

SPIRITICITY March 1943

Beloved of God, greeting:

In aspiring to the law of life as taught and practiced by Jesus Christ and which is called the Gospel, we are aware that some people believe Christianity has failed. We do not believe the actual Gospel of Jesus Christ has failed for we believe it neither has been taught nor practiced fully among men. Had the children of men been as diligent in applying the Principle of Life as taught and practiced by Jesus Christ as they have been in worshipping the story about Him or delving into the history of Jesus, results would tell a different story.

The true doctrine of Jesus Christ is not in morality; yet morality is an effect of the practice of the Christ Principle.

Right thinking does not encompass the doctrine of Jesus Christ; yet his doctrine promoted right thinking.

Religious worship does not encompass the Gospel of Jesus Christ; yet attention directed to this Gospel engenders reverence and adulation. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" The doers of the Word, these are my brothers.

The true Gospel of Jesus Christ is so simple and beautiful that all who hear may understand and he who runs may read. It is not exclusive with any cult, sect, cast or class. It cannot be confined or circumscribed. It is the golden Gospel of Joy. "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." "Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Sincerely yours,  
A. J. Truesdell

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WHAT IS MAN?

When man is true and honest with himself he had to admit that he is a wonderful product of some wonderful Cause. He cannot ascribe the power, might, and glory of the creative process to his parents for they know nothing of his eventual appearance, life, or accomplishments. They are unable to determine whether the baby to be born into the world will be male or female; and, after birth, the child is a constant source of surprise to its parents.

As the child grows it persistently questions, wonders, and asks, thereby developing a healthy curious state of mind which inquires, Who am I? Where did I come from? What is God? Where is God? What has God to do with me?

Answers to such questions are either profitable or unprofitable according to the source of information. When the answers come upholstered with false concepts, partial truths, self-seeking doctrines, and information given out with an eye to perpetuating existing institutions, it is an abomination and unworthy

of attention. Not only is such information unprofitable, but sometimes it is actually vicious. What greater crime can there be than that of standing in the way of those who seek to enter into an understanding of life.

When the knowledge sought comes from the same Source as man himself it promotes true life. The Spirit is the thing. Man is the product of Spirit. Here and here only does he find sensible answers to his questions.

Man is a spiritual being and he will never find satisfying and profitable solutions to his problems and questions until he allows them to be worked out and answered by subscription to the proposition and principle, God is Good, and God is All.

Man is a free spiritual being, a product of free spiritual Mind. His nature never changes no matter what mental, moral, or religious experience he undergoes.

The wise prodigal who is intelligent enough to look in the right direction, first comes to himself, then separates or disassociates himself from the unprofitable life and experiences which had brought dissatisfaction. He arises and moves toward his father's house.

Coming to himself he discovers he exists. He is able to say, I Am. If he abides in this realization of self, he finds his inner nature unfolding to him. As it opens he becomes more and more established in the realization that he always was, is, and will be. There is no change in the fact of his being; the change appears only in man's adjustment to this fact.

There is great comfort and enlightenment in the realization that man is. So much so, that some who attain this concept for the first time have released in them energies which have been hitherto suppressed. These dynamic energies cause the person to run around in circles making mighty claims which are not borne out by performances.

Who is authorized to tell man he exists? Who is authorized to acquaint man with himself? How much credit is due a man because he makes the discovery for himself?

After having discovered he exists man goes on to see what is responsible for and what makes up that existence. Did he create himself?

"Man alone of all the animals goes in quest of his origin and perceiving that the highest good is to be sought by him in the highest place, looks to his Maker."

Here is where man starts out on his treasure hunt. He hears the still, small voice within urging him to make straight the path of the Lord in the wilderness, to go straight and steadfast toward the goal of his divine origin, to pick up his cross and "follow me." That is, he is to cross out all of those agencies in consciousness which have caused bewildering and unfruitful conditions. He stops dealing with middlemen and muddlers. He goes direct to the Father by giving Him all his attention.

Man will never be satisfied or have his questions completely answered until he is obedient to this inner urge to arise and go to the Father. His decision to do so will reveal the Author of his being just as eager to contact him and welcome him into His house as he is to return.

Much of this initial movement is taken on faith. But gradually the divine eye is opened and man becomes, as Emerson puts it, a surprised spectator, a pensioner, a dependent. He stands meek and lowly before the eternal outpouring and unfolding action of this higher nature within himself.

Out of such meekness comes a new sense of goodness and security. He sees that he has the privilege of drawing upon this source for all of Good he needs or desires. And when he glances back toward his mortal, mental equipment, he finds it transformed. He discovers a new inheritance, a new body, a new mind, and he begins to understand that these have been at hand all the time, the very reality of him.

Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For Every Week Day of the Month

MARCH 1943

1. A soft ANSWER turneth AWAY wrath.
2. Holiness BECOMETH thine house, O Lord.
3. For this CAUSE CAME I unto this hour.
4. The words of a man's mouth are as DEEP waters.
5. In EVERYTHING give thanks.
6. Thou, O Lord, art our FATHER.

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8. Praise Him according to His excellent GREATNESS.
9. I am meek and lowly in HEART.
10. I may cause those that love me to INHERIT substance.
11. JUDGMENT is before Him.
12. Show me the KINDNESS of the Lord.
13. Jesus LOOKING upon them saith, With God all things are possible.

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15. O Lord ... thy judgments are MADE MANIFEST.
16. But one thing is NEEDFUL.
17. I will OPEN you the windows of heaven.
18. Be PARTAKERS of the Divine Nature.
19. QUICKEN me after thy lovingkindness.
20. There is no RESPECT of persons with God.

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22. Let all the earth keep SILENCE before Him.
23. A wholesome TONGUE is a TREE of life.
24. Look UNTO Me, all ye ends of the earth.
25. I am the VINE, ye are the branches.
26. He that getteth WISDOM loveth his own soul.
27. Take my YOKE upon you, and learn of me.

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29. See my ZEAL for the Lord.
30. If a man love me, he will keep my words.
31. I am God Almighty.

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You will be delighted with the results of keeping the DAILY MEDITATION.  
Consider the inner meaning of each statement for the essence in the words is  
what you seek.

We invite you to keep this practice with us.

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What is the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE?

The answer to the question has been carried in this monthly magazine for two years: A fellowship of sincere students seeking practical application of the Law of Life as lived and taught by the Master of Life, JESUS CHRIST.

Is there a membership?

There is no membership list; no hard and fast requirements; no assessments. And yet there is a membership, or, a free fellowship; some might call it a mystical membership for its primary communications and benefits are spiritual.

Are there dues?

As stated above, there are no assessments or membership dues or fees. This is a voluntary ministry inviting a voluntary response. Some people who see and serve the ideal tithe to that ideal and its workings. Others prefer the voluntary offering. Each receives his own measure of good according to his giving.

The work itself is supported by the All-Providing Principle. Whoever sees this and realizes the urge within him to give IS this very Principle of Providence, and acts upon it, finds his own provision stabilized and he receives a prophet's reward.

Who owns the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE?

Would the answer, God owns the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE, sound trite? It is true. This is very real to us, His stewards. It has been through God's ministry through us, the ministers of the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE, that any physical structure has developed. But there is no sense of the structure being possessed by the ministers. Rather does the ministry possess them, for it has been using them for many years to accomplish its work. Deep roots have sent down which now seem to be sending up strong sprouts in the form of acquired lands for buildings to accommodate an expanding service.

The ministry has been developed, organized, and chartered by A. J. and Nell Truesdell who have been maintained and sustained by whatever came to them in the process of ministry and necessary services, such as teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring those who came for help.

We repeat, there is no sense of ownership, but rather of stewardship. It may be said here that anyone who contributes to the support of the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE owns it to the degree of his support: material, physical, mental, and spiritual.

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The Supreme Command is, "Look unto Me." "Love Me with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength."

To follow this Command a person must prune without hesitancy all that is immaterial and irrelevant. In the natural order he would reorder his thoughts,

and heal his body. In the spiritual order he would fix his attention on High and remain steadfast until transfixed vision drew into his mind and body the inspirations and healings essential to his being. This is not the popular way nor is it the easy way. But we are coming to know it is the Only Way.

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Dear Friend:

Time and time again we long for what we call "salvation." Our thoughts are not quite clear on the subject but we know we want to be liberated entirely from the particular bondage, difficulty, or failure that besets us. So we cast about for some solution, reaching outward and ever outward for the answer and never quite finding it because we spurn the utter simplicity of the answer. Salvation is concealed in the fact that we are eternally one with God, without separateness, distinction, or division. Jesus Christ gave us the complete answer when he stated, "I and my Father are one."

Whoever can accept and believe this simple formula is blessed indeed. But if it is not accepted directly, there is fortunately an indirect approach which leads ultimately to the same fulfillment.

The Eastern sage puts it like this: It is not hard to win salvation, for it may readily be found in the bundle on our back. Of course we must realize that he makes salvation something to be discovered, when all the while it is something we already have. He approaches salvation through works and all of us appreciate the value of doing. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." By giving serious attention to accomplishing the task at hand, we are awakened to the more interesting realization that there never was any limitation put upon us.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE points to the full ideal, that man and God are one. We invite you to fellowship with us in this ideal and be blessed through such association. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

Lovingly yours,  
Nell Truesdell