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STAND STILL

By Alden Truesdell

"THERE IS that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is mete, but it tendeth to poverty."

Most of us, while in prayer or meditation, have experienced the wonders of contact with a Benevolent Presence. In such times we have such a sense of well-being we are unable to consider such a thing as lack. Deprivation has become but a word; provision is the order of the day.

If one could abide in this sense of spiritual sufficiency, understanding it for what it is, he would never want for anything. And while he will no doubt depart from this consciousness at intervals, he can become so grounded, or based, at his Center of Being as to project all his works from there.

At Center everything is provided for every need. But those who do not believe, or will not come to the feast, cannot receive. There are those whose consciousness is shriveled by selfishness into a state where they withhold from others for fear of lack. These are the ones who withhold "more than is mete, but it tendeth to poverty." Those who give out of a sense of opulence scatter the seeds of increase. If you give out of a sense of opulence, opulence will be the normal state.

When we speak of opulence, most people think of large accumulations of material riches, which to them is wealth. A great deal of this accumulation is caused by fear of lack. Such as these cannot get enough of anything; they cannot be satisfied. We know a multi-millionaire, whose drive for wealth was caused by hunger. He has many houses, and in one of them he has a refrigerated storeroom nearly as large as an ordinary house, completely filled with all sorts of meats. When he goes into the country, he comes back with more meat, although he has a year's supply on hand. Such as these believe they are rich, but they are simply swamped with their own accumulation based on fear of lack. The Scripture says to them:

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear."

Money is a good thing, but the love of money is the prostitution of a quality more valuable than money. Those who worship riches and love money are to be found among the rich and the poor. It is difficult for them to look to, and depend upon, God only; for they know not the Power and the Providence of God.

There is no competition in the Christ Truth; there are no status-seekers in the Kingdom of God. There is more than enough for all God's children, just as on the beaches there is enough sun, air, and water for all.

In the Lord's Vineyard each one is paid with the same penny, but it is a pretty penny indeed. This penny is a Christ credit card, entitling the possessor to all he can use of the Father's treasure and to all the services of

his spiritually trained associates, who in turn enjoy the benefits of his specialty, whatever it is. And whatever it is, it has import in the sight of the Father.

The question rises, then, how to attain the freedom from lack that is the true wealth. Where do we go? Whom do we seek? What do we say? If we have practiced everything we have learned these questions answer themselves. We do not go anyplace but within. There we stand, steadfastly aspiring to the more excellent Way of Life.

"Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will shew to you to day." We move in toward our Center, where we have been directed by all the inspired teachers. There we wait upon the Lord. This is where we go; this is the One we seek. It shall be given us what we shall say.

We are being awakened from the dream of the senses into the daylight of Spiritual Reality, in which all things - including our own talents have been in trust for us until we come of age, or until we come to the fullness of time that is called "the Lord's Day": that day when we say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God."

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REVIVAL

By H. B. Jeffery

"BLESS the Lord, 0 my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

We should expect healings to take place wherever we are; we should expect them constantly. For God has said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." God is always present everywhere; and He says: "I am the health of My people. I bring health and cure. I will restore; I will make all things new. You are My people and I am your God."

Such is the activity of the One Spirit towards man. God is a loving Father that cares for us and is always bestowing good upon us. You remember that Paul said: "Ye are all the children of God. ... Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. ... The Spirit Itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. " So you are sons of the Most High. God is your Father. You who are natural fathers love your children and love to do things for them. How much more shall the Infinite God do for His children?

"It is your Father's good pleasure to give." Some people feel that the Most High is withholding some good from them. They think that they have done wrong and so are being chastised. The Scripture says that God's eye is too pure to behold iniquity and He sees no evil. It is said also that God has the all-seeing eye. He has the all-seeing eye, but He sees no evil; so evil must be imaginary. If any of you feel that you are being chastised for something and are ill because you have done wrong, remember that God's eye is too pure to behold iniquity, and yet He sees everything.

Remember that the Apostle Paul said: "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." How many of you realize that? - that where there seems to be iniquity and evil, right there the Grace of God abounds.

The Psalmist realized the Grace of God. He was conscious of the Presence of God everywhere. He said there was no place he could go to get out of the Presence of God. "If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand hold me." God is everywhere and is present in those places that you think are evil. There is no place you can go to be absent from the Divine, God's Love is infinite. It is impossible to measure the Divine and Holy Love. We are always in the Presence of that Love; we are never away from It.

God is all-powerful, all-mighty, omnipotent. You may think that you are weak, that you are in the presence of weakness. But you are always in the Presence of All-mightiness of Omnipotence. There is no absence of Power or strength anywhere. "God is our refuge and strength"; and He is everywhere. "Lo, I am with you alway," Jesus Christ said.

"I will be to them according to their word," God says. Our words are objectified. So if you will know that you are a son of God and if you will say so, then the whole Universe will back you up. "By your words ye shall be justified."

You are the child of a King, as it says in the old hymn. Do you know that - that you are the child of the Owner of the spheres, the Creator of heaven and earth? If you do know it, you will never fear any outer thing. You will never have a sense of need or want. You will find your needs met wherever you are. You will find an order and harmony working all through your life - a Divine Order.

"I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me," David sang. He had the sense of sureness and security. People are constantly seeking security these days. Men and women are crying out for security. If they would look to the Eternal for security, they would never lack any good thing. "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Our Father, who created heaven and earth, knows our needs better than we do; and He is more willing to give than we are to receive. When we know that we will walk in this world of form and confusion — and be unconcerned about it. "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright. ... in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. ... At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh."

The governments of cities and states have their relief departments. None of them is looking to the Eternal. They are all peering at the problems in the world of matter. If they recognized the non-estness of all that and the Allness of God - the Infinite, the Immeasurable, Love of God; the Capacity and the Power of God - they would find that all those things they fight would fall away into nothingness under the white Light of the Divine. It is ever shining upon us and our affairs.

I have been down in the Southland. In the winter it's a big place down there for revivalists. They have their tents all over the place, trying to revive the people by telling them how sinful they are and how unworthy. That doesn't revive anybody. Sometimes I have seen people carried out unconscious. They were so convicted of evil that they were knocked cold. They had to be

carried out and have something warm to wake them up and get them out of their revived state.

"I will revive," says the Lord. "For thus says the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth Eternity, I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." When you are aware of the Presence of the Divine, you will feel a reviving going on within you. You will feel that Power that was in Christ Jesus. You remember the words of Paul: "If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." That Spirit is there because God put it there. You do not have to ask Him for It; It is already there.

The flesh is plastic, malleable, and moldable. It outpictures the thoughts in the mind and the emotions of the heart. If you feel that you are in disfavor with the Almighty, that He is condemning you, then this false idea will outpicture as illness. All wrong ideas concerning the Infinite are written in the flesh. This causes disease; and when it is erased, people say there has been a healing. Healing is knowing that the condition is untrue - founded on untrue thoughts.

When you catch the realization of the Divine Love, you will find a revival going on in you. You will feel an upspringing of life. For there are great reservoirs of life in you that you are not using. So turn to the Supreme and acknowledge Him. Acknowledge that you are His son. Know that His eye is too pure to behold iniquity, that He sees you as His son, that He wants to give you all good, that His Life is in you and that Life is Infinite and ETERNAL. Say to Him: "Thou hast removed the veil from my eyes. I do not see the world of form and confusion; I see Thee."

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PHILIPPIANS

By Robert Applegate, Jr. (Continued from last Month)

WHILE PAUL was in Rome, awaiting his trial, he was allowed to stay in his own rented house. But he was kept chained by the wrist to a soldier. The soldiers who took turns at this duty were members of the Praetorian Guard - 10,000 picked troops that were stationed at Rome. Paul refers to them in the opening part of his Letter to the Philippians that follows - His friends at Philippi supposed that his imprisonment had stopped his ministry; he says this is not so.

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-30

- 12. I WANT YOU to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has served to advance the Good News,
- 13. rather (than hindering it). It has now become clear to the whole Praetorian Guard, and to all the rest, that my imprisonment is for
- 14. Christ. And most of the brothers who trusting the Lord dare greatly to speak the Word of God without fear because of my imprisonment.
- 15. Some proclaim Christ because of envy (of me) and enmity (towards me); others because of good will.
- 16. The latter act out of love, for they know that I am here for the
- 17. defense of the Good News. The former proclaim Christ because of self-seeking not in dedication; they think that they will make
- 18. my imprisonment more bitter. So what? The only thing that matters is that, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed. In this I rejoice and I shall rejoice. For I know that all this will end in my release, through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. My longing and hope is that I
- 20. may have no cause for shame in anything, but that now as always Christ may be clearly magnified in me whether through my life or through my death. For me to live
- 21. is Christ and to die is gain. If
- 22. it is life in the flesh, this provides me with the fruit of work. Which shall I choose? I do not know. I am torn between the
- 23. two, I want to be released (from the body) and to be with Christ, for this is much better.
- 24. But for me to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. And so I am
- 25. confident of this that I shall remain and stay with all of you, for the sake of your advancement and joy and faith, so that in
- 26. Christ Jesus your joy in me may overflow through my coming to you again.
- 27. Just conduct yourselves worthily of the Good News, so that whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, (I may know) that you stand firm in one spirit with one heart, striving together for the faith of the Good News,
- 28. and frightened in nothing by them who oppose you. Their opposition leads to their destruction, but to your deliverance and that from God. For it has been
- 29. granted to you as a gift not only that you should believe in Christ, but that you should endure for Him. You have the same struggle that you once saw in me and now hear is in me.

(To be continued)

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OUESTIONS and ANSWERS

By Nell Truesdell

Do you want to be healed?

I will restore HEALTH unto thee, and I will HEAL thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord. Jer. 30:17

Are you unhappy?

Behold, HAPPY is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty. Job 5:17

Are you anxious?

Take no thought (i.e., be not ANXIOUS), saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ... Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Mt. 6:31,32; Lk. 12:22,30

Are you weary?

My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Exodus 33:14

Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Mt. 11:28

Are you garrulous?

In all labour there is profit: but the TALK of the lips tendeth only to penury. Proverbs 14:23

Are you disturbed?

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee. Isaiah 26:3

Which is better: wisdom or money?

WISDOM is a defense, and MONEY is a defense: but the excellency of knowledge is, that WISDOM giveth Life to them that have it. Eccl. 7:12

Why not love the things of the world?

Young men, because ye are strong, ... love not the WORLD, neither the things that are in the WORLD. If any man love the WORLD, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the WORLD, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the WORLD. And the WORLD passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the Will of God abideth forever.

I John 2:14-17

Why be humble before God?

HUMBLE yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you. I Peter 5:6,7

 $\mbox{\sc HUMBLE}$ yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up. James $4\!:\!10$

Are you contentious?

Only by pride cometh CONTENTION: but with the well advised is wisdom. Proverbs 13:10

Why trust in God?

He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whoso TRUSTETH in the Lord, happy is he. Proverbs 16:20

In whom should we hope?

0 my soul \dots HOPE in God; for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. Psalm 43:5

Do you cry?

I will CRY unto God Most High; unto God that performeth all things for me. Psalm 57:2

How shall we honor the Lord?

 $\,$ HONOUR the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. Prov. 3:9

Does your faith waver?

He (Abraham) staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in FAITH, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform. Romans 4:20-21

Are you sick?

The Lord shall take away from thee all SICKNESS. Deut. 7:15

Are you angry?

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be ANGRY: for ANGER resteth in the bosom of fools. Eccl. 7:9

What is gained by knowing Christ?

What things were GAIN to me, those I counted loss for Christ \dots for whom I have suffered the loss of all things \dots that I may win Christ, and be found in Him \dots that I may know Him, and the POWER of His RESURRECTION. Ph. 3:7-10

Where will God hide us in time of trouble?

Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear (revere) Thee; which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the

sons of men! Thou shalt BIDE them in the secret of Thy Presence from the pride of man: Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Psalms 31:19-20

Where is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is not in word, but in POWER. I Cor. 4:20

The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, lo there! for, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:20-21

Whence does power come?

Ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Acts 1:8

Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem (center of peace within) until ye be endued with POWER from on High. Luke 24:49

What is the work of God?

This is the WORK OF GOD, that ye believe on $\operatorname{\text{\rm Him}}$ whom $\operatorname{\text{\rm He}}$ hath sent. John 6:29

Believe Me that I (Jesus Christ) am in the Father, and the Father in Me. John 14:11

What is the best beauty treatment?

A MERRY HEART maketh a CHEERFUL COUNTENANCE. Proverbs 15:13

Alphabet of DAILY MEDITATIONS for every week day of the month

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- 1. AIM AT righteousness, faith, love, peace.
- 2. Teach what BEFITS sound doctrine.
- 3. CONTINUE in what you have learned.
- 5. Guide your affairs with DISCRETION.
- 6. ENCOURAGE one another and build one another up.
- 7. Hold FAST what is good; abstain FROM every FORM of evil.
- 8. GUARD what has been entrusted to you.
- 9. Take HOLD of eternal Life to which you were called.
- 10. The INWARD man IS renewed day by day.
- 12. Make a JOYFUL noise unto the Lord, all the earth.
- 13. The people that do KNOW their God shall be strong.
- 14. They LOOKED to Him and were LIGHTENED.
- 15. MEN MOVED by the Holy Spirit spoke from God,
- 16. Thy Word is more than my NECESSARY food.
- 17. OFFER praise unto thy God.
- 19. Let the PEACE of Christ rule in your heart.
- 20. Lead a QUIET and peaceable life.
- 21. REKINDLE the gift of God that is in you.
- 22. My SON, be wise.

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- 23. Give THANKS in all circumstances.
- 24. Thy lips shall UTTER praise.
- 26. Thy VISITATION hath preserved my spirit.
- 27. God shall WIPE away all tears.
- 28. YET will I rejoice in the Lord.
- 29. He told us of your ZEAL.
- 30. He shall give His angels charge over thee.
- 31. Underneath are the everlasting arms.

"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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