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Beloved of God, greeting:

Frequently we feel incompetent. Many times our efforts seem useless. Everybody at some time or other arrives at the place where they feel like giving up. Often we as truth students after months, and years, of study and practice of the Principle, find ourselves to be right back where we started, little better off and apparently having learned nothing at all.

Every spiritual aspirant has experienced this let-down feeling. Even the disciples after three years of intense training with the Master of Light and Life made a direct turn-about. Simon Peter said, I go a-fishing, and his companions said, We also go with thee. This they did when the works of their Teacher and their own efforts had seemed fruitless.

But just a little further along, just around the corner as it were, a newer, fuller experience and concept of Life and their work awaited them. They were themselves to see the object of their affection after His exercise of complete mastery over the worst the race and the world could do to Him.

So, keep on keeping on. Be true to Truth. Truth will not let you down. The seeming letdown is really the forerunner of the uplift.

Therefore, we go upward and forward, conquering and to conquer in the Name, by the Name, and through the Name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours,  
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Show Forth God

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No one has ever plumbed the depths of God yet many seem to speak with authority regarding Divine Principle. Each one who speaks lays emphasis upon some divine quality. Each one has a name by which he identifies God and only this one and the Father knows that name.

Every expression of God contains a perfect gift, or talent, tone, or quality of God. Each one is destined to be and to show forth his own particular gift.

We have records of many who have been quite successful in showing forth their talents to the credit of their Creator. But we have on record only one man to date who was able to come into the world and here live and express the perfect symphony of life with all its phases coordinating.

Though we might speak with the tongues of angels and know all doctrines and all sciences, though we might stand in our own lot, upon our own holy ground and sing our particular song, we should still have need of remembering and acknowledging the work which was done by Jesus Christ. For it is only by

considering Him and His works that we gain the true perspective of our God-nature.

To Jesus Christ his meat was to do the will of the Father. He went about doing good so aggressively that He was called the Lion of Judah. Yet He was so gentle in His practice of lovingkindness and justice that he was also called the Lamb of God.

Speaking for God, He said, "Come unto me, for I am meek and lowly in heart." But to those who tried to advantage themselves or exploit others, he said, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." "Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father will ye do. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

Jesus Christ knew exactly what He was doing. He was always in command of every situation. He was always victorious in His vigorous ministry for good. He was not in any wise subject to the bondage of the average man. He was thoroughly de-hypnotized even though tempted in all points as we are. He knew the flesh to be unprofitable yet He did not struggle with the fleshly nature. He accepted it as His garment which He could put down or take up. He was always sure of His ground because He knew the ground upon which He stood was holy. Each one may stand upon this ground if he will.

One of the first convictions that comes to the man who seeks his origin is that the world knows little or nothing about truth. There is likely to come a time in his ongoing when he feels rather isolated with his truth.

Nearly everything and everybody seems to be either opposed to truth or to be seeking in order to attain some ulterior purpose. Right here is the opportunity for a man to declare his good intentions, make a master stroke, and leave the world to its own devices. Such an one makes the decision to live by the Spirit and walk with his Lord.

After this, much opposition disappears and he finds he is in the world but not of it. He is able to walk through former highways with the realization that the world was created for him to enjoy, express himself in, and work in where before he had trudged heavily with pack on back.

This one is unfettered and unbound. He recognizes and acknowledges the work of Jesus Christ and the meaning of His comforting assurance, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Having disposed of his bondage to flesh and fear of the world he becomes more and more interested in his own innate potentialities. He comes to himself. He studies that most interesting of subjects -- "my - SELF."

Many of the early religious leaders kept diaries in which they recorded their various reactions to experiences. Too much of this personal self-analysis is not profitable, of course, but at least it is a beginning. Continued concentration upon that all-absorbing subject reveals the wisdom of the instruction, "Man, know thyself."

Attention fixed in any direction causes the objective lying there to reveal its nature to the witness. Man becomes like that to which he gives his attention. Giving attention to himself he becomes aware of an inner department of that self which coordinates the whole. Giving attention to that which caused him to be enables him to be that which he was intended to be. He perceives a

nature within which is above and beyond the physical and mental man. This nature has been called "the Kingdom of God within you." It has been called "the inner man," "the man of the heart," "the Spirit of man," and other names.

Whatever has been given to man is in man. Discovery of this has caused man to cry, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made!" When he utters this realization he has discovered the land whence he came. He sees this to be the Rock whence man was hewn. One describes it as "mine integrity Rock within me." A department of man is revealed which is forever unknown to him whose gaze is transfixed downward and outward. It is all foolishness unto him.

However, by giving attention to this inner Integrity, it becomes the only reality, the City of Zion, the spiritual home of spiritual man. Every thought of man comes forth from here. Here man learns meanings of life which go far beyond his present concepts. Here he breathes the finer ethers and finds mystical meanings within his lessons of the Law.

Here man is indifferent to the body of flesh and his body becomes clothed upon with new, healthy, radiant substance. Here he becomes indifferent to the world and the opinions of people, and the world yields to him its increase and the people love him for his innate likeness to their own cherished and probably half-forgotten ideals.

Letting loose of the world man receives a bright, new shiny world to play in. Freeing his friends and relatives, they are returned to him with a new interest in him and in themselves. Letting loose of the ponderous body of flesh he discovers his body of light. Becoming indifferent to supply new avenues of provision are opened up and old channels are healed up.

Whoever desires to seek in this direction for those fantastic places and things called "utopia," "the fountain of youth," "the philosopher's stone," or "Magic powers," will find all these to be the natural heritage of spiritual man. Here he is likely to see where some have misused and abused spiritual prerogatives but this is no excuse for him to do likewise.

He may see where knowledge of Spirit gives power over the world, the flesh, and the devil. But by correct cooperation he sees the spiritual reality which these various departments symbolize. Then, knowing the manner of Spirit he is, he simply stands with his lights burning and his loins girt about with truth, and announces to the world at large that there is only God and His manifestation of Himself, that man is spiritual, free as God is free, having all he needs, and that man may enjoy his heritage even as God enjoys giving the Son his divine riches.

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We INHERIT relatives!  
We CHOOSE friends!  
We ATTRACT neighbors!!

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Dear Friend:

I was walking along a deserted road one bright sunshiny day and all of a sudden I missed something. I cast about, wondering what it was I felt was not with me, and suddenly I became aware of the fact that there was no shadow by my side or ahead of me. I even looked back and there was none. Then I glanced toward the sky and realized that it was high noon.

How we miss the shadows when we can't see them! We feel suddenly deserted without them, suddenly quite alone. But when we think about it, we must admit that the shadows we love so much are actually nothing at all. They are the nothing which appears to be something.

Jesus Christ put all shadows under his feet - and kept them there. The shadows of fear, desperation, self-love, hate, loss of friends, sickness, even death. When the hour is high noon, there are no shadows; they are clean dissolved by the light from above. This is a good thing to remember.

Keep your shadow under your feet. Make it your footstool and it will serve you well. Adjust your sights so that you may always be aware of the Son on High shining toward you to engulf you in His Presence. Make Him your companion instead of the silhouette or shade of yourself.

We of the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE will consider this lesson and continue to remember His Light which lighteth every man coming into the world. Won't you fellowship with us?

Lovingly yours,  
Nell Truesdell

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Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For Every Week Day of the Month

June 1943

1. Let every man wherein he is called, therein Abide with God.
2. In the Beginning was the word.
3. Ye are called in one hope.
4. Thou art my Lord . . . in whom is all my Delight.
5. Love Endureth all things.

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7. Ye also are Full of goodness.
8. He is Greatly exalted.
9. Christ in you, the Hope of glory.
10. Put on Immortality.
11. By works man is Justified.
12. Ye have Known Him that is from the beginning.

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14. With Lovingkindness have I drawn thee.
15. Marvellous are thy works.
16. New things do I declare.
17. What is your Occupation?
18. Wisdom . . . is first Pure, then Peaceable.
19. Quietly wait for salvation.

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21. I will Restore health unto thee.
22. I am the good Shepherd.
23. Speaking The Truth in love, grow, into Christ.
24. Unite my heart to fear Thy Name.
25. Hear the Voice of the Son of God.
26. By Works Was faith made manifest.

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28. Thy Years shall have no end.
29. He hath a great Zeal for you.
30. Stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

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We extend a cordial invitation to you to join us in DAILY MEDITATION. All who are faithful to the practice have received rich rewards and report continued expansion in all departments of living. Blessings.