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Beloved of God, greeting:

Looking to the world and the race and magnifying the appearance of things, no matter how beautiful or desirable, will not cause any measure of satisfaction, and will perform no miracles.

Living with God is a miracle. Eventually every man will express and enjoy Life within himself. He who delights in the realm where he finds himself will be open to new wonders, new glories of living and of life. "In my Father's house are many mansions."

The consciousness of where one is, is God. David was amazed to discover that wherever he went he found God; down in the depths of consciousness, or up in the heights. Where shall I go to escape the Spirit? he asked.

At least once during every man's life, he comes to the realization, though vaguely sometimes, that he and God are all there is. Many of the things of the Spirit are foolishness unto him; but eventually he will have to admit that everything is dependent upon God.

Man exists in God; lives, moves, and has his being in God. God, being Spirit, man is a spiritual being, the image and likeness of what God thinks Himself to be.

Man, trying to live outside of God, is worse off than a fish out of water because he is thinking and believing a lie. No matter what thousands of others say about it, those thousands dry up like fish out of water, because they believe they are separated from God, who is their very life.

Take the wings of the morning and open your eyes to the Presence of God with you, here and now.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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WHAT IS IN A NAME?

A Principle, to be effective, must be carried through to a proper conclusion. Any Principle has within it the law which motivates it, and the law carries its own results. When one forgets the Principle with which one is dealing, and transgresses its law, results are harsh. It then seems as though the Principle is angry with the offender and is meting out punishment.

Whoever discovers "the way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath," tries to continue on the way until he arrives. He is willing to give his high science its heaven allotted time for fulfillment.

A scientist in any field must pursue his science. He must be willing to do any research work essential to his understanding of that science, no matter

how long or arduous. He investigates his science until he and his work become so identified that he becomes the personification of that science. Whenever you think of Albert Einstein, you associate with him the science of higher mathematics, particularly the theory of relativity. It is difficult for us to think about Thomas Edison without an immediate association of that name with electricity.

Certain names always bring to mind outstanding accomplishments in some particular field. Lincoln symbolizes wise statesmanship and humanitarianism. John, the Apostle, symbolizes great love for his Master. Jesus Christ symbolizes the Son of God, and brother of man.

Each name that has gone down in history contains its own achievement, presents and represents an accomplishment, or a quality, to the race and to the world.

Many names represent phases of truth or reality or spiritual science to the race. Some of the names with which we are familiar are: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Job, and on up to the Name Jesus Christ and his disciples. Each name in the development of spiritual consciousness in the Hebrew and Christian traditions represents some outstanding quality, trait, or achievement.

While there is much instruction, information, and even inspiration in the history of each person bearing an important name, of more consequence to us is the science each name represents.

The name Abraham represents the power of mind to reproduce its ideas in unlimited expression.. Abraham had the capacity to obey the Lord to the extreme of leaving a familiar country, his homeland, to make his abode in a strange land. Here, his progeny increased tremendously. If Abraham had not obeyed his Lord, he could never have known the assurance that he was being guided by Him, nor would he have become "the father of a multitude."

The name Moses brings to mind the picture of a scientist who spent forty years in the wilderness preparing himself for his divinely ordained work. Eventually, he was prepared and when he came forth to emancipate the Hebrew race, he brought with him the concept that the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob were no longer three tribal Gods, but One God of all the tribes; henceforth to be known as the Lord, or Yahweh.

Mighty achievement and wise activity is associated with the great Moses, but there must have been moments in his experience when he questioned; too, there must have been times when he felt that any period spent away from communion with his Instructor was unprofitable.

Moses is not only an historical fact in the history of the race, but he is also representative of something which takes place in every consciousness when any person chooses to become free from ignorance, superstition, slavery, and other Egyptian-like ruling powers.

Moses did not consider forty years too long a time to spend in preparation for a work of such magnitude as his. In contrast today, we observe some people who are perfectly willing to take over and conduct every sort of spiritual activity under the sun on very short notice and with no attention given to preparation. This, of course, is unwise.

David is a type in history who, in youth, daily communed with the Lord and reflected divine love. While David remained innocent, unspotted, he knew something greater than kings, something wiser than kings' counsellors, something that instructed and helped him, something that protected his flocks from wild animals.

David companioned with this something which, to him, was a real Presence, and during solitary days and lonesome nights, he brought forth his doctrine. Rulership of the people was gradually withdrawn from the head (will) symbolized by Saul, and transferred to the heart (love) symbolized by David. His childlike obedience and simplicity won for him a place among his people, which in the history of his nation, was never usurped by any who followed him. When Jesus Christ eventually appeared, he fulfilled in the consciousness of all mankind the ideals symbolized by David.

Every truly spiritual character has at some time or other isolated himself with his science. The spiritual characters of Scripture were not prone to exercise much intellectual activity. Rather, they were witnesses, recorders, reporters of what they saw and heard from above and from within. And the race went on to live out what these brave and wise men reported.

Elijah made a report to the race that pushed its spiritual development forward in one great leap. He was a rough and ready prophet of the 9th century B. C. He fled into the wilderness from the wrath of Jezebel and hid himself in a cave. And there the Lord revealed that He was not in the strong wind, earthquake, or fire; He was in the still, small voice within heart and mind.

Elijah moved rapidly to a more spiritual concept of God. Until then, he had known God only in unusual happenings; now he was losing his superstitious view. He learned the lesson that a man entered the Kingdom of God as a little child, and he was among the first who gave this lesson to the world.

Amos, an 8th century B. C. prophet, was an amateur so far as religious leadership goes. But then none of the great prophets were professional religious leaders. By profession Amos was a herdsman and dresser of sycamore trees. His long hours of vigil guarding his flocks from the lions of the desert gave him the thought that Israel was likewise menaced by the lurking lion of Assyria. He felt he must warn his people and recall them to God.

One of the greatest ethical statements of human history was first proclaimed by Amos: privilege involves corresponding responsibility. Because he declared that God expects more from men who have the larger opportunity, he was banished in the name of church and king. But his writings (which otherwise might never have come into being) continue to emphasize the Righteousness and Justice of God who requires that His people manifest these attributes.

Hosea, a contemporary of Amos, gave to his people what is probably the sublimest revelation of God we can find anywhere in Scripture until Jesus uttered the parable of the Prodigal Son. Hosea's wife was unfaithful; she left him heart-broken. Eventually she fell into slavery, but her husband redeemed her and brought her back into his home. In this tragedy of his own life, Hosea understood the heart of God and placed emphasis on the Divine Mercy and Love of God toward mankind.

Micah, appearing out of the hill country of Judah, a peasant, was so stirred by the wrongs and oppression of his class by the wealthy that he gave to the world one of the best definitions of religion. (6:8) "He hath showed thee,

O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Isaiah, born in Jerusalem, of wealthy and cultured parents, chose the unpopular career of prophet. In a vision in the temple he became aware of the Majesty and Holiness of God. And for fifty years, with this great vision in his heart, he tried to keep his people's vision and faith on the Lord.

Jesus, born of humble parents, and brought up in humble surroundings, was so fired with his doctrine of Love for God that he gave to the world the greatest commandment yet uttered among men. (John 13:34) "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Each name throughout Scripture represents a phase of truth and a promise of truth. The Name of Jesus Christ represents the collection of all decrees and promises brought into individual fulfillment of truth. In the New Dispensation, Paul is the person around and about whom were gathered all the qualities of the early Christians.

Much desirable wisdom has been brought to bear upon the modern versions of truth. We are now in a dispensation of this new unfoldment, individualized and all-encompassing. No doubt, from this age some name will appear in the future to stand out with the strength of a Samson, the compassion of a Jesus of Nazareth, and the indefatigable ability to minister of a Paul.

This will not manifest as a new religion, but will be a culmination of the inherent religious attitude in man co-ordinating with man's scientific experiments and findings. It will not confine itself to one man, or one group; it will be the Creator of many glorifying Itself again in man.

This all-encompassing ministry will not originate in the halls of fame in the world, but will come as a thief in the night, from within, from above, to descend upon some unheralded shepherd, some obscure carpenter, or some ragged street urchin. For God chooses the weak to confound the mighty, and that which is despised to the dissolution of that which is established.

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Dear Friend:

Do you ever feel that you are at the mercy of others? Do not try to get them to give you an opportunity to prove yourself. Rather, get them to co-operate with you. Often in our efforts to please others, we irritate them beyond endurance.

But any time we allow anybody to help us, to express and expand himself in some gesture of kindness toward us, we gain a friend. For, the other fellow, like ourselves, enjoys doing something really constructive to help his fellow man.

Human emotions are unstable, unreliable. They are like a sea, calm one hour, choppy the next. Whenever anyone tries to adjust himself to somebody's emotions, he is in for a difficult time.

If there is any friction at all between you and some fellow-associate, relax, let go. You are easier to get along with then. Too, you soothe irritated personality that is going through some unknown development. And soon all friction disappears.

People really appreciate kindness, understanding, just the same way you do. If you are under obligations to another who appears difficult to get along with, forget yourself and cease your desperate attempt to adjust yourself to his demands. Lift your inner vision above your associations; set your heart on High. Many times, the few moments devoted to such practice prove to be salvation from otherwise impossible situations.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE is with you in Spirit and in Truth. Blessings, in His Name.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

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

JULY 1944

1. Call ... this AN ACCEPTABLE day to the Lord.
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3. In the BEGINNING was the word.
4. He that is CALLED ... is CHRIST'S servant.
5. DELIGHT thyself in the Lord.
6. The Word of God EFFECTUALLY worketh in you.
7. FEED my sheep.
8. GOD is with men.
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10. HONOR and majesty are before HIM.
11. INCLINE your heart unto the Lord.
12. He is excellent ... in JUDGMENT, and in plenty of JUSTICE.
13. His merciful KINDNESS is great toward us.
14. The LORD shall be thine everlasting LIGHT.
15. Behold, God is MIGHTY.
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17. NOW we live.
18. OPEN you the wisdom of heaven.
19. Blessed of the Lord ... be the PRECIOUS things of the earth.
20. I have ... QUIETED myself, as a child.
21. The Lord hath REDEEMED my soul.
22. They that be wise SHALL SHINE.
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24. His TRUTH endureth forever.
25. Keep ... UNSPOTTED from the world.
26. Be thou VALIANT for me.
27. WE WAIT for light.
28. Take my YOKE upon YOU, and learn of me.
29. Ye are ZEALOUS of spiritual gifts.
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31. The Lord bless you and keep you always.
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A word is a symbol of an idea. The words in DAILY MEDITATIONS offer a variety of symbols, the meanings of which will add to your understanding of the things of the Spirit.

Please join us in prayer, for we shall be remembering you daily.

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