

## MOTHER

By Alden Truesdell

THE GOD DEPARTMENT that overbroods all mankind, protecting, directing, and serving all humanity, is the Maternal Department of Being. Whoever depends upon Truth entirely receives Truth ministry in its entirety. The Mother-Principle is not a stepmother or a foster mother, but Mother of all - the One Mother, admitting no other mother, no lesser mother. "Jerusalem which is above is free," writes Paul, "which is the mother of us all."

Those who have seen Walt Disney's picture "Bear Country" have been treated to a rare lesson in maternal instinct. The mother bear is a strict disciplinarian; and, when she tells the cubs to climb a tree and stay up that tree until she sends for them, they climb and stay. This is a protective measure to guard the cubs from predatory animals, particularly papa bear. The mother bear is quite amiable most of the time, but stern when occasion demands. She will play for hours with her offspring; but, when she says, "Scat!" she is not playing. When her job of raising the cubs is completed, she sends them up a tree and leaves them there, never to return to them. Herein does mother bear leave off and Mother Nature take over. From here on the cubs will forage for themselves.

Human mothers are not so abrupt in withdrawing their supervision from their children. In fact some are reluctant ever to cease directing. It is hard for a human mother to distinguish between the possessive and the protective aspects of love. It is easy for her to assume that, because she bore the children, they belong to her as a personal possession. Such is not the case; and such is the cause of outbreaks, revolutions, and eventual secession, as colonies secede from mother countries when the emphasis is taken from protection and brought to bear on possession.

As the time the bear must devote to her cubs comes to an end, when further nurture would be contrary to the laws of Nature; so with the human family, the time comes when the children are to be sent up into the Tree of Life to learn of higher comforting qualities in the universal laws of the Spirit. As Mother Nature takes the cubs from the mother bear for the perpetuation of the species; so does the mothering Spiritual Nature take the individual from personal and possessive supervision - not for the perpetuation of the race, but for the perfection of that individual member and an ultimate refining of the race itself.

Jesus distinguished between the human and spiritual motherhood, when He said of John the Baptist: "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of woman there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Man's entrance into the spiritual state, called by Jesus "the kingdom of heaven," is as definite a process as the evident experience of being born of woman. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee," He declared to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." There is that which is born of woman; there is That which is born of Spirit.

It is the Spiritual Motherhood that we should honor on Mother's Day; for, by so honoring It, we exalt the entire office of motherhood.

The act of entering the Kingdom is the objective of all mankind. Some relegate this achievement to a time in the "hereafter"; but Christian doctrine, correctly understood, expounds the possibility - yes, even necessity - of spiritual life here and now, in this time. For this purpose Jesus urged the acceptance of nothing less than spiritual parentage. Granting the benefit received through earthly parents He contrasted the limited good with the limitless, eternal reward to be expected from dependence upon the heavenly Father and the mothering, ministering Soul of the Spirit.

"While He yet talked to the people, behold, His mother and His brethren stood without, desiring to speak with Him. Then one said unto Him, Behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But He answered . . . Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, Behold, my mother, and my brethren!"

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A LETTER:

Dear Mrs. Truesdell:

I am still finding H. B. Jeffery the helpful teacher, leading me straight to the Divine Source from which to draw the Vibrant Life, the Radiant Light, and the all-pervading Love that is our inheritance. We, the recipients, learn to know the "I Am" within us, the Real of us. The Divine One, in answer to Moses' perplexed question, answered "I Am that I Am." For many, many years I could not see any logic in that answer. But the logic demanded by our immature minds is surpassed by a higher logic which will be revealed to us later when we are ready for it. In the meantime, in the stage to which we have evolved, faith is a very good substitute. And faith tells us that "I Am THAT I Am" represents the unknowable whole of which we, as a minute part of it, call ourselves, "I am."

The great "Law of Attention" teaches us to seek the answer to our perplexities by letting our mind dwell on the Divine Source from which comes the true answer.

Within four years of the century mark, I have wondered why these bonus years have been granted me. They have been very precious, for it seems as though it took 90 years for me to "let go and let God." Over and over, again and again, I thought I was doing just that - but it was the little "i" that was claiming responsibility. Now I am learning that deep, deep within is the Secret Place where dwells the Real. . . . My kindness regards to all of you; you are a channel of blessing to many of our Father's "Little Ones." May your soul be abundantly refreshed.

Lovingly,

Signed: Mary C. Moisley

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JESUS CHRIST IS GOD

By Robert Applegate  
(CONCLUDED from last month)

"SEE, I AM setting in My Holy Place a Cornerstone, chosen and precious. He who believes in it will have no cause for shame. This Stone that the builders have spurned - this has become the Cornerstone. For those who do not believe it is a stone to stumble over, a block to fall over. . . .

"But you are a chosen group, a royalty, a priesthood, a dedicated people, God's own possession - that you may show forth the powers of Him who has called you out of darkness into His wondrous Light."

This is an early Christian hymn, as it has been reconstructed by Edward G. Selwyn. It is based on a verse in Psalm 118 and on two statements by Isaiah. It is quoted both by Paul in his Letter to the Romans and by Peter in his First Letter.

The early Christians recognized in the statements of the Psalmist and of Isaiah a prophecy that was fulfilled in their day - or rather a truth that was true in their day as it was when it was spoken six centuries earlier. In the time of Isaiah the stone that the builders of the political and religious structures rejected was the Allness of God and His Rulership in the affairs of men. In the time of Peter and Paul the stone was the same truth embodied and thereby made visible and inescapable in the Person of Jesus Christ. Today the builders of the present religious and political structures are rejecting this stone.

In the second stanza of the hymn the "you" is emphatic. It is you who accept the simple, "world-changing truth" of the Divinity of Jesus Christ who are the New Structure that is to be built on the cornerstone. Peter said: "You yourselves, as living stones, be built up as a Spiritual House, a Dedicated Priesthood."

What has acknowledged the Divinity of Jesus Christ has lasted and flourished; what has denied it has withered. This is a matter of history. Christianity spread over the Roman Empire against all odds; it outlived and replaced the Empire. There were many movements within early Christianity which tried to deny or to tone down the incredible idea that a man could be God. These did not last. Christianity lost much of its power as it became organized. Men lost sight of the Cornerstone in the elaboration of what was built upon it. But every vital movement within Christianity has been a return to the Foundation: the "Rock" upon which the "Church" is built - the Truth that Jesus Christ was God and is God, and that this is the true being of every man, which is covered over and hidden by his human self-assertion, his human nature.

It is not happenstance that what has acknowledged Jesus Christ has survived and flourished; while that which has denied Him has ossified and died. As Arnold Toynbee says, "These things are written in the pages of history because they lie at the heart of life."

It does make all the difference in the world what we believe, because what we believe determines what we do and what we are.

The "God is dead" theologians are incredibly naive and childish in that they think man can express love when he is deprived of faith and hope. This is the same childish conception of human nature on which Communism is based. "From every man according to his ability; to every man according to his need" is the Communist credo. This sounds good, but it ignores the fact that human nature does not act that way. The results of Communism show up the fallacy. The theory that human nature can perfect itself has produced tyranny, oppression, and violence - or rather it has given free rein to these qualities which are the essence of human nature. This is what happens when one denies God. Modern Western Liberalism is also making this mistake.

It is human nature that must be overcome. This is the "old man" that must be "crucified with Christ" (by accepting what He did for us). This is the "evil" - or the "evil one" - from which in the Lord's Prayer we ask to be delivered. They who say that Jesus Christ was a man like us are in fact denying God and asserting human nature. We do not need to fight this; we do not need to fight Communism or the New Theology - that which is not true will pass away. We do need to believe the Truth and give our hearts to learning more about it.

Paul said that if anyone acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ and believed in his heart that God raised Him from the dead, he would be saved: i.e., delivered from every form of negation including mortality. "For by Grace - the Kindness of God - are you saved by faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."

The End

## II PETER 1:3-11

HIS DIVINE POWER has given us all things that lead to life and dedication through the consciousness of Him who has called us to His own Glory and Strength, and has given us great and valuable promises, that through them you may become sharers of the Divine Nature, escaping the decay that is in the world through desire. Therefore apply all earnestness. Add to your faith, strength; to strength, awareness (of the Presence of God); to awareness, self-mastery (literally, "inner-rule"); to self-mastery, endurance; to endurance, reverence; to reverence, concern for the Fellowship; to concern, friendship. For if these things are yours and are increasing they will keep you from being empty and fruitless in the consciousness of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who does not have these things is blind. . . . So be earnest to let your calling be made firm. . . . Then the entrance into the Eternal Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ will be freely given to you.

-Translated by R. A.

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HEALING

By H. B. Jeffery

HEALERS do not believe anything; they know. They are blind to the world of appearances, for they see only the One Presence. They are firm in their knowing; they do not waver; they are filled with the Divine Audacity.

The Word of Truth is the Word of God; and the Omnipotence, Omniscience, and Omnipresence of God go with it. The Word of God does not return void. All power is given to the son of God. You have no power, but all power is given to you in the Word of Truth. It is the Truth that works; you do not do anything, but you rest in the Truth. The Word is "sharper than any two-edged sword"; it cuts - but you must really know It.

I was called in to help a man who was in great pain. After my treatment he became more pain-ridden than ever. He got me to come to his house with the intent of killing me for causing him such pain, but his wife slipped into his room and removed the gun. Later he told me about it. The Word of Truth does perform an operation, a surgery, and everyone knows it is not pleasant to be cut. At this point most neophytes stampede, but the true healer stands firm in his knowing. Then the Healing Grace comes in to restore, as it did for the man who had been in pain.

A seventeen-year-old girl became unable to do anything. She just lay limp and unable to move - good for nothing. The metaphysician called in was puzzled, but soon the light came. The girl had lost her mother at birth and had been brought up by an austere aunt who scolded her continually for forgetting to do things. The result was that the girl forgot more and more. One day she completely forgot to do something and went off to play. When she got home her aunt told her:

"You are good for nothing! You are just like your parent, good for nothing!"

This evidently sank in, and so at the time when she was growing into young womanhood, the girl collapsed and was unable to move. The Word of Truth - that she was God's child, unmoved by carnal thoughts - restored her.

Logos means the word charged with the realization of Truth. Your words lack power until you have realization; then they are filled with life and they accomplish their work.

The healer does not see duality. Many say that healing is a wonderful power - it is only knowing the Truth. Truth is the power. You cannot allow yourself to see other than good in any person or situation, for then you bring the idea of separation to your mind.

God does not change. He is the same yesterday and today and forever. All His Intelligence, Love, Life, and Joy are ever present.

Be aware of the unchangeableness of the Divine.

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MAN MAY KNOW GOD

By Nell Truesdell

"I LOVE YOU, GOD, because You are my Father, just as I loved my earthly father because he was my father, and my mother because she was my mother, and as I love my brothers because they are my brothers and my sister because she is my sister." I shifted my weight on my knees and remained silent for awhile.

My meditation completed, I arose. But I could not drop the idea of my love for God. I felt His closeness within and around me, and I wanted to translate the feeling into words.

Why do I love God at all? Or Jesus Christ? Or the Holy Spirit? I can answer myself simply enough. I love God because He is my God; I love Jesus Christ because He is my Master and Savior; I love the Holy Spirit because It is my Teacher and Guide in the Way of Truth.

A psychologist, no doubt, would offer a rational explanation for this love of the Unseen. He probably would sum up his statements like this: "Since all human behavior is learned, you love God because your mother taught you to love God. You love Jesus Christ because in Sunday School you were taught that He loved you so much that He died for your sins. You love the Holy Spirit because, in your metaphysical studies, you learned that It is the working Power of God and, as such, does all things for you. Everybody wants to keep in touch with anything that does (or promises to do) all things for him."

However, the rationalizing that a trained intellect would offer about God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit would neither help nor hurt anybody who actually loves the Divine. To such a one, rationalizing is simply unnecessary.

Notice how an animal loves the person who fed it when it was a small, helpless thing. No matter how much the owner ignores the pet after it grows up, it will seek him out when thunder rolls or when overloud noises spread suddenly through the air. Or, if the pet is hurt, it will first look for him who took care of it when it was a baby.

I have observed a dog, in a desperate search for sympathy, roll her eyes toward the person who had cared for her since the day that she was born. The mother dog had had too many puppies: so this one was taken away before she had been weaned. The new mistress fed the puppy from an eye dropper, kept her warm and sheltered; she played with and fondled her until she grew big enough to take care of her own needs. Later, the dog was turned over to another person, who loves and feeds her and takes her for long walks. But the dog always seeks out her mistress when anything happens, and indicates her expectant faith, her devotion, by whimpering a little, lifting a paw, and rolling her big brown eyes. After she gets a sympathetic pat on the head, the dog will lie on the floor near his mistress and fall into a contented doze.

This may serve as a fair illustration of why human beings never really forget God. Somewhere in our consciousness, there is a deeply hidden attachment for our Creator. Though loving parents took care of our every need while we were infants and directed our paths as we grew up, we leaned hard (without knowing why) toward Something higher and deeper than the love of our parents for us. Some active principle within us urged us to look past the enveloping human relations for a peace, a satisfaction, a security that we felt rather than understood. The natural inclination that turns the attention away from the established father-mother-child alliance is the misunderstood, unseen cause of apparent friction between parents and child and the consequent frequent sundering of common interests within the family group. The parents grieve the loss of the child's affection; and the child (not yet emotionally mature) defies his parents' authority over his life.

In the majority of cases, the child, in his ignorant attempt to respond to the inherent urge toward the Unknown, mistakenly follows the path outward and

downward into the world; for this path is the most visible one to his immature inner sight. He misdirects the irrepressible action into the pursuit of "his talent": art or music or science or literature or religion, or (on the extremely negative side) into gambling, drunkenness, brawling, lying, licentiousness, and other indulgences of the flesh.

Very, very few persons are able to discern clearly that what they really want is a more understanding association with God, their Creator. In the beginning of anybody's search for God, the road is hard and very tedious. The baubles of the world dangle before the unenlightened eyes, and the craving for self-expression tempts the immature seeker to follow off illusions that lead to the destruction of high ideals.

"Unattainable!" the beaten one cries. "Something fit for imbeciles!" the intellectual sneers. "Foolishness and stupidity!" the materialist shrugs.

God is not easy to find; that is, the Real God seems to hide Himself from prying eyes. The earnest seeker has to prove himself over and over before the Divine will reveal His Presence. And the only reward for the seeker is that of knowing the Presence.

Always the revelation comes from the deeply hidden recesses of an inner Being-within-the-being that seems to be altogether different from the surface member of the human society known as oneself. No man knows God except by the Spirit of God that is within him.

"If any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man love God, the same is known of Him." (I Cor. 8: 2-3)

Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For every week day of the month

MAY, 1966

2. Peace be unto ALL that thou hast.
3. Hallowed (is) the house which thou hast BUILT.
4. The Lord lift up His COUNTENANCE upon thee.
5. DISCRETION shall preserve thee.
6. EXCEPT a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom.
7. FOLLOW after righteousness and FAITH.

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9. He will GUIDE you into all Truth.
10. The HARVEST truly is plenteous.
11. INCLINE thine ear unto Me, and hear My speech.
12. Lips of knowledge are a precious JEWEL.
13. Righteousness KEEPETH him that is upright in the Way.
14. Behold the LAMB of God.

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16. MY MEAT is to do the Will of Him that sent ME.
17. Be partakers of the Divine NATURE.
18. Lord, Thou wilt ORDAIN peace for us.
19. In this PLACE I Will give PEACE.
20. Make me of QUICK understanding.
21. Follow after RIGHTEOUSNESS, ye that seek the Lord.

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23. He SHALL SET me upon a Rock.
24. Inquire in His TEMPLE.
25. Hide me UNDER the shadow of Thy wings.
26. Lift up thy VOICE with strength.
27. Be WORTHY to be praised.
28. Thou art the guide of my YOUTH.

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30. Have a ZEAL for God.
31. Worship Him that liveth for ever.

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"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."

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

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