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The Star in The East *Our Christmas Message, December 24, 1922*

By NONA L. BROOKS.

"NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. Matthew II, 1-4.

They told him that according to prophecy this great One was born in Bethlehem of Judea. Herod sent the wise men into Bethlehem to search for the child. He, the king, wished to come and worship. They departed; "and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." But these wise men, warned of God, in a dream, did not return to Herod, but departed into their own country by another way.

Matthew gives the story vividly, and our imagination is kindled by the light of Truth that glows in the Apostle's words. We, too, would follow the Star in the East, the symbol of the first dawn of Truth in our consciousness, with the wise ones of all the centuries since, until it leads us to the greater light, the perfect day, prophesied throughout the world's story. "Follow the gleam," says the inner voice, "to the full light of realization".

Life is continuous progression, the unfolding in consciousness of the soul of man, from light to light—and on to the fullness of light, the new understanding. Rejoice in every step of progress you and your neighbor make, as the parents rejoice in the accomplishment expressed in their child's first word, because it is the promise, the prophecy of more words to come.

In each living soul is the promise of eternal unfoldment, for we are evolving in God's own being. Nineteen hundred years ago there was born one that typifies the supreme experience of mankind. He, also, carried the greatest message in the words, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father". Men were longing for a true message, and Jesus brought it to them. The earlier attitude toward him was one of external worship. But there arose a deeper

something through the sincere and true touch, a something bigger and more inclusive. Back of Jesus, the man, was Christ, the Spirit of the Infinite Love, which was demonstrated to all who touched his life's expression, as the vitalizing element of this universal man. Paul and John saw that the same Spirit which unified the man. Jesus, was within every man. Many other wise men have known the same truth. They have seen that the only difference between Jesus and other men is that Jesus was consciously co-operating with this vitalizing power—God, the Father, while others do not lay hold of the great principle that it is the Father within that doeth the works, and that there is no limit to the power within ourselves, if we are open and receptive.

When we touch the bigger realization, we see the meaning of the Star in the East, and we walk by its light always. It reveals the eternal progress and unfoldment of the soul, because its light shows us Truth in fulness.

Jesus knew the oneness of man and God. He saw that the keynote of sorrow is the false concept that we are separated from our source. And so it was that Jesus came to save the world, to unify in daily realization man and God. The thought of the salvation of the old ways of thinking has its beauty. Jesus was a savior, but he saved us, not by taking the sins of the world upon himself, but by showing us that the safe return into God in realization is our salvation. We must save ourselves. Salvation is an active individual process. We must turn in thought to righteousness, the right direction that leads to God. Love will cleanse us from our sin, wrong thinking, for it is the uplifting and unifying force of life.

Jesus, the child of Mary, was born into the world to lead us into a realization of the Christ; the Spirit of God the Father sent His Son to lead the world to love. Christmas is the birthday of all who are born anew in the knowledge of the Lord. To truly celebrate one Christmas day a year is only a very small part, for every day is a Christ Day, a day of new birth into Love and Truth. The Spirit of Christmas is the Eternal Spirit in expression bringing forth Sons of Love.

The Christmas Spirit is the spirit of conscious unity—the richness of great love. We shall not be lonely if we know the Christ within. It is only

he who is thinking self-centered thoughts who is lonely and alone. No one who loves can be lonely, for the Spirit of Love takes us out and binds us to humanity, to all who live. We all have our Being in One God, the Father Almighty. First there is love. Second there is wide tolerance in the Spirit of Christ. The true Son is conscious of his sonship and of his brotherhood.

The Wise Men came from many directions, and went their separate ways outwardly when they had seen the light—but they knew there was but one way—the Christ Way. All the wise men of all the ages have sensed the unity of life—a universal fount of living waters inexhaustible and perfect. Jesus said to the disciples who returned to him saying that they had seen one casting out devils not according to their light, that they should forbid him not. He that is not against us, that is separating himself from good, is for us, is co-operating with the Divine Activity. We must break through the dividing lines if we would know the beauty of the whole.

We are not all seeking in the same way, but we are seeking the same thing. There is individual expression, and there is free choice. The great point is the on-going. Rejoice with him who finds the Truth, for there is but one Truth, the Supreme experience, the realization of oneness. Following the Star leads us to see the Unity of the Whole.

Many will say that there have never been such dark places in the world's history as there are today. And still it is an age of hope. In past centuries the parts of the world were isolated, and even if the hard places of one part were seen in another, the response did not seem so ready. We, today, feel ourselves our brothers' keepers. We have traveled far from the conscience of Cain, who when he was questioned as to the whereabouts of Abel, answered with negative implication, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We are climbing toward the mount of consciousness, where man views the world as a unit. There are movements, clubs, organizations, for the great purposes of helpfulness. In fact all of these bodies, even the business clubs, have a philanthropic aim.

I attended a most interesting club meeting during the week, the Gyro Club of Denver. It is a phase of the Big Brother Movement where men are choosing to act as older brothers to lads who are alone. The fundamental purpose of the club, the president told me, is friendship; business is incidental.

The G stands for good fellowship; the Y for youth; the R for responsibility to do for the world; the O for the opportunity to do. Such organizations are expressive of the Spirit of Truth, the Christ Spirit, active in the hearts of men. The one great body in Christ is the hope of the world.

The Star of Truth which heralded his coming led Jesus, on his journey here. He never lost the gleam of the unity of all mankind. Those who have followed Jesus have walked the path of brotherhood, and have stimulated the minds of other men to see the true meaning of life.

The Star in the East has set, but the Sun of righteousness has risen in the hearts and souls of men. The darkness is disappearing. This is a

blessed age; thought is emerging out of limitation into freedom, out of the old into the new, out of unbelief into the joyous consciousness of unity. This is the Christ life, and "Christ in you is your hope of glory", the realization of true worship. The birth of love in the souls of men is the theme of the Eternal Christmas Day, of which the Herald Angels sing.

How to Receive Supply

By L. B. GEBAUER.

The first sentence of the Fundamental Statement of Divine Science "God is all, both Invisible and Visible," sets forth the Source of supply so comprehensively that it seems futile to enlarge upon it. When one has perceived that God is both Supply and Supplier, and knows himself to be son of God, and heir to all that God has and *is*, how weak the claim of lack seems. And yet, after perceiving all this intellectually, and believing it whole-heartedly, and even accepting it as a working basis, many still seem to lack much that is actually necessary, not to mention the many things desired, that are right and lawful to have.

It is true that the Infinite Being, whose nature is love is always present and ready to manifest, to measure and shape His inexhaustible riches to the mold of man's receiving capacity, whenever His Laws are complied with—for God works always through Law and Order.

The Great Teacher said, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find." Man has asked and, for the most part, has not received. God never fails, so it must be that man has asked amiss, or has not known how to receive. There is a condition attached to every promise God ever made His people. What are the conditions attached to receiving? This is one, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." Truly, there would be no need of asking, did one believe (have an understanding faith) that he *had received*, and did he remember that "Of all that the Father hath given me, I can lose nothing."

Immediately following this first admonition, Jesus added, "And *when* ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have *ought* against *any*, that your Father which is in Heaven, may also forgive *you*, *your* trespasses." The channel for the inflow and the outflow of the pure stream of Spirit must be cleared out, for God is Love, and Love and unforgiveness cannot be in the same place at the same time.

The prayer of affirmation is an effectual method of reminding one's self that when God brought His perfect idea, man, forth into visibility, the full supply of all that He had to endow man with (Himself) came with him. "He that sent me is with me."

Unfailing recognition of God's Presence and Power, joyous co-operation with God's Laws, fearless and free circulation of what we have to give, humility to accept graciously through whatever channel He chooses to express, appreciation of the blessings He is continually pouring out upon us, and the unceasing prayer of gratitude are other means of realizing God-Abundance.

God and Man

A group of papers by students of class in Fundamentals, Chicago Divine Science Center.

"There is one God and Father of us all who is above all, through all, and in us all."

"Father, I am one with thee,
One through all eternity,
One forever in the past,
One as long as life shall last."

God is omnipresent Life. Man is always in God's presence.

God is omniscient Mind. Man is one with God-Mind and the activity of the God-Mind in man gives man knowledge, wisdom, understanding and intelligence.

God is omnipotent Love. Man is one with and a joyous center of the all including power of Love. God is the source, and man is the manifestation or instrument through which God wishes to express Perfect Life, Love, Health and Abundance.

I am one with Thee, Dear Father, I know the joy of being one with Thy endless, changeless, infinite, loving Presence. I thank Thee for Life, Love, Power and Health. Thou in me, I in Thee. I have no other being.

God is Perfection. God is the First Cause, the Principle upon which Man must build. Man in his true being is perfect.

Because God is Perfect Creator, man must be perfect creation. Man is divinely equipped with every attribute of God, which is Life Activity, harmonious and intelligent. Truth Omniscient, Wisdom, and Understanding, Love triumphant, which is the one and only Power.

Love cleanses and heals all misconceptions that man has thought to be a part of himself. Since God is Health, man's natural state is a healthy one. Man is not a mere reflection, but an expression of God.

How wonderful to know we are the Temple of God, not a worm of the dust.

Man is an incarnated word.

Man is indeed the Word of God, the pure and perfect idea of God made manifest. Man is the creation of this Perfect Creator—God's perfect and spiritual Idea having been created in God's image and after His likeness Man is therefore a perfect spiritual creation and needs no healing.

Man is the Word of God, the Divine Idea expressed in a pure and changeless form. Man is the expression of Divinity not a worm of the dust. Man is the image of God; he is like God not a mere reflection but the expression of Deity.

For God created man to be immortal and made him to be an image of eternal Love.

God is Omnipresent Life. God is Omniscient Mind. God is Omnipotent Love. God is all there really is and we are a part of that great reality. God is the one and only power and the one and only presence. God is the fullness that filleth all. God is perfection, for where God is there is perfection. God is the Universal principle on which to build our life. God is the First Cause, the one Source, and the one Origin and only Creator. There is but one God and Father of us all who is above all, in all and through all. God is the living, loving, acting Presence within us and all around us. God's Life is the one Life, the Life of all. God is the originator of all.

Man is the expression of God and is ever one with Perfect Life, Intelligence, and Substance. Man is because God is. Man has his existence in God and is the expression of a Divine Idea. Man is Divinely equipped with love, truth, wisdom, knowledge, power and understanding. Man is the miracle of miracles and is the off-spring of God. The Truth about man is eternal and changeless.

If You and I

If you would smile a little more,
And I would kinder be;
If you would stop and think before
You speak of faults you see;
If I would show more patience
With all with whom I'm hurled,
Then would I—and so would you—
Bring forth a better world.
If you would cheer your neighbor more
And I'd encourage mine;
If you would linger at his door
To say his work is fine!
And I would stop to help him when
His lips in frowns are curled,
Both you and I'd be helping then
To make a brighter world.

—DR. A. H. DOELLEFELD.

Success Statements

ALICE R. RITCHIE.

No seeming evil can possibly withstand my faith in God and my application of Truth.

Debts are not a part of my world; Divine Mind is now revealing to me the direct way to cancel every debt.

Mistakes are not a part of my experience; Divine Mind is now righting every seeming wrong.

Failures have no place in my world; Divine Mind is now expressing its own perfect Success in every phase of my Life.

I am a successful being, in a successful world governed by the Success-Law.

Hurt Feelings: Cause and Cure.

MRS. W. E. BECHTOLD

We may roughly divide those who suffer from this malady into two groups. While these classes easily merge into each other they are nevertheless distinct and need different cures.

First are those who lack proper self-esteem. They depend upon the opinions of others for the estimate they place upon themselves. The extreme cases of this type may be so negative that they are forced to play the part thus cast for them by the minds of their friends, even when they recognize the bondage, and are chagrined at the performance. This causes great unhappiness, especially if the estimate is below the real or developed ability of such people, which is the rule. Sometimes, however, it happens that the estimation is overdrawn—a part these people play equally well.

The other class are those whose ruling passion is vanity. This motive may be so deeply hidden, so closely related to the first grouping, and so intermingled with the fine and beautiful qualities, that it takes a most determined and merciless analysis to discover it. Vanity lies deep in us all and has a definite *good* part to perform if it is recognized for what it is and properly held in control. When uncontrolled, it soon dominates the being with a superficial egoism. It is the rampant spirit of the enslaver—from those who say, "If you love me you will do thus and so," to that great world known type, the ex-Kaiser. These people long to bend the world to their wills, to feed this vanity—a type most easily recognized in others and hard to see in ourselves. It is a deep-seated jealousy or fear that some one will fail to recognize this dummy greatness and will detect the weakness that lies beneath it. Those who have great power to read their fellow-men are continually meeting the jealous, hurt guardian of that deeply buried vanity.

So, when we recognize the fact that whatever our cause is for hurt, it is a thing of which we may be ashamed, either weakness or vanity, we come to the parting of the way—of superficial building or of building on the firm foundation, Christ—the real or the unreal. Those who have *carefully* gone to this depth and have recognized motives for what they are, become Divinely conscious. They come out of that depth forever healed of hurt. Their weakness has fallen from them; negative natures become positive, with all that winning attracting power they so coveted and lacked in their superficial building.

The first great necessary step in regeneration is the determined laying down of any pride in hurt vanity. Then comes soul training in right thought, as we know it in the Truth. Determined effort along this line brings its usual results. We gain courage by thinking courage; we gain love by loving. Those who wish to do so may prove this as easily as they have proved other elements of character.

A few rules may help in the beginning. Those who have not a naturally fine sense of justice and equity may need to think along these lines. The

first rule of conduct is: Set no code of conduct for others; allow none to set a binding code for you. Never do a kind thing for any one, unless you do it out of that bigness of nature which delights *only* in the giving—giving with *no* thought of any return. Even gratitude should never be expected.

Give only what you can give freely and still be just to yourself in giving—also just in giving what is deserved. The great law is: Love your neighbor *as* yourself—not *better* than yourself.

Do not burden others with debts of gratitude—they may not be able or willing to pay.

Beware of the loving friend who binds you in servitude—who absorbs your strength and time and always demands more. You will gain the friend's respect and increase his love, if, with firmness and justice and without resentment, you keep the balance of rights even.

If you can, give to others fully what is their due and give it in loving kindness; they owe you nothing and neither of you has a grievance.

Expect nothing from your friends you do not win or earn. Do you wish your friends to call upon you because it is their turn or because they are anxious to enjoy your company?

If you love your friend *as* yourself, you cannot help being glad when he succeeds.

These rules can be carefully and mechanically applied, so as to give you quiet and peace of mind; but if you wish to win the "*joy* of your salvation" you must apply them with love. The joy will be in exact proportion to your ratio of love.

—THE TRUTH.

Small Service is True Service

I was one of eight children and as each grew old enough to help in the home, we were assigned some definite daily work. Mine was paring the potatoes and setting the table. I did it because I had to, not because I loved it. One evening I was complaining and said, "I would not mind if I had some big thing to do, but it is this everlastingly doing the same thing over and over that I hate". A brother, who heard me, said, "If you would only love your work, instead of doing it because you have to, it would make all the difference in the world". I thought how absurd! Imagine any one loving to pare potatoes, or set the table! But he had planted a seed which took root and grew. It was not long before I was trying to see how well I could do my work, and how pretty I could make the table look. Then I began to feel a happiness in what had been a task. I also saw that it made my family happy because I was happy. Now I know that it is in service we find our greatest joy, not in the big things we hope to do. No service is mean or low if done in the spirit of love, and the little things which have to be done over and over again can afford great joy in our lives, when love is made their basis.

—A STUDENT.

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IN GOD WE TRUST

The Better, Larger Day

IF we have succeeded at all in giving the reader an idea of the great development of ideas and customs in Israel during the centuries that lie between Samuel and the exile, it is not necessary to point out that the dogmatic view of the Bible, quoted at the beginning of the volume, is impaired beyond recovery. In the face of such evidence the assertion that "the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are without error or misstatement in their moral and spiritual teachings and record of historical facts," is to create that serious situation in which *faith and truth part company*.

However, the faith which is abandoned on these terms is no longer faith, but superstition. What is more, it is a very harmful superstition, for in the minds of many it creates the mistaken impression that they must choose between their religious faith and their loyalty to truth. The saddest aspect of the matter is that armies of young people, trained in schools and colleges to think true to evidence, resolve the fictitious dilemma in favor of unbelief. And yet their choice is a moral choice, because they prefer truth to dogma. Their loss to the Church is the penalty which must be paid for the defense of truth by untruth.

There is nothing in the spiritual history of mankind that is comparable to the passion for righteousness which the Bible represents in the true progress of the world. The new interest which historical criticism is arousing in its study may be the means of freeing it from the abuses of ignorance

and superstition, that it may, under God, serve the new age even better than the past. And those who are dreading the new light will find, as thousands have already found, that textual and historical criticism take their charter from Christ himself, and are only instruments for the furtherance of his mission.

Bible study on the factual and historical side has become a science and has taken its place in the brotherhood of sciences. For though on the surface they differ as the waves, in the depths they are one as the sea. In every department of knowledge the wide-awake student hears "deep calling unto deep": "All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos, or Cephas or the world, or life or death, or things present or things to come; all are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

Will men in the face of the tremendous, thrilling sweep of development, which we have tried to delineate, go on teaching the Old Testament in the foolish patchwork way of four inches here and four inches there? Without recognition of the gradual growth of moral standards? Without recognition of Hebrew methods of historiography by which literary documents dating centuries apart were interwoven or placed side by side in contiguous chapters? Without historical criticism of conflicting sets of facts? Without the slightest attempt to interpret folk-lore as folk-lore, and each form of literature in accordance with the demands of its type? Will they, like amiable tourists of religion, continue to carry home bottles from the Jordan, when full rivers of knowledge, eager to shape new channels and refresh virgin soil, are rolling for the baptism of eager-eyed new generation? The better, larger day must come to gladden the eyes of those

"...who, rowing hard upstream,
See distant gates of Eden gleam,
And do not deem it all a dream".

From "*The Old Testament in the Light of Today*", (Bade).

Announcement

The classes in *Fundamentals* will begin on Jan. 9th, meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The afternoon class will be held at the College, 1819 E. 14th Ave., and will be conducted by Mrs. Jessie T. Moss; the evening class at the Reading Room, 212 Boston Building, 17th and Champa Sts., conducted by Mrs. Eva Downey.

Give us, O give us the man who sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time, he will do it better, he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue while he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation its powers of endurance. Efforts to be permanently useful must be uniformly joyous—a spirit all sunshine, graceful from very gladness, beautiful because bright.—*Thomas Carlyle*.

Healing Department

CALL NO MAN ON EARTH YOUR FATHER. ONE IS YOUR FATHER, EVEN GOD.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth, the heights of the hills are His also.

In the realm of Perfect Mind all conceptions of time and space are obliterated. We call no man on earth our father. We see no place where man is subject to the so-called shadow side of life.

We see in that perfect Intelligence each individual a radiant center of Infinite Life, Love and Power.

We see no place where the external is a fruitful source or cause.

In this lesson we shall take this thought: One is my Father (Source or Cause), even God.

I am a radiant center of God, Life, Love, Intelligence and Power.

This being so, truth and health are all my own.

Man has long been in bondage to sense delusion because he does not understand the nature of God substance. He has been in the habit of thinking of body, as something solid, unintelligent, corrupting and corruptible, but in the light of a new understanding, he finds all substance alive, active, incorruptible, operating under the care of a *Permanent and Perfect Mind*.

Jesus said: "Except ye become as little children ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." Except you become open, receptive, trustful to the new revelation, you cannot realize the truth of Being.

As we separate in thought the truth of being from all conceptions of time, place and process, we see it to be now just as it was in the beginning, changeless and eternal, the same yesterday, today and forever, One Presence, One Substance, One Power, *present now*.

"Behold I fill heaven and earth saith the Lord," without variableness neither shadow of turning.

It is here we find our realization of health, supply, love, power and intelligence. "The Spirit of God moves upon the face of the waters." As we are receptive the Creative Activity brings faith.

Our work is to be receptive; to quiet our worry, fear, doubt; to have the faith of a little child to lay all on God's Altar and wait with patience His fulfillment.

Our freedom is in *claiming all we have* as a direct inheritance from God.

There is but one way, Call One your Father, even God. Then hold the deep places of the earth and the heights in Him.

MEDITATION

He revealeth the deep and secret things; He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I trust that light.

Each issue of the Weekly will have on this page explicit directions for treating and healing and from time to time testimonials will be given. There will also be carried a thought for the week to be used together by the practitioners of this department and those applying for help.

All correspondence will receive a personal reply. Be explicit in stating your case and know that all communications will be held in strictest confidence. Send a blessing with your offering.

Names and addresses of those who give testimonials on this page will be sent upon request.

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The Source

The heart that knows, the soul that feels
 Its own God-given power,
 Draws fresh from Him the perfect work
 For each and every hour.
 The heart that beats, the soul that loves
 In perfect unity,
 Attracts its own divinest rights
 In perfect purity.

—GRACE M. BROWN.

The Basket

Into the basket of thy day
 Put each thing good and each thing gay
 That thou canst find along thy way.

Neglect no joy, however small,
 And it shall verily befall
 Thy day can scarcely hold them all.

Within the basket of thy day
 Let nothing evil find its way,
 And let no frets and worries stay.

So shall each day be brave and fair,
 Holding of joy its happy share,
 And finding blessings everywhere.

—PRISCILLA LEONARD.

No Place for Anxiety

Anxiety has no place in the life of one of God's children. Christ's serenity was one of the most unmistakable signs of his filial trust. He was tired and hungry and thirsty, but we cannot image him anxious or fretful. His mind was kept in perfect peace because it was stayed on God. The life lived by the faith of the Son of God will find his word kept: "My peace give I unto you."

—M. D. BABCOCK.

No Material Foundation for Materialism to Stand On

"Ever since I began to read and think about life, I have been what is called a materialist. But of late the distant drum has been beating out new and strange measures, and it has never been a fault of mine to shut my ears. The fact is I have had to abandon my positions. Materialism seemed to be an impregnable fortress so long as there remained a material foundation for it to stand on. But how can one hold to materialism if there is no material? It seems to me that the division of the atom shook the materialist fabric dangerously. If the infinitesimal atom is divisible into millions of electrons, all of them in motion, there is no such thing as material substance. And, unless I am mistaken, the latest trend of science is towards a belief that matter is motion. I have been driven out of my materialist philosophy. Let us then, give a little thought to the soul."—Robert Blatchford, in *The Weekly Dispatch*, (English).

The Divine Science Reading Room, 212 Boston Building, (corner 17th and Champa Sts.) will be open daily except Sunday. You will always be welcome, especially at the noon-hour Healing Service.

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