

SPIRITICITY MAY 1943

Beloved of God, greeting:

Spring is that interval between the Winter of germination and the Summer of ripening fruits which culminates in the Autumn of bountiful harvest.

There is a tendency toward lassitude at this season which fosters an attitude of self-condemnation. The condition is commonly called "Spring fever." Actually it is the injection and projection of the higher energy generated during the Winter season when all growth seems to be arrested. It is evidence of a higher pressure forcing its way into its creation. It is nature's way of making the patient stand still long enough to receive and absorb its Spring Tonic.

In nature the plants and trees find an interior upsurge responding to the sun's radiation from above. The new energy for the new growth rises from the depths and forces its way up into the stalk and trunk at an unbelievable pressure. This same rise of energy in the realm of the Spirit is in like manner. As below so above.

The Son's rays from above cause a responsive reaction from the depths of man's interior nature and wise indeed is he who will say, "Behold, this is all very good." For the growing pains bring forth the sprouts that make the bud and blossom that are the forerunners of a bountiful harvest; in Nature, the fruits of Nature; in man, the fruits of the Spirit, even to a manifestation of the treasures of Heaven.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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THIS ONE THING I DO

There is a great hastening and scampering to and fro on the part of the man who wants to learn of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. But why should man insist upon making a mystery of it, or wish to have it thoroughly explained before he attempts to accept it? Man goes about trying to gain spiritual understanding like a bird seeking food, peeking away at this place for a while, scratching over there, using the trial and error method again and again, which proves to be quite a trial to his constitution.

If you were planning to ask some prominent man of your acquaintance for help, you would seek to discover an easy line of approach. Some friends advising as to the nature and character of this man whom you expect to call upon might suggest that he was an old crab but he liked to play golf, or, was interested in duck hunting.

When you gained an audience with your man you would not talk immediately about the help you sought but win his confidence by talking about golf or ducks or anything else he might be interested in. You would give his interests your undivided attention until you discovered whether or not he would help you. If

he decided to help you either with advice or funds you would follow that advice or accept the funds. If you know of any man who will give you help go to him by all means.

If you have a wealthy aunt who enjoys discussing her operation you would possibly mention the subject when seeking her assistance. If you do have an aunt who, you feel, will help you, - go to your aunt. Try her help, Try your banker, your doctor, your stock-broker, or your book-maker, if you have faith in them and in their willingness to help you.

But if you are convinced that you need help which neither man nor governments, kings, princes, or any other agency is able to supply, then TRY GOD. If there is no one to turn to but GOD, then TURN TO HIM.

If you went to see a great man and were informed by his representative that he was in and would receive you, where would you go? Would you turn your back while still in the outer office and bemoan loudly your fate, calling all your friends to witness the indignities the great man had heaped upon you, causing you to suffer and be a martyr? If you acted thus your friends certainly would consider you a little eccentric. If a normal person is invited in, he will enter in. And if he enters in, he may know the truth .

What should the object of man be? To find out what God likes and what it is that gives God pleasure.

The nature and character of God have been described in countless ways. Directions have been given us as to how to receive help from God.

Why is God commanding man to repent and return to Him? Is it not that man should find himself and be himself? Is not man the product of God, created in his image and likeness? Is he not God's concept of Himself? Surely man does not expect to improve on the finished article since nothing can be added to or taken from God.

Everything within or about man is derivative, streams from his Creator. By degrees man is coerced, coaxed, and inveigled toward his rightful estate. His Divinity is thrust upon him, generally when he is caught off guard. "For in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." When man has become weary of casting here, there, and everywhere, and has come to himself in sheer desperation, illumination flashes.

Experimenting with various religious concepts (which are in reality man's thoughts about God) does not place man in a position to receive full benefits from God. Instead of dealing with secondary or substitute mental action, man can receive direct from the fountain-head.

Acknowledgment and acceptance of the works which the Father through Jesus Christ relieves the individual from the need for laborious research work. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Coming to himself man rises and goes to the Father. Going to the Father he speaks the language of Jesus Christ, he understands the words of Jesus Christ, none of which were spoken for effect but all to a purpose.

The Holy Spirit or the consciousness of the All-in-All brings to his remembrance the things "I have spoken unto you." Nothing need be added to or

taken from such knowing. All other teaching may be forgotten for this is the only completely effective teaching.

Someone has said that man is enamored of his own reflection; but God demands that man turn to Reality.

Paul was wise to the Law; he probably understood theology and all of the higher teachings. But he counted it all as water that passes away; fertilizer for the now present harvest of which Jesus Christ is the first fruits.

To everyone who lets his real nature dominate, everything is made new, he becomes a partaker of the Reality of Being. As he examines the words of Jesus Christ from this vantage point they take on a beautiful, simple, and direct meaning. He understands what Jesus meant when he said, "The kingdom of Heaven is within you."

Many are called. Many say, "I will," then get busy with other things. The invitations are out. If those who receive them have more pressing business, the halt, lame, blind, the publicans and sinners, will be drafted in before the self-righteous and self-satisfied. Few are chosen.

When the words of Jesus and the meanings of Scripture are revealed, man sees them as the only worthwhile exposition of Principle. He accepts, he benefits, he meets the Christ on even terms, he approaches the Throne with boldness acknowledging his own Divinity.

He becomes oblivious to the outer reflection and girds his loins like a man of God. He does those things which seem wonderful in the sight of others, yet does nothing of himself. He is simply himself and the works follow him.

He keeps striking this God-chord, these glad tidings, this Gospel of Truth until all things respond. Such an one becomes a redeemer in his own right, not of himself, but because he has agreed with Divinity, has let Christ be All-in-All. He has done the one thing.

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Dear Friend,

It was my good fortune recently to hear a great pianist play before three thousand persons. As he played the fine grand piano everybody in the audience listened with rapt attention. He played the music of Haydn, Brahms, Chopin, Liszt and others.

As I listened, my thoughts were upon this artist and I watched intently his beautiful hands moving up and down the keyboard in perfect mastery of the piano and of the music he played. And I thought of the flexibility, the dignity, the elegance of his devotion to his art, and how truly great he was.

Then I began to look deeper and I realized that the genius of the invisible masters who originally created the music the artist was playing was what I really appreciated. For surely when we see or hear an artist of note in any field we are contacting through him the Source whence he draws and, while we

appreciate the artist, we must also recognize and give thanks for those who made the artist's work possible.

How such a line of thought applies to us in our relation to Jesus Christ is what I should like to present to you. Jesus Christ is the perfect artist showing forth the Mastery of God to man. As we give attention to Jesus Christ we receive the full benefits of the Father already prepared for us. By giving attention to Him we touch the original Source of mastery.

We invite you to fellowship with this ideal through the CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE and we pray that all people everywhere might become more familiar with the Activity of the Good in their behalf through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATION
For Every Week Day of the Month

May 1943

1. The glory of the Lord shall Appear unto you.

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3. He hath made everything Beautiful.

4. Be of good Cheer: it is I.

5. Forgive us our Debts.

6. With thee will I Establish my covenant.

7. Truly our Fellowship is with the Father.

8. Thy Gentleness hath made me Great.

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10. I will dwell in the High and Holy place.

11. Christ . . . maketh Intercession for us.

12. We are . . . Joint-heirs with Christ.

13. Be ye Kind one to another.

14. Gird up now thy Loins Like a man.

15. He was Marvelously helped.

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17. I will Never forget thy precepts.

18. Now therefore, my son, Obey my voice.

19. The God of Peace shall be with you.

20. By thee we enjoy great Quietness.

21. Whatsoever is Right, that shall ye Receive.

22. Thine health Shall Spring forth Speedily.

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24. Let not Thy Thought Trouble Thee.

25. He that keepeth Understanding shall find good.

26. I have obeyed the Voice of the Lord.

27. A new spirit Will I put Within you.

28. Yield Yourselves unto the Lord.

29. They were all Zealous for the Law.

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31. The free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

The DAILY MEDITATIONS are taken direct from Scripture. Because such words are holy they impart a great blessing to any one who considers their meanings. We invite you to join us daily in meditation, in His Name.