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Beloved of God, greeting:

When we remember the land whence we came we enjoy for the moment all of the benefits contained in that memory. Surely this memory of former transcendent glories can be considered part of our equipment for daily living and we may attribute wisdom to the practice of the devout who pray without ceasing.

To pray without ceasing is to attain and keep contact with this place of remembrance, to be aware of our proper identity, to enter into our estate. If this is done things go well with us. In times of exaltation the problems of the day fall away.

Neglect of this "remembrance" is the cause of dissatisfaction, or disease.

Remembrance of this true estate is complete satisfaction, the only satisfaction. To be satisfied is to be at peace. "Ye shall be satisfied when ye awake in My Image."

Watch, pray, remember the land whence you came. Return unto it and it will return unto you.

Wherever we have found God, let us go there again and again. The time to worship God is NOW.

Sincerely yours,  
A. J. Truesdell

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His Mercy Is Everlasting

Previous to the advent of Jesus Christ so much emphasis had been placed upon the interpretation of the Law until a religious structure developed so complicated in nature that nothing less than the sword of Truth itself could be depended upon to cut a pathway through this wilderness. The Law was not under fire, but the interpreters and interpretations of the Law.

"The Law and the Prophets were until John," who came with a new concept and a new declaration of a New Dispensation that would fulfill all the prophecies and render workable the mighty Mosaic Law in a new way.

John came openly advising his listeners to strip their doctrines of all misinterpretations and literal practice that they might clear the decks for the activity of the new and more vital concept and practice being revealed among them.

This new movement would not do away with the Law, but there would be even greater respect for the Law itself. There would be also a recognition of the fact that the Law carries within it its mode of operation. This movement, or

activity, of the Law is in all intercourse and exchange between man and his fellows.

True spiritual instruction promotes a better understanding of the Law as a vehicle through which man is able to display the fruits of a higher order of existence. Anybody who claims to be practicing spiritual principles should be meticulous and scrupulous in his acknowledgment and practice of the Law. Jesus gave the rule thus: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

In Revelations the ransomed are promised to return with singing "the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty."

We must learn to creep before we can walk. We must learn to become good citizens before we can govern others or exercise higher responsibilities. Our righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees if we aspire to enter into the true riches which consist of spiritual gifts and treasures.

Jesus knew that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but he was explicit in telling Peter to keep the Law. In one instance Jesus even provided Peter with a gold piece so that he might pay the required taxes, "Lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money; that take, and give unto them for me and thee!"

The Law is set up so that man might have a rule of action, particularly in the times when he seems undecided as to the correct procedure.

When confused, it is good practice to ask, "How should I like this man or this situation to act toward me? Am I trying to gain the advantage; get something for nothing?" It is well to remember that whatever is sent forth comes back with increase. A man may consider well and choose the results he wants to harvest, then plant the seed to bring forth that harvest.

This is the way of the Law. It is really a pleasant way for those who sow the right kind of seed. What is sown is reaped with increase, we repeat. Thus, if we desire others to have hardships and discipline, that we ourselves shall reap. Sometimes, some of our crop looks as though an enemy had deliberately sown weeds among our grain. Right here we must know no outside influence can affect our "good ground" and that it is we ourselves who are master.

Many times we are not content with our harvest because we are never quite satisfied to express anything less than the best. Occasionally people who are doing the best they know how to do are binding themselves to processes and precedents far below their actual capacity to be, know, and do. A department in every soul will never become reconciled to mediocre performance no matter how desirable that performance appears to others.

Everything of consequence accomplished has taken place in times when some individual forgot precedence and launched out into agreement or cooperation with that nature which seems to be more than mortal. In such times a person has ears to hear, eyes to see, and a mind to comprehend hitherto hidden instructions too deep to be known. In such times a man comes closer to complete satisfaction than at any other time in his experience, times when he accomplishes things marvelous in the sight of onlookers.

When a man has sensed this high aspiration within himself which permits him to express his higher nature in a more excellent way, it does not follow that he is privileged to ride rough-shod over his fellows who at the moment do not find themselves in this exalted state.

Just the contrary: - this nature can only be expressed in complete coordination with the very nature and character of God who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, the God "who taketh no pleasure in the death of the wicked," the God who heeds even the sparrow's fall.

When a man has proved himself to be a Law-abiding citizen he has unfolded to him new understandings of a better state of existence, he witnesses new and more efficient operations of mental processes, he discovers all his equipment has been stepped up to such high efficiency that it runs silently, automatically, and much more productively.

It is as though a great selective service were being established and that God conscripted everyone who could be of service to Him in His universal army. The duration of this service is for eternity.

Those selected might not meet with the approval of others who like to judge but, "wisdom is justified of her children," and exercises care in their development.

This is the department in which the chosen learn to deal with elements designated as "grace," and "mercy," qualities generated under the Jesus Christ dispensation known as "the Gospel," as distinguished from "the Law."

"The Law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God."

With the ushering in of this better hope comes better material for every department of being. Not the manna of Moses, but the manna which makes preparation for eternal existence under the original and divine dispensation.

Naturally, the mistakes we made under the Mosaic Law are nullified by the application of the mercy of God. The "sinner" is redeemed, the healing, remitting, forgiving, saving grace flows forth until we see the wisdom of keeping every jot and tittle of the Law, but added to this practice, to continue also in His aspiration toward the weightier matters, of good judgment, mercy and faith.

Jesus Christ was considered by those who accepted Him to be the fulfillment of all the prophesies contained in the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets.

For a soul-satisfying and scientific acknowledgment of the mercy of God we point to Psalm 136 which tells of the mighty works accomplished when the Worker is acknowledged to be the Lord. In part:

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:  
    for his mercy endureth forever.  
O give thanks unto the God of gods:  
    for his mercy endureth forever.  
O give thanks unto the Lord of lords:  
    for his mercy endureth forever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders,  
for his mercy endureth forever.  
To him that by wisdom made the heavens:  
for his mercy endureth forever.  
To him that stretched out the earth above the waters:  
for his mercy endureth forever.  
To him that made great lights:  
for his mercy endureth forever.

And so forth.

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Dear Friend:

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

In these times of stress there is the temptation to run to and fro seeking solace from the disappointments of the world and the flesh. Restlessness runs rampant and a person is apt to become so confused as to be unable to discriminate between what is good for him and what is not good.

Sweet words of consolation, offering false sympathy, come from those not grounded in Truth which are balm to the tired and distressed spirit. But we urge you never to turn to unhappy or dissatisfied persons for advice or comfort in time of trial. Their state of maladjustment and unhappiness ought to be sufficient warning against appealing to them, for it is not sympathy you need, but spiritual healing.

It is said that misery loves company. If you are trying to understand the Principle of Truth and are going through what you think is the greatest trial of your life, know that your choice now will determine your future life - whether you shall build on the sands or establish yourself on the Rock.

Lift up your eyes, and LOOK. God has not lost His Ancient Magic Touch. Keep your High Watch. Listen for His Word. Love Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Nothing else avails.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE knows how to stand alone with God. come to the realization that God is YOUR Good, dear heart, and knows that all is well in Him. Blessings in His Name.

Lovingly yours,  
Nell Truesdell

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Alphabet of  
DAILY MEDITATION  
For Every Week Day of the Month

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1. He AROSE and came to his father.
2. How great is His BEAUTY.  
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4. I CAME not to judge the world, but to save.
5. I will DWELL in the house of the Lord.
6. ELECT of God ... forgive one another.
7. He FILLETH the hungry soul with goodness.
8. Praise the Lord for His GOODNESS.
9. HEAR My Words.  
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11. The just man walketh IN his INTEGRITY.
12. Have FAITH as a grain of mustard seed.
13. The Lord is thy KEEPER.
14. He LOVETH righteousness and judgment.
15. MERCY shall follow ME.
16. The Words of His mouth (are) more than my NECESSARY food.  
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18. He is OUR help and OUR shield.
19. His way is PERFECT.
20. The Word of God is QUICK.
21. Be READY for every good work.
22. Thou hast ... given me the SHIELD of thy SALVATION.
23. THE TABERNACLE of God is with man.  
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25. Be gentle UNTO all men.
26. Walk worthy of the VOCATION wherewith ye are called.
27. WALK in His WAYS.
28. The God of Love and Peace shall be with YOU.
29. Forasmuch as ye are ZEALOUS of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel.
30. By the grace of God I am what I am.

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DAILY MEDITATION is practice that should not be over looked by the aspiring student. It helps him build a consciousness of harmony with God and His Good. We invite you to join with us daily in this valuable practice.