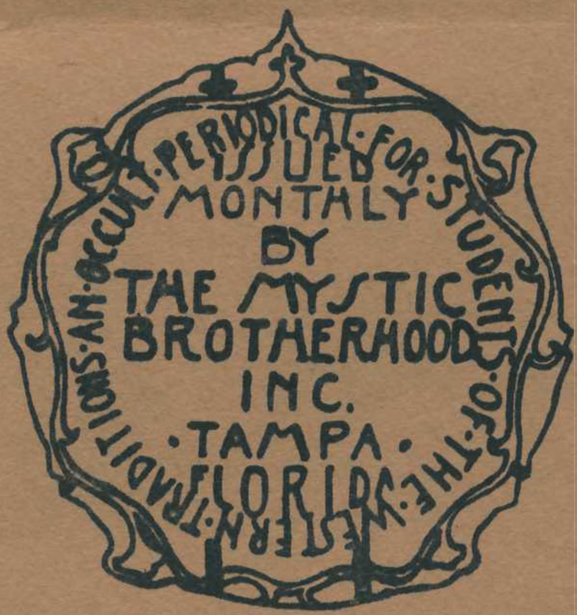




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April 4th - 10th

Meditation.....on Spiritual Refreshment

"Ordinarily we only permit a small portion of the One Life to function thru, but we can thru prayer, bring about an intensification of that Life so that it works to lift our burdens, strengthen our character and ease our personal life of its strains.

Prayer....."Almighty God, who art unto Thy people a Fountain of Wisdom a Tower of Strength, and an evershining Sun of Beauty and Harmony, grant that we may so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of the Passion and the Resurrection that we may ever be refreshed by the continual outpouring of Thy Power from on high, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

April 11th - 17th

Meditation.....on Humility.

"We cannot be separated from the One Existence but we can be so blinded by self interest, that we fail to realize our At-Onement, and are thus out of harmony. Prayer when understood rightly is a process of opening our eyes, so that we are aware of our kinship with God. When we ask that He govern and preserve us, we ask that our attunement with Cosmic Laws allow them to operate without restriction in our lives, so that being governed by harmony we will be "preserved evermore."

Prayer....."We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; and ever walk humbly and heedfully in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and Holy Ghost throughout all ages of ages. Amen."

April 18th - 24th

Meditation.....upon the symbolism of the palm branches, Victory.

"Let us make the paramount aim of every thought, word and deed to gain victory over the Lower Self that we may be worthy to stand in the Holy Presence. Let us follow in His footsteps in our daily life. The lesson of sympathy can be taught by our sufferings, the lesson of mercy by our own limitations, the lesson of tolerance by our own impurities, the lesson of kindness by our own hardships. The beauty of holiness lies in living the life."

Prayer....."O Lord Christ, before whom in Thy one earthly triumph the Children of the Hebrews did cast their votive palms grant unto Thy faithful servants that in Thine own good time we too may bear the palm of victory and may be found worth to stand in Thy Holy Presence, Thou who dwellest ever in the unity of the Father and the Holy Spirit throughout all ages of ages. Amen."

April 25th - (Easter Sunday) - May 1st

Meditation.....on Resurrection.

"The gates of everlasting life are open to us when we enter into the Christ life, when we in each of the little acts of daily life sow the seed of good desire, cultivate the fruit of a purified character, for then we are preparing ourselves, as the musician tunes his instrument, for a harmonious response to the pressure of the Divine Life upon ours."

Prayer....."O God of Love, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, with all our hearts do we thank Thee and magnify Thy name for this most Holy and wondrous Festival of Easter, for in the glorious victory which in it is commemorated and symbolized, Thou hast given us the sure and certain witness that good shall finally triumph over ill, and that death is but a gateway to the ineffable splendor of Eternal Life, in Thee, O never-setting Sun of Righteousness, who livest and reignest, God for ever and ever. Amen."

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"Not I, but Christ," be honored, loved,
 exalted:
 "Not I, but Christ," be seen, be known,
 be heard;
 "Not I, but Christ," in every look and
 action;
 "Not I, but Christ," in every thought
 and word.

As we approach Easter Morn it is with a sense of great reverence and joy, a spiritual exaltation that shares in the glory of the Resurrection through a deep, emotional response. We have prepared ourselves, a great many of us, by special disciplines and observances for the climax of that Holy Dawn, but when the sun has set on Easter Day we must not think that our work of preparation for the resurrection, is completed. We must follow Him, not only to the resurrection, but through that significant experience.

How? How can we follow the Master in the resurrection? The answer is simple...by unifying ourselves with Him. As He overcame, so we must overcome. Life is a confusing puzzle to those who know not the perfect life pattern for each soul, but when it is recognized that all, trials and troubles, as well as joys, are a part of that pattern, we are following Him. In the confines of the human body, the Divinity Within us may not always be able to shine through perfectly. It is wonderfully help-

ful then to lay hold of a Hand that will lift us out of the depths of sense consciousness. Because He is the Way, we can follow on.

Through the Christ we are provided with a strong cable over which the power and intelligence of Universal Mind is conducted to us. Just as a power house has branch lines from its main cable sending power to distributing units, so with man. Every individual soul is a branch line linked with the main cable. We make our line an effective unit when we lend ourselves to the purpose of the main cable. The branch lines are insulated; so must we be protected by right thinking and living, or power is dissipated.

To have eternal life we must conserve Divine energy by observance of Divine Law. We must make our covenant, make ourselves a unit with the Master in resurrecting, lifting up, and harmoniously directing the Divine Forces of our being.

.....Sri Veritus

EASTER GLEANINGS FROM STUDENT'S LETTERS

EASTER DAY

"I am the Life, the Truth, the way."

These are the words that Christ did say.

All who are groping in the night,
Just follow Christ walk in the light.

"The deaf shall hear, the mute shall talk,
The blind shall see, the lame shall walk."

Did not the Christ reveal the way,
When He arose on Easter Day.

Jo Billcheck, F.M.B.

As a boy, I had a few rules from "The Book of Life" that I tried to practice sincerely. "Judge not that Ye be not judged" was one of them; but every once in a while I would find myself judging some person for wrong doing. The reason for this was that I continually looked for wrongdoing instead of the good that could be found in each one of us. This is just one minor example to show what can be accomplished when we start sincere seeking of the Truth and find that there is a Universe of which we are a part instead of a jumbled mass of individuals. I do not mean that we should patronize scoffers-far from it-after you get this far you can tell those who seek the Truth from those who scoff. The true meaning of "Do not cast your pearls before swine" enters into your being. Now the meaning of "Neither above nor below, but within your heart Ye will find the kingdom of Heaven," takes on a singular meaning to all seekers of the Truth. We must Harmonize our being with all Good on earth, and so be in Heaven on earth if we expect to attain everlasting life.

Frank Baldwin

The Still, Small Voice Whispered softly:

"Take thou this burden up!
Moments are short...be not afraid
To drink the dregs of the cup.

Thou scarce wilt awaken to knowing
I have laid My hand upon thee
With sadness that brings the soul gladness,

Thru thy cross thou hath followed Me.

Heather Haskin, D.M.B.

Our Conscious Minds go through the School of Life in the kindergarten, the High School, the College. When we graduate from the College we begin to realize there is a College of Spiritual Wisdom through which each student must pass alone but with the consciousness of an Unseen Guide ever beside us. We have a supermind which is the Spirit of the Intuition, this gives us the power to see back of and beyond sense perception. Are we not experiencing our resurrection out of darkness into Light. Has not Life taken on a new aspect for the Questing Soul? There is joy in the rising Sun of consciousness for we are beginning to understand that-"The things of the Spirit must be spiritually understood,"

Lilly Carter, F.M.B.

we each have our Gethemane, if we are strong, we triumph over the lower self and its cravings in a material sense, the spirit accepts the will of the Father and thereafter we joyfully do our duty, for we do it unto Him. We cannot have peace until we work in harmony with the Divine.

Myrtle Wooster, D.M.B.

LITTLE DEEDS OF KINDNESS

ANDRE

It had been a long, tiresome time of waiting, one crowded bus had left and the young woman who told me of this incident, stood on....another hour before the next one would leave her station. The crowd increased...when at last, after what seemed an interminable length of time, the bus arrived, she was among the last to get on.....only standing room...and thirty miles of travel ahead. Bracing herself for the jolting of the large vehicle, she resigned her mind to the standing ride. Then she felt a tap on her outstretched arm, and a pleasant voice, its owner another young woman was saying....."sit here." Sinking gratefully into the seat, she realized that her stranger friend was preparing to seat herself on a small platform, obviously an uncomfortable and dusty place.....

"But you shouldn't have given me your seat," she protested...."your suit will become soiled there. "Oh, my suit's dark and the soil won't show" was the cheerful answer "your's is light, you need the seat". And with that logic the matter was settled.....except in the memory of my young friend.she didn't forget.

"That little deed of unselfish kindness, did more for me than many sermons," she told me "I know now how much one word, one act, can do to fill the heart with a warm, comforting glow, how it can renew your faith in people and stir in your mind remembrance.....

"do unto others...."

In a far-off land the face of a gaunt, weary mother is moved to unaccustomed lines, she smiles as she accepts wordlessly the

small portion of olive oil that will sustain life in the infant she holds in her arms. Hope is born again in a heart that thought never to know its sustaining strength. Somewhere, in a land that to her is foreign, she knows she has a friend, someone has been willing to give to her..how blessed that knowledge. Life becomes something other than a cruel distortion...a gleam of light.....the kindness of a fellow human.

Little deeds of kindness....no... not little, after all....big..... great.....perhaps the greatest things in life. The Great Heart of the Infinite One must have known how we earth children would need to be reminded of our Divine link with Him, how the confused human consciousness would need to be cleared from time to time, that we might see Him. So He planted the seed of kindness. How strong must be His faith in us! How sure His conviction that we will keep that seed alive! Though we may at times lose faith in ourselves, allowing outer appearances to submerge our confidence and our hope.....He knows our capabilities are not limited to the human! He knows the Divine possibilities of every soul.....He is sure that we are not barren soil!

Logic confirms this truth of the heart. In Divine Mind there is no purposeless action; the economy of Universal Law permits no wasted effort. Even inside the hard shell of cynicism, materialism, man has nourished that little seed of kindness and in myriad ways, large and small, it shows forth its beautiful fruit.

I had climbed up the steep hill that leads on to the wide expanse of moor, it was hot and I was tired for the day was drawing to a close.

The great plateau was encircled by many-coloured hills, that looked almost translucent in the rays of the setting sun.

Everywhere was purple heather, and the air was full of many sounds the cries of sheep, the distant barking of dogs, and the hum of flies that played around me.

I was looking for a place to rest when I spied a great circle of grass right in the midst of the heather, so I entered this magic ring, for so it seemed to me, and took off my hat and lay at full length. Have you ever noticed how at times the air is full of golden specks like little jewels, that dance before one's eyes? Now the air was full of them and the sky above was very blue, and little thin clouds like white samite were just getting tinged with pink and mauve.

Quite suddenly I saw that walls were growing up round me, and I was being enclosed as in a Temple, the walls were golden and polished as if overlaid with gold-leaf, and on them were strange symbols and curious-looking instruments hung on the walls.

The roof was open at the top, proud, and points of gold converged toward the center, cutting rays that came through the windows, touched the instruments on the opposite walls and immediately a wonderful note was sounded and a colour blazed forth. Curiously enough all the colours seemed to be violet or purple of different shades, all were sweet-sounding and my body and soul thrilled in answer.

AN INNER EXPERIENCE

Since dawn I knew the music must have been playing, and for always, for my Temple was not and never had been on this earth. As the earliest ray of the sun touched the lowest eastern window, I think the colour and music must have been rose-coloured. Blue as he reached his height, with a golden note of joyous strength; and as he sank, rose and blue dissolved into each other and made the purple and violet which is the colour of the night robe of the earth in which the stars are set as jewels.

The darkness fell and I returned home, to sleep and in my dreams to seek for the Temple of the Moon which is of silver and whose music ebbs and flows with her waxing and waning, and where the sweet little shrill voices of the stars call to the souls of those they have sent through the great gates of the Moon to learn the bitter-sweet lesson of the Earth, and those souls can meet in her Temple on certain nights. But not every star soul does the Angel of the Moon call to the meeting nor are these meetings fixed by any known laws or seasons, only those are called whose time on earth is nearly over, for at each meeting there are some who never return to earth, but who pass through the narrow portals of the Moon in her last quarter, when the great gate closes behind those who return no more; then for a moment there is silence, and then the wondrous music begins again as the silver gates slowly open and it is as the ebb and flow of many-sounding waters and over and above all are the sweet notes of the stars and the mighty voices of the planets for music and praise are everywhere and only silence and darkness in the heart of some of the children of earth.

RESPONSIBILITY

The esoteric student sees life as a continuous aspect..... in that greater understanding we find the reason for the rosy and thorny side of every day's experience for there is a sagacious God within all of nature's design.

Daily he draws closer to attunement with the Infinite. Touch but a key of the world's grandest organ, and the whole vibratory system of music is felt by the Soul attuned to the harmony of sound. Likewise, if one comes into rapport with the grand symphony of Evolution and with the vast storehouse of Universal Energy, he contacts a great outflow of harmony that is in direct relationship with the very forces which hold the Planets in their orbits.....

What is done today, what is accomplished today, has always been possible and within the orb of attainment. All that we will be tomorrow lies potentially within us now. Christ has said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." When we understand our affinity with the Christ Consciousness, these words become a living possibility for us. Someone has said "No one's lifeboat can save me but my own." The young Soul must meditate deeply before he or she can find the courage to accept that statement. They want to travel in someone else's boat; they want someone else to steer at the helm, and want nothing so little as they want sole responsibility. But there is no reason for feeling trepidity at the vista before us, for we have been sup-

plied with light, with a compass, with a most seaworthy vessel, and with the inspiration of great reward at the finish of our journey. We must actively serve each and every day of our lives: but above all, steering a straight and honorable course.

In the early stages, we find that we are a part of a fleet of vessels like our own. We can watch the movement of the more experienced helmsmen until we reach the open waters where we too, must assume the responsibility of leadership for other dependent souls. Only a knowledge of actually mastering that vessel, will give us the foresight and understanding to assume that future leadership. And when we are given to asking ourselves the why's and wherefores of personal troubles, let us remember that sometimes our troubles must be faced because our shoulders are broad enough to bear the, and the example we set will be, by our sure mastery, encouraging to others who falter close to dangerous reefs.

Everything in the universe is the unfoldment of Deity, itself, or Divine unfoldment. Esoteric Science is the science of that unfoldment. It teaches the laws under which that unfoldment takes place on both the objective and subjective planes.

Wonderous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation, its power.

A great ruler sat among the Lords of his Kingdom, after an activity which had netted him a store of earthly riches, but his heart was not happy. Something troubled him.

THE BALANCES.

L. Rinehart, F.M.B.

Job patient and wise says, "Let me be weighed in an even balance that God

may know my integrity". Isaiah the prince knowing Law to be the first requirement of a successful Life "The way of the just is uprightness. Thou most upright dost weigh the path of the just."

As he gazed in meditation upon the plastered wall upon whose smooth surface flickered the light from the silver candlesticks filched from the Temple of God, awakening conscience smote him, and a feeling that all was not well rose within him.

His Mind turned inward to the opportunity offered and so avidly seized upon to take for himself what was not rightly his.

Suddenly the attention of his courtiers was centered upon him and the deep silence was pervaded by a hypnotic spell. Their gaze followed his to rest upon the smooth surface where flicked a shadow that suddenly took on shape and form.

A hand with extended finger wrote fateful words, "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting."

To the ear of the earnest seeker after truth this tale has a familiar sound. Deep within the consciousness he knows that judgment when, standing on the rim of the world, he looks backward upon the years of a lifetime and his soul has rejected his labors as unworthy and insufficient.

"Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." To put it succinctly, "Thou art wanting in balance."

The Prophets of old, the souls far upon the path of evolution who served as the mouthpiece of the watchers in the heavens, speak of integrity as balance.

David rejoiced in God as the Rock upon which to rest and repeatedly says, "I shall not be greatly moved. Surely men of low degree are vanity and men of high degree are lies. To be laid in the balances they are altogether vanity."

Solomon discussed this matter at length, saying "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weigheth the spirits" "Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thought shall be established. Here is the crux of the whole matter. To reason, to think straight, to consider and know real values, to strive for the highest of which you are capable and to extend that right thinking to your life and actions is to be "established." As the thoughts sway from the true plummet of God's rule bring them back into line, and with determination and faith hold to this achievement.

We sometimes hear from superficial students of our Holy Book of the so-called contradictions. "You can prove anything by the Bible," they say. In a work so vast, it would be impossible not to find every subject covered pro and con. But it is a fact that very so-called contradictions are but efforts on the part of the teachers and prophets to teach the middle way of balance. That this has not been properly taught is not the fault of the Book, but of the faulty men who have used parts of it for their own pleasure not being developed sufficiently to see the whole great circle of its deathless teachings.

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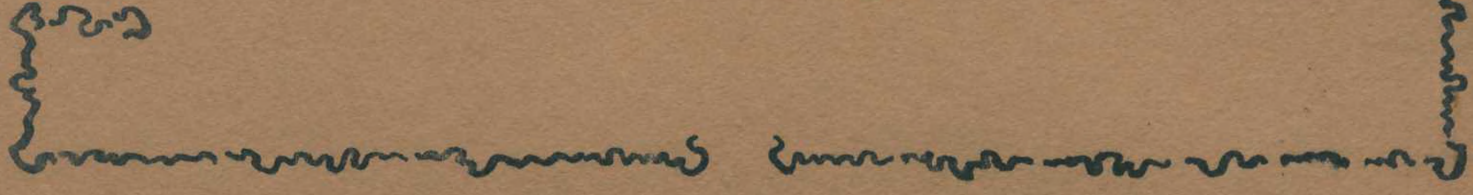
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