

EASTER

By Alden Truesdell

"I AM Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending. . . . Fear not; I am the First and the Last: I am He that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen."

There is a sense of wonder in the minds of most of us regarding the Resurrection. For anything having to do with an afterlife or an eternal life is intriguing to us. Upon this subject we find our Authority telling His follower: "Whither I go, thou canst not follow Me now; but thou shalt follow Me afterwards."

The disciples did not know why Jesus had to leave them; they could not understand what He meant by coming again. Later they understood that He did what He did because it was His Assignment. It all had to be done this way to accomplish the results Jesus had to attain. Everything He did was a part of His Assignment, because He did not do what He thought should be done, but only what the Father wanted done through Him.

The total achievement of His Ministry has not been described by historians or theologians. For the magnitude of His Mission is still being unfolded to a non-receptive, indifferent race.

Jesus' "righteousness," or right use of the Principle of Life, exceeded not only the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, but the righteousness of the greatest men the world had produced up to that time - or has produced since then.

Jesus Christ, in doing what He did in the way He did it, enabled His followers to understand the magnitude of God-Love. When a man of the caliber of Jesus Christ, a man of great stature in his own right, a man who towered above all men, was willing to lay down all that greatness - to lay down that outstanding life for love of a Father no man had ever seen - this was supreme service. Of this He said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

It was His love and His ability to let go of His will that made His service the greatest that man has known. But He laid down His life that He might take it up again, as He promised He would.

In our religious passion plays and in some of our operas, the devil is pictured as going out of business when anyone expresses a sincere faith in the Name of Jesus Christ. And so he does, just as he went out of business when Jesus during His own time of testing said: "Get thee behind Me!"

It was after His baptism when He knew completely that He was the Son of God and had the Power of God that Jesus was driven into the Wilderness to be tested. In this time of preparation this Great One overcame all the major drives by which man is distracted from his spiritual quest. He met and subdued every enemy that man will meet in his sojourn here in this world.

We are familiar with the record: how the prompting came to turn stones into bread and how Jesus quoted the correct procedure of the Law of Life by saying: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Jesus used the phrase "It is written" for the rebuttal of each temptation. He knew there is a spiritual set of rules for the playing of the game of life, which He intended to live and to play rightly. He did so, even up to the time when He was nailed to the Cross, surrounded by His murderers, at which time He looked up to heaven and said, "Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do." This supreme act of forgiveness enabled Him to complete His Assignment of overcoming the "world" and even man's most pernicious enemy, death.

As though this were not drama enough, it was preliminary; for the meaning of this action was to be revealed by the escape from the tomb and the appearances to many witnesses.

There have been other men reported as being transmitted into Eternal Life, but none so dramatically and conclusively as to confound all those who have tried to discredit the Event. And all this was done for the redemption of such seekers for Truth as the readers of this magazine.

To us, all this comes by hearsay. For we have not known nor seen this Man personally; but most of us know Him to be more real than many of the people we have known, and certainly more vital than any.

For we are those of whom Jesus spoke in His final prayer, when He said regarding His disciples: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word."

In the Wilderness, when Jesus had confounded His tester by citing the laws covering the choices He was asked to make, then the "angels came and ministered unto Him." Just so, on the Cross, He persevered in the highest form of spiritual practice, so as to be lifted up to the right hand of the Father, to receive all power in heaven and on earth.

We know all this; we have heard all this, Sunday after Sunday and Easter after Easter. What does this have to do with us? Just this: It is our guide; it is our entree into what we are seeking: the better life, the "inheritance incorruptible." Jesus Christ is the assurance of our being the beneficiaries of the best that the Creator of Life has to offer. Jesus Christ is the Reality of our being. Jesus Christ is the Example of the potentiality of mankind. For Jesus Christ is the Soul of the race as well as the Son of God.

"God, who is rich in mercy," Paul said, "for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

"Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."

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ANSWER TO A LETTER

By Nell Truesdell

Dear Friend:

JESUS of NAZARETH, the Anointed of God, was the Christ, the Embodiment of God on earth. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who is God on earth. He said, "My Father is greater than I." Therefore, we pray to God in the Name (Identity) of Jesus Christ. The two are one; but in our "thinking" we call one God and the other Jesus Christ.

When I explain this to students in a class I say something like this:

Think of God as something like electricity. Electricity fills all space and interpenetrates all form. Wherever man goes he is in touch with electricity. In a very similar manner, God is everywhere present as the Universal Essential. Man tunes in on God by way of his attention. He looks toward God when he is consciously praying. However, he must look inward if he would make a good contact. This inward is the center of consciousness, the heart-center of man, the Sanctuary of God in man, the Holy of Holies. When anyone learns to direct his attention to God in his heart-center and continue to watch, he will pray to his loving Father-God without words or petitions. His very act of watching-toward-God within him is, perhaps, the highest form of prayer.

You are correct when you quote Jesus as saying that we should pray to "Our Father." Keep on with that practice and pray in the Name (the Identity) of Jesus Christ. Call on that Name. For there is no other name in heaven or on earth that has the potency of that Name.

I believe with the mystics of the ages that there is too much "study" about spiritual things. Whenever a person gets tangled up in what he thinks about God or Spirit, he is not in touch with the Divine. He is enmeshed in his own limited thinking. And that is never good; the result is some enharmony in the flesh-body, that helpless slave of man's emotions.

So in healing what you refer to as a "nervous condition," we must transfer our attention from all false learning and practices and love God more in the heart. Just say, "I love God." Don't try to go into detail; just love God more and more. Let His healing balm flow into and through your consciousness.

The nerves are like the electric wires in your house. They never get tired or exhausted. Man's nervous systems (the motor and the sympathetic) are already set up; they never get rusty or worn. It is the quality of the messages that a person habitually sends over the routes of his nervous systems that affects the flesh-body. The quality, not the quantity, of messages. You may improve the quality of your messages - those impulsive, human emotions and thoughts that automatically race around and around in your nervous systems. Drop everything occasionally during the day and night, and say in your heart, "I love God, in the Name of Jesus Christ."

You ask, "Can you tell me Whom you pray to?" I pray to God in the Name of Jesus Christ. And when I am truly still, as I watch inward, I sense, or

comprehend, or perceive, the Presence of God - not as a form or a shape, but (for me) as an awareness of Him in such a way that I KNOW that I am not separated from God.

As we learn to stand on the holy heights of the Christ Consciousness, we see things as they are and comprehend anew the things of the Spirit that are foolishness to worldlings.

The unawakened strive for the things of the world: false ambitions, human wisdom (knowledge), worldly culture. And in their striving they are filled with a constant fear that their ownership may slip away from them. This is the fear that torments: the worm that never dies, but that eats and eats into a consciousness until it consumes the host.

The Kingdom of God is not a fanciful dream. It is the one goal among mankind that is worth the effort, the constancy, the stamina to attain. From that Kingdom all God's Divine Ideas flow into the field of man's awareness when his attention is turned toward God. Divine Ideas are the treasure in Heaven set up for every person by the Father of all. However, such treasure must be received on Its own terms, not as man thinks.

Jesus Christ had free and unlimited access to this treasure. He had it because He was willing to renounce the outer demonstrations for the inner Spirit. And, of course that Spirit made Itself manifest according to His every need, at any given time.

As a person surrenders his fears and reveres God in Christ Jesus in his midst, he touches in some degree the "Measure of a Man" and understands that, with Christ Jesus, he too is a son of God. But the Divine Sonship comes only with the renunciation of all that is less than God. The Son loves the Truth, walks in the Truth, and delights in the Law of God "after the inward man." His confidence repays him with poise and balance that protect him from the hurts of the world that he inflicts on himself by his emotional reaction to others.

I shall be remembering you in prayer: It is God's Will that you be healthy, it is my will that you be healthy, it is your will that you be healthy, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Still your thoughts and watch steadfastly inward toward the Most High God who is blessing you now with signs following.

Thank you for your contribution to this ministry. Blessings and Benedictions in the Master's service.

"The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with you."

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THE GOOD

By H. B. Jeffery

THE MORE YOU ARE aware of your oneness with the Divine, the more are you made one with the Divine of your neighbor. The angel-self is the Christ within. When you can "touch" that, you are able to draw it forth into visibility, so

that it takes possession of the outer and gives a new authority and power to the outer man.

The joy that comes after you have clarified the ethers round-about you by the word of Truth is a tremendous force. You find that the heart is dancing with joy. As you move in that joy, you find it is a great tonic. You don't have to go to a drugstore to get something in a bottle to pep you up. You feel the wellsprings of joy; you tap an inner current of power and strength. That joy is a healing force, a quickening energy. It gives you the power of "Action in inaction" that the Easterners speak of. Without your doing anything, you find the Divine Will working in you so that everywhere you go, you become a tonic.

There is One Good and that is God. In the One Good we find that all pairs of opposites fade away; there is no good or bad, no right or left. There is only One and that One is the Eternal Good.

We accept no human estimate. We say, "No!" to every negation. We know the One Good.

That Good is for the good of man and stands in readiness to give all that It has to man. It will work in and through you to will and to do, if you walk in the clear air of the Spirit. Then you may stretch forth your hands, and there will be a healing. Your hands will touch the afflicted ones and draw them out of their bondage. They do not need to be near your physical hands. You can stretch forth your invisible hands through the spaces to one who is ill. You can touch the afflicted one far away and he will respond. If you obey the Will and exercise the Will of God, He will back you up. When you turn to Him in this way, you send a benediction that goes out through the spaces - the timeless spaces of the Spirit.

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory. Thou art the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and they are filled with the Splendor of Thy Being.

Thy Hand hath fashioned us; Thou hast made us out of Thine own Substance. Thou Father of Light, in whom there is no shadow and no darkness, Thou hast created us like unto Thyself, children of Light and not of darkness.

Thou art a God of joy and Thou hast made us sons and daughters of Joy. We walk forth this day in the consciousness of joyousness with Thee, Father of Light.

Holy art Thou, and Thy Name is Holy. Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory. Amen.

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I PETER: TRANSLATION AND NOTES

By Robert Applegate

(Continued from last month)

TEXT: I PETER 3:1-18; 4:1-9

3:1) WOMEN, be subject to your husbands, so that if any of them do not believe the Word (the Gospel) they may be won without a word

2) by the conduct of their wives, as they see your reverent and pure

3) deportment. {Nearly the same words are in several of Paul's letters. The four main points of the earliest Christian teaching were: (1) Put off the "old man" (that is, put off your old habits of thought and speech). (2) Be subject to one another out of reverence for God and to reflect credit upon your calling. (3) Watch and pray, so that you may be prepared for whatever happens. (4) Keep on; "for you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the Will of God, you may receive what has been promised" (Heb.10:26).} Let not your beauty treatment be the external one of curling your hair and putting on gold ornaments and fancy dresses;

4) let it be the hidden being of the heart as it reflects the Eternal,

5) Gentle, and Quiet Spirit. {The "hidden" man, or hidden woman, of the heart shows forth through the outer. True beauty comes from within. It glows; it cannot remain hidden. Those who love the Truth have a light in their faces that makes the work of cosmetics look vapid.} For the dedicated women of long-ago, who hoped in God, adorned themselves in this way, as Sarah, {Tradition says that Sarah was very beautiful.}

6) who obeyed Abraham and called him "Master." You are her daughters if you do right and do not fear any terror. {A pagan husband whose wife had become Christian could be brutal and provide cause for "terror."}

7) Men, live intelligently with your wives since they are weaker; honor them since they are equally heirs of the Gift of Life. Otherwise your prayers will be frustrated.

8) Finally, all of you, be of one mind, be considerate, cherish the Brotherhood, be compassionate, be lowly-minded. Do not return hurt

9) for hurt or insult for insult, but rather give a blessing. For you have been called to this very practice - so that you may inherit a blessing. For . . .

10) "If you want life, and long to see prosperous days, guard your tongue from malice and your mouth from pretense.

11) Stop hurting and give help; seek peace and run after it.

12) The eyes of the Lord are on the dedicated, His ears attentive to their prayer, His face against those that do harm." (Ps-34:12) {Psalm 34 was probably a common hymn for the early Christians and a part of their teaching for beginners.}

13) Who can hurt you if you become

14) zealous for the Good? {So Paul said: "In all these things we more than conquer in Him that loves us. . . . We know that for them that love (seek) God, all things work together for good." Socrates said the same thing, when on trial for his life; "You, gentlemen of the jury, should consider this one thing to be true: it is not possible for any evil to happen to a good man, either in life or in death." - Plato, Apology 41 C} If you suffer persecution

because of your dedication, happy are you! "Do not fear their fear; do not fret" (Is.8:12).

15) Revere the Lord Christ in your hearts - and be ready always to give an explanation to anyone who asks you about

16) the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and reverence for God. Keep hold on the consciousness of good, so that when men insult you they who slander your pure conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

17) It is better, if the Will of God should so decree, that you suffer for doing well than for doing wrong.

18) Christ died once for all, the Dedicated for the undedicated - that He might lead you to God. He was put to death as a human, but made alive in the Spirit. . . .

4:1) Therefore since Christ suffered humanly, you arm yourselves with this thought: He who has suffered

2) humanly has ceased from error, so that he should lead the rest of his earthly life not following human desires, but following the Will of God. {Jesus "suffered" for our hard-heartedness. "With His stripes we are healed." Any suffering that we experience is the healing of some condition that the Truth has brought to the surface of consciousness. So he who "suffers" is freed from error.}

3) The time that has already passed is enough for doing as the others like to do. They live in obscenities, in desires, in sottishness, in partying, in drinking, in ungodly materialism.

4) And they wonder that you do not join them in the same pouring forth of incontinence.

5) They shall give an account to Him who (by what He is) judges the living and the dead. {God does not "judge" as a man does; but that which is perfect shows up (judges) whatever is imperfect by revealing what it is.}

6) The Good News was proclaimed to the dead for this purpose: that while they have already, in men's estimation, been judged in the realm of human nature, they may now live, as God lives, in the Realm of Spirit.

7) The end of all things has come so keep your heads and be serious for the sake of your prayers. {The "end of all things" is something that happens in consciousness.}

8) Above all else, have an intense love for one another, because "love hides a great number of errors." Be hospitable to one another, without grumbling.

(To be continued)

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For every day of the week

MARCH, 1967

1. ATTEND upon the Lord without distraction.
2. BELIEVE on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ.
3. We are CHILDREN of God.
4. Let the Word of Christ DWELL in you richly.
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6. Seek that ye may EXCEL.
7. Wisdom is FULL of mercy and good FRUITS.
8. Thy GENTLENESS hath made me GREAT.
9. Be not HASTY in thy spirit to be angry.
10. IN the IMAGE of God made He man.
11. Being JUSTIFIED by His Grace, we should be made heirs.
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13. He that KEEPETH his mouth KEEPETH his life.
14. Stand fast therefore in LIBERTY.
15. MY MOUTH shall speak of wisdom.
16. Peace to him that is NEAR.
17. By the OBEDIENCE OF ONE shall many be made righteous.
18. Wisdom is without PARTIALITY.
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20. Ye ought to be QUIET.
21. Give thanks at the REMEMBRANCE of His Holiness.
22. Thou hast also given me the SHIELD of Thy SALVATION.
23. I will TRUST, and not be afraid.
24. UNITE my heart to fear Thy Name.
25. See VISIONS of peace.
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27. The true WORSHIPERS shall WORSHIP in spirit.
28. The Lord will give Grace and Glory.
29. Take My YOKE upon you.
30. The Lord shall bless thee out of ZION (peace).
31. Wisdom strengtheneth the wise.

"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."

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

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