

SPIRITICITY January 1943

Beloved of God, greeting:

What will you have in your New Year? The word "new" brings up mention of new deals and new world orders, future victory, and winning the peace. Such considerations are indicative of a general or universal movement in the direction of future development for the world, but, what will you have?

Your New Year is like a clean sheet of paper upon which you write whatever you are capable of expressing in words. If you write in conservative, popular vein, the world will say, Amen! and go merrily upon its destructive business of glorifying wars and rumors of war; of rendering unto Caesar temporal power and the power the temporal always assumes.

But, if you place upon your paper the sincere conviction that temporal power is no power; that there is no other power but the Divine Power of Love and Peace, the world will say you are a pacifist, an isolationist, a traitor to the cause. It appears you must become an enthusiast in favor of destruction in order to be a good citizen.

If you speak from your heart you will say: My God is a God of construction and my nation is His charge. If God is with us no man can be against us for long. The nation that retains its Spirit is a spirited nation that stands steadfast and goes forth conquering and to conquer in, by, and through the Name of the constructive God, His strong Son, and His instructing Spirit.

God has seen many wars and known many warriors, but His progress has continued. Any works of man beginning with God shall succeed. So, what will you have? What is the name to be written on your New Year?

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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GOD IS SPIRIT

We have heard the words, God is Spirit, many times. Before we are conscious of anything, we have to think about it. While our thinking seems to produce the things, the fact is the thing thought about existed in its essential elements long before we began to think of it.

God, in all His perfection, has always been an established fact. Our thinking about God does not create God, it simply aids us to formulate our concept - to get an idea of - and provides a body for the Formless.

Right here is where we begin our misconceptions of God. In order to think about Him we provide a form. In order to think of God in any degree the mind becomes active and utilizes whatever knowledge it possesses.

The knowledge dearest to the heart of any human being is that about himself. To each one of us God is a glorified edition of our self, as we understand and possess knowledge about our self. To think of God as we think our self is to misconceive Deity for, until we know better, we think of our self as mortal, human, possessing emotional, mental, and physical characteristics.

But man is not a material being. Man is the image and likeness of God; he is good as God is Good. God's announcement is, Behold, it is all very good.

Man's thought about God and himself, however, is a mixture of good and evil and he colors or translates everything he considers in the light of this mixture. Man sees through a glass darkly, but God's eye is too pure to behold iniquity. Man misjudges God, himself, and his fellows because he refuses to learn the truth about God. God is Spirit, said Jesus. Man has no excuse for he has been instructed but he has not yet learned.

Man cannot think without form, yet that about which he thinks is without form in its purity. The next best thing then is for man to think the highest thoughts possible to his individual mind. When he does he comes to know that every idea comprising God-Mind will flow into his consciousness when he recognizes his origin that he too is Spirit as God is Spirit. "Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in me?"

There is only one objective in Spirit and that is to bring forth perfection. This is man's guarantee to health, wisdom, prosperity, and happiness. Man is healthy, not because of any system of healing, not because of any name he has named while in forgetfulness of wholeness but in his ability to cooperate with that which IS, to turn and look directly into the face of this unaccountable fact. If ever there seems to be an unhealthy condition it is because man has recognized, or thought of, less than his original Source, the very Spirit of God.

It is unprofitable for man to look to people and places for instruction about this essential to his demonstration of Good. The instruction has already been given; - God is Spirit. There is none good but God. Seek first the kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is within you.

As the sun in the heavens draws a plant into fullness of growth so does the Spirit of God draw man unto unfoldment of his ordained and destined stature where the measure of God is the measure of man. "I am the vine, ye are the branches." Together vine and branches bring forth fruit. As the vital essence flows up through the vine into its branches, so life-giving rivers well up from within man's own nature. As the plant's vision is steadfastly held in the sun's grip, so man must repudiate all recognition that tends to obstruct the clarity of his original perspective and, girding his loins with truth, be obedient to his original dictate, "Look unto me, and live."

Frequently high ideals are subjugated to desires for personal power and efficient organization. Whatever distracts man's attention becomes his god and that god dispenses according to it's limitations. Knowing this, man withdraws his support from all things that make for partial success, partial health, partial happiness, and tells them to "get thee hence."

What is your motive? What are you trying to get from whatever or whomever you are giving your attention to? Is God, Good, Spirit, the cause? If the motive in you is love of God, and the Cause acknowledged to be original and pristine Goodness, there is no dis-ease. Where true health of mind (motive)

and body is, there is well-being or prosperity. It is natural for man to experience health and unnatural for him to be in any degree of disease. This follows for all the attributes of God and their expression in man.

God being Spirit, man is a product of Spirit.
God being Life, man is alive forever more.
God being Love, peace and harmony are fundamental ingredients in man's nature.
God being Wisdom, man is full of good judgment.
God being permanent, man is substantial.

Whatever God is man must reflect. Christ in God and in man is the activity of life, love, wisdom, and substance which ushers each man into the presence of his particular and specific good, the "light that brings every man into the world."

It is true that thoughts in man's mind cause the Good to express and manifest. It is also true that thoughts keep that Good from dwelling among us. The manipulation of thought in an effort to overhaul bodies through personal tours of inspection is not man's highest cooperation with the Good; neither does it produce a true state of well-being (prosperity).

The thought that works most efficiently is that thought which comes of taking no thought. It is the thought that comes from lifting the attention of the mind above thinking and above feeling where one stands in spellbound amazement before the majesty of God, utterly unable to think, yet consciously aware of an activity which has caused such startled cries as, "How hast thou glorified me!" "My help cometh from Jehovah!" "Now I know that the Lord, he is God!"

Whatever elaborate claims have escaped from startled onlookers through the ages the same Lord has stood by and has doubled the claim, "I am all that and more."

As you look upward toward your God, you may receive abundance of life, health, strength, protection, provision, happiness, for God is the measure and the fulfillment of Good. And the spirit of God in you answers, "Yes, I am all that, and more; look unto Me!"

God is not a person having form. God is Spirit, all the essence of Good, and you may receive your measure of Good through the Spirit in you. The measure of your concept is the measure of your blessing. God IS SPIRIT!

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Dear Friend:

Our calendar reminds us that we are entering a New Year. But the student of truth is always standing on the threshold of newness because every experience is the beginning or appearing of some previous act, relationship, or thing. With each recurrence or repetition different aspects are revealed which had not previously been distinguished. At the time of contact recognition will have begun anew and the old experience appears in a new light.

All experiences then are but reflections of that with which we are familiar; remembrance of them presents them for re-examination. If the attention is trained toward the Heights, rejection of what is unprofitable and acceptance of what is beneficial takes place in divine order.

The following excerpts from our Scripture might inspire all of us to rearrange our point of view by centering the attention of the mind on God and the things of God.

Sing unto him a new song.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

I will sing a new song unto thee, O God.

Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare;

before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Behold, I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth.

Thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

Behold, I create new heavens, and a new earth.

His compassions fail not. They are new every morning.

I will put a new spirit within you.

Make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die?

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:

old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name is written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE stands for that which is new, good, beautiful, and true. We invite you to fellowship with us during the year 1943 and share in the benefits of grace and truth realized. Blessings to you and to all, in his service.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATION
For Every Week Day of the Month

January 1943

1. The New Agreeth not with the old.
2. I Am the Bread of life.
4. My Cup runneth over.
5. In Due season we shall reap.
6. Everyone shall receive of Thy words.
7. The Father is with me.
8. Godliness with contentment is Great Gain.
9. Is not my Help in me?
11. The Spirit maketh Intercession for us.
12. Teach a Just man, and he will increase in learning.
13. God is of great Kindness.
14. Lead me in thy truth.
15. At that day shall a Man look to his Maker.
16. Maintain good works for Necessary uses.
18. Set thine house in Order.
19. Every Prudent man dealeth with knowledge.
20. Quench not the Spirit.
21. Thou bearest not the Root, but the Root thee.
22. Be ye Strong.
23. Ye are Taught of God to love.
25. Uphold me according to thy word.
26. Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God.
27. Wisdom is better than Weapons of War.
28. I remember . . . the kindness of thy Youth.
29. Ye are Zealous of spiritual gifts.
30. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father.

You may enjoy daily communion with God. This is your privilege. God gives richly of himself to anyone who will look toward him and wait expectantly.

The DAILY MEDITATION serves to keep thoughts of the mind in order while the attention is lifted On High. We invite you to join with us in communion and we pray that you readily receive his blessings.