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Beloved of God, Greeting: Holy Spirit

When we bless you in the Name of the Most High, or invoke the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your behalf, we are blessing you in the Name of Jesus Christ. This is not a pretty figure of speech but a scientific coordination of the Highest Powers known to the race. It is a most efficient and practical gesture toward meeting your requirements for this day, whether your need be Health, Harmony, Prosperity, or Happiness.

The Most High God, the Father of Lights, has nothing but good intentions toward you. It is His pleasure to give you the Kingdom. It is His nature to give. God gives of Himself as evidenced by Jesus Christ who ministered in the world to reconcile it to Himself.

He girds Himself where necessary and comes forth to serve all who accept and believe His Spirit abides with them, teaching, guiding, instructing, protecting, and supplying them with every needful thing. Actually, He is a Divine Servant in the house.

We pray that you partake of the gift of the Holy Spirit and in His Name ask what you will. Reconsider and re-examine this blessing of the Most High given in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Blessings and benedictions, in His Service.

Sincerely yours,  
A. J. Truesdell

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Ferrar Fenton translates the first Chapter of John thus:

"A man came, sent from God; his name was John. He came for witness, in order that he might give evidence concerning that Light, so that all might believe through Him. He was not himself the Light; his mission was to give evidence concerning that Light. The real Light was that which enlightens every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was created by means of Him; yet the world did not recognize Him.

"He came to His own home; but His own family did not welcome Him. But whosoever welcomed Him, believing in His power, He bestowed upon them the right to become children of God. They were not begotten from blood, nor from natural desire, nor yet from the design of man; but from God Himself.

"And the WORD became incarnate, and encamped among us - and we gazed upon His majesty, such majesty as that of a Father's only Son - full of beneficence and truth."

Our spiritual proposition, from premise to conclusion, reveals that we cannot escape from the established fact that God, the Creator, and man, His created, are of identical substance, light, energy.

As in the study of mathematics we return again and again to principle, so must we begin every spiritual proposition with this fundamental premise:

- 1) GOD IS
- 2) GOD IS GOOD

Various doctrines explain God and His elemental Goodness as mind, idea, expression. Whoever subscribes to any of these doctrines and describes the qualities of God is a forerunner of Christ. If he is true to his science, (or even if he slips occasionally, so long as his motive is good,) One will come after him. The declaration of doctrine is preparatory. It makes way for Reality, which is Christ. New Light will be cast upon such doctrine.

It is a great temptation to feel that if we have repeated the multiplication tables more regularly and more loudly than our fellow students, we should be entitled to special merit. But the only real merit is a recognition of and familiarity with principle. Remember the man who was hired at the eleventh hour received the same wages as the others who had been on the job since early morning. If you are looking for special consideration in the pursuit of Truth, you will be disappointed. If you do what you do to be seen of men or women, you will have your reward.

But, if you are moved to do what you do by the Prime-Mover in the Universe, for sheer love of God, you will have a reward with which no amount of public approval or position in high places can compare.

Truth is so simple that simple illustrations suffice to reveal deep spiritual truths. Suppose a group of children were told to describe an apple. "The apple grows on a tree. The apple is red. It is round. It is good to eat." Further, suppose these children had never seen an apple orchard; still, they could tell all about an apple.

Now, let us consider another group of students who are acquainted with growing apples. In their short lifetime they have seen trees started from seed, grafted properly, had watched blossoms turn into good fruit, and could distinguish between several varieties of the fruit.

On the one hand the students would be letter perfect; on the other, the students would know.

Instruction can be mastered but it is only the forerunner of knowledge. "O taste and see that the Lord is GOOD."

We taste God's GOOD by description. What we describe becomes established, firm in mind. Since there is no question but that man's life comes from the GIVER-of- LIFE, who IS LIFE; or that man's intelligence comes from the ONE MIND; that his being is THE SUBSTANCE of BEING, we affirm, or repeat these facts until we come to know.

This knowing reveals that man is not born of the flesh. Man is a spiritual being, the image and likeness of God. His body is a collection of divine impulses and qualities manifested in form. All ideas in the mind-of-God

are designed to serve man. They flow through man freely and dwell amongst man that God may be glorified.

This has been made known by the Son who exists at-one with the Father. John the Baptist gave evidence of Him by proclaiming, "This was the One concerning whom I said, He who follows me takes rank above me, because He existed before me."

We may be letter-perfect about the things of God. But unless we take the word of Jesus Christ, believing on Him, we shall not enter into Son-ship. With Him we must know, "I and the Father are One." This is our only premise, our only guide in reasoning, and our only conclusion.

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- In all literature there are no truer or more inspiring words than those found in our Holy Bible.

God bless you.

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Are You Complacent?

By Nell Truesdell

Three young chickens found a choice bit of sandy soil in a shady place and there they settled in a row. Each scratched with his feet and loosened the sand enough so that with a flutter of wings cool soil was thrown among the white feathers on their bodies. Strange chicken-noises of contentment issued from them. After a few moments of tossing sand around, all three would settle with eyes closed for a short nap. The scene depicted pure physical enjoyment; all was peaceful; all was well.

Suddenly out of nowhere a little dog rushed at the half-sleeping fowls and a great clatter was set up in their attempt to get away. The former peaceful scene was blasted to bits as the awakened chickens darted in several directions at once.

Now the dog was content for he confiscated the cool earth and settled his body there to rest and doze.

In our earthly experience we too settle contentedly amid the people and things around us. Even if we throw dirt over ourselves, so long as our bodies are peaceful we seem satisfied. But suddenly something rushes at us and in a flurry we are off, not knowing quite what to do or where to go in the excitement.

Self-complacency always invites disturbance. A spiritual impulse spying our serene self-satisfaction rushes into our domain and immediately change of position, relationship, and place is inevitable. It matters not how secure we feel, how harmonious we appear to be, this spiritual impetus strikes at us and instantly we are moved to energetic action, sometimes in several directions at once.

Life as we know and experience it, is a limited expression of that moving livingness that is really ours. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

Imagine what dissension Jesus caused among the priesthood and masses when He appeared "out of nowhere" with a teaching foreign to their ears, albeit a teaching with an essence that commanded notice.

Satisfaction with oneself, one's position, powers, or person causes a vacuum into which something like a violent gust of wind rushes to shatter a synthetic peace. This is our protection. Should we long remain in a state of indolence our aversion to exertion would destroy us. Our opportunity to develop and grow from within presents itself with every challenge to our comfort, physical or mental.

"It is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the thing which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Could we be touched by the things of God and remain as we are?  
Impossible! One glimpse of the least of God's blessings instantly throws

everything we know and possess into panic. The things of the world knoweth not the things of God nor can they exist as they are in His Presence.

Change is essential to growth; the two are one. If your life appears to be a continuous movement, if nothing seems solid or fixed, rejoice, for great is your reward. You are being selected to dwell on the Heights.

Look up, put all our faith in God. Let your hope be in Him. Find rest in Him. Feel your security in the midst of unrest, and know Him as your everlasting companion, counselor, and friend though Christ Jesus your Lord.

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Dear Friend:

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE by reason of constant association with the truths of God stands as a visible sign of that which appears to be invisible. As you fellowship with us you become a unit of expression representing the ideals common to all who give attention to God and thereby contribute to the general well-being of all mankind.

We are with you in Spirit and in Truth and invite your active participation in all phases of the work. In serving our fellows it appears that much has to be done even though we know that "the Father doeth the work." Our joy is in doing and the activity enlarges our capacity to serve.

I want to include a few sentences from Psalm 121 in this letter to you to stir you to greater determination to look upward to Him who doeth all things well.

"I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

"The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

We bless you in His Service,

Lovingly yours,  
Nell Truesdell

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE is a fellowship of sincere students seeking practical application of the Law of Life, as lived and taught by the Master of Life, JESUS CHRIST.

We aspire to that saving grace which heals the sick, teaches, preaches, and quickens with Life the dormant hopes and unfulfilled ideals in the individual and race mind.

Our home grounds, at 2400 Canton Dr. are equipped to accommodate visitors who want to spend awhile with us studying the Principle of Truth. Teaching and surroundings are intended to supply a balance between intense seeking and a full capacity to live a normal life; that, while the head may be in heaven, the feet may still touch the earth which is God's footstool. We invite you to partake of this spiritual ministry at any time during the year.