

IT SHALL BE GIVEN

By Robert Applegate

"WHEN THOU doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly."

To desire outward recognition for the gift or service we give is in effect to deny God. It is to reject the promise that the Father sees in secret and rewards openly.

And what is this reward? We are reluctant to say, "Thy Will be done," for we have a sneaking feeling that God's Will for us will be something rather unpleasant. Yet the whole teaching of Jesus Christ is that what God desires for us is far better than anything that we can desire for ourselves. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. . . . These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. . . . These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. . . . I have declared unto them My name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou (righteous Father) hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Life, joy, peace, love - is not this what we want? Is there anything else that we want than to possess these gifts eternally? Is not this what God is trying to give us?

And the way to get is to give. As the hermit Antony said, "Life and death are with our neighbor." Nobody knows how many millions of dollars Bernard Baruch has given; he does not know himself, for he has frequently not let his left hand know. Yet, as he says, "I will always be a dollar ahead." And "those things that should accompany old age, as honor, love, obedience, troops of friends" - he has in large measure. He has given in secret; and the Lord has rewarded him openly with wisdom, wealth, honor, and contentment.

If there is one thing that I can say that I know, it is that the law "Give, and it shall be given unto you" is unfailing in its operation. Not only have I seen it in my own life (whenever I have been able to rouse myself from my lethargy and self-centeredness), but it is obvious on every hand. It is a part of the Universal Law that operates on all planes (mental, physical, social, political, spiritual) - the law that for every action there is a reaction in the opposite direction that is equal in intensity. What you give out you will get back not from the one to whom you have given, but from somewhere else, because you have given. The law has no respect for persons, for justifications, for intentions; it works automatically and unfailingly.

If there is some situation you want healed, something that you greatly desire, some person you cannot get along with, see what you can give, what more you can give - secretly. Try it.

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FATHER

By Alden Truesdell

FEW BOYS of today could be made to believe they are being raised to be fathers. And few fathers ever cease to be boys.

During a brief period in the early growth of the child, the father is the big man who knows all things and can do all things. This is dad's heyday, but it is prolonged only by the arrival of more of the young believers into the family. The terrible day arrives when the children become skeptical. On that awful day they realize that dad does not know everything.

Fatherhood is an accepted experience in the growth of males. And though having a father does not completely satisfy the desire for hero-worship on the part of offspring, still it is of great value to them.

There are times no doubt when every father would be delighted to have superhuman powers joined with an unlimited supply of the world's goods. And men who are conscientious in their fatherhood work hard to achieve an approximation of these goals. Here the smart man cultivates the quality of Wisdom that puts him in touch with the All-knowing Heavenly Father - the One responsible for the entire set-up, and the only One capable of making everything come out right for all concerned.

As children, all of us longed for our father to be able to supply all our demands and fulfill all our desires. Most of us exercised this longing through incessant asking, when the signs seemed right and the parent in a good humor.

To know that there is a Father in Heaven who cares for us and whose pleasure it is to give us His Realm makes for a new quality of character in the man who so knows. To look to, and to depend upon, that One Father - as one would depend upon an earthly parent - makes for an entirely new way of life in the world, a much fuller and less restricted way of life. To be entirely dependent upon That which alone is entirely dependable simplifies human life in all its phases.

Should a man be entirely dependent on God? Whether he should or not, he is; for he could not live an instant without God. When the Father makes His ways known to the obedient son, the more rapid the response, the more promptly the spiritual services are given.

When a parent calls a child, it is usually for the purpose of caring for it, feeding it, or offering it some special service. And so it is with the call of the Spiritual Parent. Jesus, the Son of God, intimated how continuous are the gifts of the One whose resources are limitless and whose ways and means are innumerable.

"Son, thou art ever with Me, and all that I have is thine."

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THE TEACHING OF JESUS

Paraphrased by Nell Truesdell

JOHN, Chapter 12

(SIX DAYS before the Passover, probably A.D. 30, Jesus with His disciples came to Bethany, where He had raised Lazarus from the dead. Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, had prepared a supper. Martha served and Lazarus sat at the table with Jesus. Mary, to show her devotion, took a pound of costly ointment of spikenard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair; the heavy perfume scented the house.)

(Judas Iscariot - the disciple who was to betray Jesus - complained that the precious stuff could have been sold for a good price and the money distributed to the poor - not that he cared about the poor, but that he was the treasurer, and a thief. Jesus reprimanded him by saying:)

---- Let her alone; should she keep it for the day of my burial? You will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ----

(When the Jerusalemites heard that Jesus was in Bethany, they went there in droves, curious to see Jesus and also Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead. When the chief priests saw the crowds flocking to Jesus, they decided that they would have to kill not only Him but also Lazarus; for, because of Lazarus, the people in increasing numbers were believing on Jesus.)

(The next day, the Jews who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover heard that Jesus was coming from Bethany and went out to meet Him. In a festive mood, they carried branches of palm leaves; and, as He rode into the city on a small donkey (as had been foretold: Zechariah 9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.), they cried out: Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord!)

(At the time, Jesus' disciples did not understand what was going on; but later, when Jesus had been resurrected, they remembered the things that had been written about Him. Meanwhile the people who had seen Jesus raise Lazarus spread the story and attracted ever larger crowds to Him.)

(Anxiously observant, the Pharisees said among themselves: You plainly see that we have no power to stop this adulation. Look! the world is running after Him!)

(Some Jews who lived in Greece had come to worship at the feast. Being interested in Jesus' teaching, they approached Philip and told him that they wished to meet the Teacher. Philip told Andrew; then, together, they told Jesus. He answered:)

--- The time has arrived when the Son-of-God-Idea in man must be exalted. Truly I declare to you, Unless a grain of wheat sink into the earth and cease to exist as a single grain, it remains unproductive. But if it pass away, it produces much grain. He that is concerned about his human existence shall be deprived of it; and he that is repelled by a temporary worldly existence shall

transmute it into eternal Being. If anyone wants to be like me, let him obey me; for the obedient person shall abide where I am. If any person obeys me, he will be accepted as worthy by the Supreme One.

---- My feelings are at present tormented. And what shall be my response? Supreme One, rescue me from this appointed time? No. I moved toward this assignment for one purpose only. Supreme One exalt Your Identity. ----

(A voice from outer space was heard: I have exalted, and will again exalt, My Identity. Some bystanders said that they heard thunder; others said an angel had spoken to Jesus. He explained by saying:)

---- This utterance came in your interest, not for my sake. The realm of humanity is appraised now; the chief ruler of this realm shall be ejected now. And I, if I am raised up above this mundane realm, will attract everybody to my purpose. (See SPIRITICITY, Dec. 1958:5) ----

(Jesus referred thus to His Crucifixion. But the people argued that, according to the Law, the Anointed One must abide forever. How then could Jesus say that the spiritual Identity must be raised up? Who (they questioned) is this spiritual Identity? Jesus said:)

---- During the short time still remaining that the enlightening Agent is with you, make progress while you have access to His Light and so avert the danger of spiritual blindness. The person that goes about in ignorance is not aware of the direction in which he moves. While you are aware of enlightenment, have confidence in the illuminating Agent, that you too may be conveyors of spiritual enlightenment. ----

(After Jesus had said this, He disappeared. The very people who had witnessed His miracles disregarded his saying and refused to believe Him, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah: Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?) (Isaiah 53:1)

(Isaiah said further (6:9-10): He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. Isaiah foresaw Jesus' glory, and it was of Him that he spoke.)

(However, regardless of the general disbelief, many leading men believed in Jesus; but, because they loved the adulation of the populace more than the love of God, and because they feared excommunication by the Pharisees, they refused to admit their belief. Jesus know this and cried:)

---- He that has faith in me has faith not in a human being but in the Supreme One that made me His Agent. And the person that discerns who I am finds out about the Supreme One that appointed me. ----

---- My presence illuminates this realm. Whoever relies on me shall not remain in ignorance.

----- If any person listens to my teachings and refuses them, I do not censure him; for I did not come to find fault with humanity, but to safeguard humanity. The person that refuses to recognize me, and rejects my teaching, is condemned by the teaching; for it shall condemn him in the final trial. For I have made no statement on my own; but the Supreme One which appointed me. He assigned an instruction to me, what I should state openly and what I should

uncover secretly. And I realize that His mandate is Eternal Being; consequently, whatever I utter, I state exactly as the Supreme One instructed me. ----

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Food for thought:

Start to like what you are doing and you will soon be doing what you like.

The way out is in.

God is never in a hurry, but He is never too late.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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(The following treatment of the Lord's Prayer was found among Mr. H. B. Jeffery's papers. We do not know who wrote it, but we would like to share it with you, our readers.)

OUR FATHER (The Only Refuge)

THE SOUL of man yearns to take refuge in the great Oversoul. But man, not yet fully comprehending his native refuge, not yet understanding himself, seeks his refuge in some sympathetic, understanding friend - husband or wife, mother or father.

The Master Jesus was aware of the situation. He knew that temporary refuge is no refuge at all. He tried to make clear to man that the Father is the only Refuge, the ultimate Refuge. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "If ye abide in me, . . . ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

The Parable of the Prodigal Son illustrates again the idea of the true Refuge. "I will arise and go to my Father." When man reverently declares, "Our Father," he is obeying his highest urge, he is taking refuge in his Eternal Refuge. The more he repeats these words and meditates upon this idea, the more certainly will he be drawn into his native home, his true dwelling place, his only dependable refuge - OUR FATHER.

OUR FATHER (God is No Respecter of Persons)

In our approach to Deity, selfishness is overruled in the first step; for we begin not by putting the personal self into prominence but by submerging the personal into the great Impersonal - "Our Father."

To comprehend God we must see Him in relation to His creation. We must feel ourselves to be but units in that creation. When we say, "Our," we, as units in that creation, fall into place. We move out in consciousness into the Universal; and, moving out, we unite ourselves with It and we feel uplift, strength, harmony.

"Our" unites us instantly with Cosmic Spirit, in which "we live and move and have our being." Without this identification with the Spirit of Law and Order, man does not move and live but stands still and disintegrates.

"Our" indicates a willingness to move into our right relationship with our Father, to place ourselves confidently under Divine Instruction, rather than remaining ignorantly confined to the limits of finite man.

Transcending all desire for personal ambition, personal recognition, man is aware that he does not progress except as the whole creation benefits and progresses together.

Since the Father is in His creation, man must be ready to include man rather than exclude him - "Our Father" - "Our brother." This cultivates tolerance for those who are learning the lessons of life. Our example will shine as a light to our brother, if we include him in our consciousness instead of remaining apart. This attitude of oneness with all is cultivated as we repeat, "Our Father."

"Our Father," spoken from the integrity point, releases in a very subtle manner the most dynamic force in the universe, the power of Divine Love. God is Love and they that worship Him must adopt the presence of His Spirit as Love, for Love is God manifest and accomplishes the impossible. Such is the divine birth. Let us mean it when we repeat this Universal Masterpiece together, so that the Spirit of Love may be released from our hearts, uniting us as fondly as the hen gathers her chicks under the protection of her wings.

"There is . . . one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." As man utters the name, "Heavenly Father - our Father," he claims a security for himself; for amid the changing, cataclysmic periods of uncertainty through which our world is now passing, he yearns for that which changes not. "Father" in its fullest sense means Eternal Security, Eternal Source.

Man, in knowing himself, is fast becoming aware that he is an evolving, growing, unfolding consciousness with an ultimate goal, an ideal perfection toward which he feels himself moving.

Man accepts this as the truth, because he already has within his nature this potential image of his divine and perfect heritage. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Man feels the stir of this everlasting Life Principle within himself when he lifts up his eyes heavenward to repeat, "Our Father."

Not yet comprehending what God is like, man turns instinctively toward "the Father," knowing that his highest conception of Deity is stated in those words. The answer to all his wondering, the fulfillment of every desire, the victory that brings the final freedom: all are synthesized in that sincere utterance to the Supreme One.

Imprisoned in matter, man finds release in the Heavenly. Regardless of how hemmed in may be his circumstances, or how thick the walls that prevent his advance, man may always advance Godward. No one can block his progress in this direction. The door opens, barriers dissolve at the sound of those magic words, "Our Father." But man must speak those words himself.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Kingdom of Heaven is at man's hand, if his hand moves in that direction. Man opens the door himself.

"If any man . . . open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him." When man utters sincerely and reverently the name, "Our Father," he passes out of all darkness into the Light of a New Day. He becomes positive; he faces the Light which knows no shadow, the Light which knows or accepts no opposite.

All lesser concepts of life are overruled and fade away silently when man lifts his consciousness to salute the All-knowing One. Whispering reverently, "Our Father," man becomes humble, subservient, willing, and obedient. "Blessed are the meek." Blessed are they who are meek in Spirit before God. We put on the spirit of humbleness when we reverence the Father.

Jesus, as an example for us, was meek and lowly of heart before the Father. He was not meek before man, but He spoke with much authority and power.

A promise of justice fills our being as we say, "Our Father." "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

All petty hurts, all sense of indignation are swallowed up in Divine Justice at the sound of the Heavenly Name upon our lips. Every knee bows, all differences are leveled. Peace enters with her wand that transforms, for we cannot call forth the "Father" without also calling forth the "Divine Mother." For the Love and Wisdom of the Godhead triumph together in their creation, man.

It was so in the beginning, is now, and ever, ever shall be so.

(To be continued)

Alphabet Of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For Every Week Day Of The Month

JUNE 1959

1. Be of one ACCORD, of one mind.
2. I cannot go BEYOND the Word of the Lord my God.
3. CONSIDER the work of God.
4. He hath DEALT wondrously with you.
5. God EXALTETH by His Power.
6. The FRUIT of righteousness is a tree of life.

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8. The meek will He GUIDE in judgment.
9. HEAL the sick.
10. INCREASE IN knowledge of God.
11. JUSTICE and JUDGMENT take hold on thee.
12. He is of great KINDNESS.
13. LET us LIFT up our hearts unto God.

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15. O MAGNIFY the Lord with me.
16. But one thing is NEEDFUL.
17. Set thine house (consciousness) in ORDER.
18. By Thy mercy is iniquity PURGED from me.
19. QUICKEN me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake.
20. Come ye apart and REST awhile.

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22. Be SATISFIED and praise the Name of the Lord.
23. TURN unto the Lord your God.
24. His Countenance doth behold the UPRIGHT.
25. Walk worthy of the VOCATION wherewith ye are called.
26. Be ye not WEARY in WELL-DOING.
27. My YOKE is easy.

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29. Be the more ZEALOUS to confirm your call.
30. The lips of the wise shall preserve them.

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

SPIRITICITY is the working Power of the Spiritual Principle,
As electricity is the working power of the electrical principle.