

THIS DAY

By Alden Truesdell

"THE SPIRIT of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Jesus read the Scripture from Isaiah and then He added:
"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

What is true is of course true now. It always has been true; it always will be true. This is why Jesus Christ is described as "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." And what is true about Jesus Christ is that Jesus Christ is God and is now, in the awareness of God's people, teaching all things. Whoever will may listen to this instruction. Today it is fulfilled in the ears of those attuned to the inner audition.

Many statements of Scripture declare the Gospel to be effective now:

"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

"Now are we the sons of God."

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Maister Eckhart declared the time to be "the moment that is now." Any true principle is effective now. The time of our good seems to be in the future because we have been taught this. But whatever is to be, already is for those attuned to immediacy.

"O fools, and slow of heart to believe!" Jesus cried. We are all slow of heart to believe and are all prone to say, "We will hear of this matter later on; now we must show how busy we are about the more important things of life that are acceptable to the people who are doing things in the world (even though the more they do, the worse off the world is, according to their own report)."

The Spirit and the world are so diametrically opposed that each is foolishness to the other. The world laughs the spiritual Savior to scorn; while the wisdom of the world is said to be "foolishness with God." Kipling's statement about East and West would seem to be appropriate for the spirit and the world: "never the twain shall meet." This holds good for those who choose the way of the world. As long as they are obsessed by the world, they "receive not the things of the Spirit of God."

But whenever one returns to his Spiritual Base the report is different. For if he continues in his project of returning to his Father's House the time will come when he can walk freely through the world, being in it but not of it. He has discovered that WHAT he has returned to has made him immune to the disturbances and diseases of the world.

It may take an emergency to break down a man's resistance to God; for until a man is willing to receive from God, he is privileged to reject such help. An emergency when he has no place to turn but God is God's opportunity to

swing into action. This is the "fullness of time" for the penitent one - but for God the time has always been at hand.

The difficulties man experiences are often due to a half-hearted rather than a whole-hearted belief in and dependence upon God. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart," we are told; "and lean not unto your own understanding." The one who receives benefits from God is the one who believes that God is "able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

If any one of us could express the full potentiality of his life he would find his life to be like that of Jesus. He is our Way Shower, much as the scouts were way-showers to the early pioneers to show the way over unknown terrain of the West. Some quite sincere persons have considered it our loss that we do not have more of the teaching of Jesus. If these people would familiarize themselves with available words of this Man and would try to go a portion of the way in the path of this Way Shower, they would find so much definite and vital instruction that they would have difficulty digesting it in a life time.

Whatever God is able to do for us He is able to do now - even to giving Himself and His Kingdom.

oOo

SPIRITICITY, NOVEMBER 1966

AS I SEE IT

By Nell Truesdell

You will find God in your heart if you will look for Him there. There is no other place within the ken of human experience that He may be found.

*

The "truth" that you think about is never the Truth. If you have to concentrate your thoughts by force of will you are far from Truth and His Truth. Learn to rest your attention in the Sanctuary of your heart. Call on the Name of Jesus Christ - reverently and thankfully with practice you will come to know Truth.

*

Whatever you reject, you accept to the degree of acknowledging it as something you do not want.

*

The "think" that bothers us and that we fear is but a shadow without substance. Know this and the "think" vanishes.

*

Reality does not haunt us. Images that we put in place of reality do.

*

The negations of human existence teach us how to attain and appreciate success, if our hearts are right with God.

TO HIM BE GLORY AND DOMINION FOREVER.

oOo

SPIRITICITY, November 1966

POWER IS OF GOD

By H. B. Jeffery

DIVINE LOVE never condemns. We do not "condemn" in the ordinary sense of the word; we declare useless - we know the nothingness of all that is not of God. Whatever it is, it has no substance, no intelligence, and no power. That is how we "condemn" - we know a situation is not of God and we recognize God's Presence only.

Never give power to anything that is not of God. Never describe your friend's shortcomings or his downfallings. Ever speak the Truth about him, and for him; otherwise you will find yourself in a lowered state of consciousness. You will be stopping your own good.

By abiding in the Name "Jesus Christ" you will come to the Holy of holies; it is the password to the Divine. The Divine Shekinah is always present, but you do not see it, for your eyes are not yet opened. So abide in the Name Jesus Christ; it will reveal His whole Nature - His Presence - and He will reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom. Your eyes will see the glory. The heavens and the earth declare Him.

If you will call a man's name often enough, it will reveal unto you all about the man. In Revelation we are told that the sixth angel wept because no one persisted in calling the Name of Jesus Christ long enough to have opened unto him the secrets of the Christ. No one will give you this secret but God Himself.

Peter discerned: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Jesus said: "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven. . . . Upon this rock I will build My Church."

Not upon Peter, but upon the Rock of Christ. Therefore, you, stand steadfast on the Rock of Christ within yourself. Have you not sung: "All hail the power of Jesus' Name; let angels prostrate fall"? By abiding in that Name you will get realization.

Christ's work is finished. He did not leave anything unfinished. "Here it is, Father," He said; "the work is finished." No man other than He has ever completed his work. It is by the recognition of this - that Christ completed His work - that you will see it complete. You will not see things half done as they are today.

Healing has been accomplished and completed; that is why you can call it forth - the Finished Work. You will call forth the completed works in science or anything else by acknowledging the Finished Work.

Theologians are still trying to do Jesus' work. It is done; it is whole; it is complete. If you call forth this wholeness you will be free to enjoy the fullness and beauty of life.

If you will keep your tongue speaking of heavenly things, you will find your tongue tipped with celestial instinct. You will find the tip of your tongue being filled with power, and it will be as though you were speaking in a flame. Your word will go forth and be a flaming sword cutting away all non-truth and bringing out the Truth.

As you bless and praise the Christ in yourself you will experience the unfoldment of new wisdom; it will radiate from you as a perfume. The purity of it will purify the atmospheres, just as a flower releases fragrances to the air when the sun shines upon it.

Signs follow. Many people say, "Show me." The Truth cannot be shown in that way. Speak the Truth and signs will follow. God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

The whole universe is packed with still light - it is still in you also. As you call it forth, it will come forth and radiate in the outer radiance.

Sometimes we stop inspiration because we fail to give our fellow man the inspiration we have received. If you will let it go forth from you, you will have it and receive more. Otherwise, "from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." Become a power as the magnet does - by pushing away from itself. Be magnetized in love - out-giving.

Cut out any sense of the word need; it is a word not used in the Kingdom of Heaven. If you will describe God, His wonders and His opulence, you will probably find that that is all that is needed to show you your good right at hand.

Everything is given to you at the right time - not before, not after. You are always in your right place at the right time with the right people and the right appointments. All is in Divine Order - praise it! The right word will be given to you at the proper time. The Spirit is very exact in all Its ways.

There is only One Mind; there is no confusion. You have no mind of your own. There is only One Will; you have no will of your own. Jesus said: "I can do nothing of myself; it is the Father who does the work." Drop the human mind and let the Mind of God fill you.

You will hear the Voice of God out of the deep silence. Then you will comprehend the Power of God.

000

SPIRITICITY, November 1966

I PETER: TRANSLATION AND NOTES

By Robert Applegate, Ph.D.

"SIMON, SIMON, the accuser (The Hebrew word satan means accuser. Satan is the idea that accuses us of being mortal beings, separated from God.) has desired to winnow you and your fellow disciples like wheat; but I have prayed for you, so that your faith shall not fail. When you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." So Jesus spoke to Peter during His last meal with

His disciples. After His Resurrection He again commissioned him with the words: "Feed My sheep."

If you read through the first twelve chapters of Acts, you will see that Peter obeyed these commands. He was the leader of the Community of the Resurrection.

In Acts 12:17 we are told that after Peter's escape from prison, he left Jerusalem and "went to another place." From this point on we lose sight of him. It is clear from references in Paul's letters and elsewhere that Peter did a lot of traveling, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and establishing centers of worship and instruction. We do not know as much of his travels as we do of Paul's because nobody wrote about them.

Peter finished his journeys at Rome, and it was from there, most probably in the year A.D. 63, that he wrote his circular letter to congregations in Asia Minor - congregations that he had perhaps founded during his travels. This letter is now our I Peter.

The First Letter of Peter has been called a "teaching letter." It is beautifully and forcefully written. It seems that the actual writing was done by Silvanus, who had earlier been Paul's companion and had composed his letters to the Thessalonians. Silvanus was the literary man of the Apostolic group and it is to him that we owe some of the clearest expression of the original Christian teaching.

Since the Letter of Peter says a good bit about "suffering," I want to say something about this; for the orthodox churches have overplayed the idea, while modern metaphysics has pretended that suffering does not exist. It is true that those who are "in Truth" are saved from much of the sickness, accidents, want, and frustration that are in the world. It is also true that God does not send suffering any more than the sun sends darkness. Nevertheless anyone who is serious about following Jesus Christ will know "suffering" - chiefly from three sources:

1) "Chemicalization." The Truth brings to the surface many hidden faults in us. These come up to be healed. In the process they may temporarily produce both physical pain and emotional outburst.

2) Persecution. In the New Testament the word suffering is most often used in connection with persecution by the self-righteous whose pretenses the Truth brings to light. As Jesus said, every prophet has been harassed by the persons he tried to help. It is still true.

3) Spiritual travail. To give up the "old man" is not easy, and anyone who makes Christianity appear easy is a betrayer. To give up all the old comfortable securities and attachments, to seek God only and depend on Him only, is the hardest work there is, and sometimes the most painful. But the rewards are worth it. Jesus said there would be labor pains attending the birth of Christ in us.

All this will be brought out in Peter's letter, which follows. In it he again strengthens his brothers and feeds Christ's sheep.

I PETER

1:1 Peter, a representative of Jesus Christ, to the expatriates of the

2 foreign colony of Pontus. . . . (That man as a spiritual being is an expatriate, a foreigner, a transient, in the material realm is one of the first points of the early Christian teaching. Peter will return to this later.) to you who have been chosen by the Purpose of God, in the dedication of the Spirit - chosen for obedience and for purification by the Atonement of Jesus Christ: May God's Kindness and Peace be made full for you.

3 May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, be praised: He who by His great Compassion has made us to be born again unto a living (and life-giving) hope by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We are reborn to receive an inheritance that 4 cannot decay or be sullied or lessened; it is kept in the Spiritual Realm for you, who 5 are yourselves kept by the Power of God, through your faith, for a deliverance that is all ready to be uncovered at the time of transition. In this you 6 exult, even though you are now pained a little in various testings, which come upon you so that 7 the value of your faith may be discovered - for your praise and exaltation and honor at the time of the revealing of Jesus Christ. Your faith is much more valuable than gold, and it is tested in a fire.

8 You have not seen Jesus Christ, but you love Him: you do not now see Him, but you believe in Him and exult with an indescribable, substantial joy. You receive as 9 the result of your faith the deliverance of your consciousness.

10 The prophets who prophesied of the Kindness of God to you asked concerning this deliverance; they 11 inquired as to the time the Spirit of Christ in them pointed to when It bore witness to the sufferings of the Way to Christ and the majesty that follows afterwards. It was revealed to them 12 that they were serving not themselves but you in prophesying of these things that have now been declared to you by the men who (inspired by the Holy Breath that comes from the Spiritual Realm) proclaimed to you the Good News. Into these things angels yearn to look.

(To be continued)

SPIRITICITY, November 1966

ECCLESIASTICUS, 2:1 - 18

(Translated from the Greek By Robert Applegate, Ph.D.)

(Ecclesiasticus, or Sirach, is one of the books of the Apocrypha [those Jewish books that were not included in the Old Testament, but that in old Bibles used to be bound between the Old and the New Testaments]. It was written in Hebrew about 180 B.C. by Joshua ben Sira. Shortly afterwards his grandson translated it into Greek. The Hebrew original is now lost [except for fragments], but we have the Greek translation.)

Child, if you come forward to worship the Lord, prepare your soul for testing. Set your heart straight and be steadfast; do not be hasty when something attacks you.

Cling to him and do not desert, so that you may be increased later on. Whatever is brought upon you, accept it; when circumstances lower you, be slow to anger.

For gold is proved in a fire and accepted men in a furnace of lowness.
Trust Him and He will help you; make straight your ways and hope in Him.

You who revere the Lord, wait for His Love: do not lean away, lest you fall.
You who revere the Lord, trust Him; your reward will never fail.
You who revere the Lord, expect good and eternal joy and love.

Consider the former generations and perceive. Who trusted the Lord and was
ashamed? Or who remained in reverence for him and was left in the lurch? Or
who called upon Him and He disregarded him?

For the Lord is compassionate and loving; He cancels out mistakes and delivers
in time of stress.

There will be distress for cowardly hearts and slack hands and the wrong doer
who goes on two roads.
There will be distress for the slack heart, because it does not believe;
therefore it will not be sheltered. . . .

Those who revere the Lord will not disregard his words; those who love Him will
keep His ways.
Those who revere the Lord will seek His Will; those who love Him will fill
themselves with His Teaching. (They will satisfy their hunger to know Him.)
Those who revere the Lord will make their hearts ready; they will humble their
souls before Him.

Let us fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of men. For as is
His Greatness, so is His Love.

(Translated from the Greek by Robert Applegate, Ph.D.)

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATIONS
For every week day of the month

NOVEMBER, 1966

1. AIM AT righteousness.
2. I BRING near My righteousness, saith the Lord.
3. Thou, O Lord, art a God full of COMPASSION.
4. The Spirit searcheth the DEEP things of God.
5. I am the Lord which EXERCISE Lovingkindness.
- *
7. Your FAITH is growing abundantly.
8. Be strong in the GRACE that is in Christ Jesus.
9. Take HOLD of the eternal Life to which you were called.
10. The aim of your charge is love that ISSUES from a pure heart.
11. Be perfectly JOINED together in the same mind.
12. Deal KINDLY and truly with me.
- *
14. He satisfieth the LONGING soul.
15. Great is His MERCY toward them that fear (revere) Him.
16. The Lord is NIGH unto all them that call upon Him.
17. OBTAIN favour of the Lord.
18. Keep yourself PURE.
19. They came to Him from every QUARTER.
- *
21. REKINDLE the Gift of God that is within you.
22. He will joy over thee with SINGING.
23. TALK ye of His wondrous works.
24. UNITE my heart to fear (revere) Thy Name.
25. God called us in VIRTUE of His own purpose.
26. Do not be WEARY in WELL DOING.
- *
28. Know the certainty of words of Truth.
29. Take heed to YOURSELF and YOUR teaching.
30. Be ZEALOTS, therefore, and repent.

"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.

CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE, 2400 Canton Drive, Fort Worth, Texas, 76112