

SPIRITICITY JANUARY 1944

Beloved of God, greetings:

Our Happy New Year wish for you is not really a wish but a prophecy whose time has come. The motivating principle with which we deal enables us to declare with assurance a New Year under grace and in perfect ways for all who have been friendly and loyal to that principle, our God.

The treasures in heaven, treasures of life and strength, will not be changed by a violent world. These spiritual commodities will remain the same, yesterday, today, and forever. These health-giving qualities will be, without a doubt, incorporated into the life of God's children in the coming year.

We bespeak protection, with full comprehension of the infallible nature of the impregnable God in whom you and your loved ones have being.

We bespeak provision with the conviction that when the children ask for bread, it is bread they will receive. There will be no substitutes, no makeshifts, for nothing is too good for the Sons of God.

We invoke and expect no less than the best and the most for you and yours. So, when we declare for you a happy and prosperous New Year, we speak with the divine assurance which expects and accepts only reports of vital life, vigorous strength, impenetrable protection, and prolific provision.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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CONSCIOUSNESS OF LIFE

A traveling Evangelist spent a Sunday morning in one of our local theatres describing to his audience the kind of bodies they would have after they died and had gone to heaven. The people were delighted to have these reports of future glories.

We are wondering, however, how this man came to be an authority on the subject of the future status of men; how he knows what they will look like after they die. How would such a minister, who should be a godly man, explain the statement of Jesus Christ, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death."

It is possible the Evangelist would say that the statement is just a figure of speech, probably a misinterpretation in translation; that any person preaching about the gospel of Jesus Christ in this time must make allowance for such discrepancies.

However, let us go to another statement made by Jesus, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

The gospel of Mark reveals Jesus instructing his disciples that even though they had left all they valued in the world in order to follow him, they would receive "an hundredfold now in this time, ... and in the world to come eternal life."

Why then, did Jesus Christ speak of the life in this world and of the life to come?

The life to come is the life which comes NOW as "we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

When? Here and now - today - whenever we turn the attention of our mind upward and search for him with all our heart. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Throughout the entire life and teaching experience of Jesus Christ we can find no authority for the teaching of life being a reward for death. Such a doctrine would compare with saying that health is the reward for sickness; that a person must be sick in order to be blessed with health. This is ridiculous. Yet the belief in heaven after death, or because of death, is an ingrained teaching that clings tenaciously in the consciousness of man. We touch upon it simply that we be healed of this error.

We can see, after giving the subject fair consideration, that we could not consistently teach, or even conceive, of a God of life who inflicts upon his helpless creation a doctrine of death. This doctrine, like reincarnation and karma, has become man's stock alibi with which he excuses his reluctance to face life right here and now, in this present time. Man is prone to procrastinate, and he casts about for excuses and reasons for doing so.

If a man's religion does not provide excuses for this weakness, he searches until he finds one which does. Therefore, we cannot wholly blame any religious body for encouraging these comforting beliefs when the people love them so dearly.

We insist for ourselves, however, that if we consider ourselves ministers of the doctrine of life, or the gospel of Jesus Christ, we should be untrue to our God and his Messenger if we compromised by adding anything to or taking from his instructions.

Do you recall how Hezekiah, after being threatened with immediate death by Isaiah the prophet prayed to the Lord in earnest and, after clarifying his consciousness through logical reasoning concluded, "Thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back; for the grave cannot praise thee; death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise thee as I do this day."

It is customary for "young" truth students to want to know all about life after death before they are willing to give any attention to life minus the concept of death.

Life knows no death for it is as eternal as God; it is the very activity of God by whom and in whom we live and move and have our being. We should go direct to life itself and learn what we must do to have more awareness of life.

There are many passages in Scripture, spoken in moments of divine inspiration by humble men who caught glimpses of reality, that tell us whence life comes.

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

The way of life is above to the wise.

As the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

To get more life we simply look to the Source of life. We acquaint ourselves with the equipment we already possess by which we know we are alive

and are to continue to enjoy the expression of that life. We become steadfast in our gaze toward the Source until the manner of knowing is revealed.

Like most of our free gifts, life takes on added value as there seems to be a possibility of losing it. However, after our interest is aroused, it often centers not in life itself, but in that which would apparently take life from us.

Frankly, we should not care to feel that interest in our lessons or attendance at our meetings was due to fear of the loss of life or a belief in a future reward through such loss. Rather, we choose that those sincere souls to whom we minister, come to the uprising of this ministry because of a love for life itself and a desire for a more abundant life right here and now.

We could talk of reincarnation, karma, and a future reward and attract many with itching ears. But we should be unfaithful and untrue to our ministry, for we should be talking of nothing and administering nothing. Such teaching would not be the ministry of the healing, freeing, prospering word of Jesus Christ.

Unless the word is spoken from a clear realization of the eternality of life, the word will carry no healing balm and actually may be injurious to the susceptible. If we desire more consciousness of life, we must look to the Creator of life who knows no separation from or lack of life. Too, life itself is positive, constructive, and creative.

A man is not alive who has one eye on the present span of life as being limited to a given number of years and the other on a problematical reward for losing it at the end of the allotted time.

The positive, vibrant, healing life which Jesus talked about and which he exemplified is constantly flowing to the wise who look to the heights. It is as a river flowing into the waiting consciousness. It heals, harmonizes, purifies, restores, and redeems. To know this is to have the degree of understanding which is a well-spring of eternal life.

Man does not live. Man is lived by life. Man is lived by the activity of God, which is Jesus Christ, and by the Holy Spirit, the working power of that activity of God in the life and affairs of men that is the very breath of the Almighty which makes man a living soul. The Lord is the life of man - your life, my life.

Many times, this Holy Spirit living men, goes contrary (seemingly) to what men want to do. It appears to be adverse to what men think they want; so, men are advised to agree with the adversary quickly. If they do so, affairs suddenly go right, without strain, stress, or struggle.

"Acknowledge him in all thy ways." Obedience to him grants immediate results. Understanding this practice, man sees there is no limit to what he can accomplish. He also sees that it is not he who accomplishes. Jesus promised that we should do the things he did and greater, but to get such results we shall have to work the way he worked.

The greatest work Jesus did was to demonstrate the efficacy of life over and above the seeming processes of death. "I am the way." "I am the life." "Follow me," he commanded.

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Dear Friends:

The word new carries the meaning of having been made but a short time, having originated lately; recent; fresh. We speak of the New Year of 1944. We

talk of new joys, new things, new relationships. Anything that is in some condition, position, or relationship but a short time is considered to be new.

The opposite to new is old. We apply age or oldness to things, relationships, and even to our bodies. But a sense of the outer body as being old is quite erroneous, for this natural body is seldom more than seven years old. We shall speak in generalities, but the underlying idea will be understood by all truth students.

The boney skeleton is renewed entirely during a period of from five to seven years. The flesh upon that frame is renewed much more often. Our body really is in a constant state of physical youngness.

The blood in the body carries the life element; it is not our life; it conveys the precious principle without which we should cease to be alive. Some interesting facts concerning the blood itself - which is not the life - might help to clarify our consciousness of error.

Blood is a supporting tissue. The adult body contains between five and six quarts of the precious stuff. This semi-liquid bathes all the tissues of the body between three and four thousand times in twenty-four hours, supplying them with oxygen, food material, and relieving them of waste products.

The number of red corpuscles in the adult body is fairly constant, being about 5,000,000 per cubic millimeter. Every thirty seconds approximately 300,000 new red blood cells are manufactured and the blood stream courses through the entire body every twenty-three seconds.

The life span of a single corpuscle is from ten to forty days but after its work is done it is not wholly lost. The precious hemoglobin and iron are broken down and stored in the liver for future use.

Oxydation of tissues regulates the body temperature. We are in a constant process of smouldering, or burning.

If all this amazing procedure is the normal order, in which we take no conscious part nor direct in any way, who are we to lay upon ourselves the burden of age when the whole physical process is designed counter to the idea.

And think of the wonder of the Spirit which utilizes the blood as a transporting agent by which it touches every cell and fibre of our being countless times daily. Should we not resolve during this entire year to know newness of life every moment? Should we not rejoice that this life is a free gift, without money or price? To have it more abundantly we need only acknowledge it.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE will stand steadfast in the fact of the eternality of life. We shall be glad to have you know this truth with us and, if you should waiver, we are ready to sustain and support you through His Word.

Blessings to you, each and all, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

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

JANUARY 1944

1. Behold, I make all things NEW!

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3. I will praise Him AMONG the multitude.

4. I said unto thee, Ye must BE BORN again.

5. Receive the Kingdom ... as a little CHILD.

6. This DAY will I begin to magnify Thee.

7. ENCOURAGE him, and strengthen him.

8. Have FAITH, and doubt not.

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10. Thou hast GIRDED me with strength.

11. Let Thine HAND HELP me.

12. He endured, as seeing Him who IS INVISIBLE.

13. Wisdom is JUSTIFIED of her children.

14. The Lord show KINDNESS and truth unto you.

15. Come unto Me, all ye that LABOR.

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17. The MERCIFUL ... shall obtain MERCY.

18. The Father knoweth that ye have NEED of all these things.

19. OBEY the voice of the Lord OUR God.

20. The fashion of this world PASSETH away.

21. I will come unto thee QUICKLY.

22. Hast Thou not RESERVED a blessing for me?

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24. In the SHADOW of His hand hath He hid me.

25. I have TRUSTED in THY mercy.

26. Humble yourselves ... UNDER the mighty hand of God.

27. Ye are of ... VALUE.

28. Why reason YE among YOURSELVES.

29. The ZEAL of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

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31. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving.

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We invite you to join us in DAILY MEDITATION for through it we know you will come into a fuller realization of the words selected from Scripture. You bless yourself with the words. We should be happy to have you one with us during this first month of the New Year.