not faith in the physical appearance of the healer, but faith that this particular healer is able to subscribe to and prescribe the true spiritual tonics.

Frequently the healer is asked, "Shall we think good thoughts?" The answer is, "You will, if the treatment you are receiving is truly spiritual."

God gave man a Spirit like unto His very own Spirit. God made man's mind and body, and God's Spirit knows best how to maintain and sustain the works of His hands. There will be no studied "good thinking" or "good acting" but there will be a natural and spontaneous delight in going about thinking and doing good.

There will be times when thinking seems to cease. There will be times of mental stimulation. These will be the effects of spiritual healing; not aids in themselves. Good thinking is good practice. Good acting is good practice. Whatever is good is GOOD.

Some practitioners do mental healing and accomplish good results. Some do physical healing and are apt and efficient in their profession. Some do true spiritual healing that restores wholly, not in part.

"How much does the patient pay for healing?"

We know sufferers of illness who have paid and paid but have received neither relief nor healing. Those who do physical healing charge by the visit, or the case. Certain systems of mental-healing-practice charge by day, week, or month - or, charge by treatment. Such charges are usually \$1.00 a day (or treatment), or \$25.00 a month. This seems reasonable where the healer is sincere and diligent, assuming that the laborer is worthy of his hire.

Spiritual healing has long been identified with free will offerings, or the sense of loving appreciation in the mind and heart of the patient making itself manifest in a gift of value. Free will offerings for spiritual healing should not be confused with the practice of reserving small change in the purse for religious purposes.

The reason a true spiritual healer hesitates to put an exact price on spiritual work is because such work is priceless. Spiritual healing is not merely relief from physical pains and aches, or freedom from mental disturbance, or financial distress, but is a complete restoration and redemption of the whole man in mind, body, affairs, and estate.

By comparison, consider this: If you were to pay four or five hundred dollars for an operation on your body, what price would seem fair for a complete restoration in spirit, soul, mind, body, affairs, and estate?

Would not such service be valuable? Spiritual healing deals with treasures in heaven and gifts of the Spirit. These treasures and gifts are priceless.

A true healer is seldom occupied with the business of collecting. He sends no monthly bill, nor will your account be turned over to a collection agency. But years of experience have proved to the true spiritual healer that those people who actually esteem his services will show their appreciation in substantial ways. And, those who do, go on to receive more and more of the priceless gifts of healing, wholeness, happiness, and prosperity. Such is the Law of the Spirit.