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DIVINE GUIDANCE

By Nona L. Brooks

Every normal person wishes his life to be effective, just where he is—in home and in business, and in all human relationships. Just as soon as we have the clear spiritual certainty that we are God's children and that God takes care of his own, there is no more darkness, no more sadness, and our lives become effectual. It is well known that in order to be effective, there must be a basis, a foundation, a standard, a guiding star—something that gives us a rule of life. The teaching of Omnipresence gives us the only satisfactory basis for living.

No one need be in doubt as to whether he is living true to Omnipresence. His attitude, his thinking, his living are evidence. And each one of us knows whether or not he is true within himself.

Omnipresence means that God is everywhere always, and that what God is, is everywhere. Since, then, God is love, Love is everywhere. Since God is power, Power is everywhere. Since God is wisdom, there is Wisdom everywhere for you and me. If the individual accepts this teaching and lives by it, he is equipped for the most effective work, for he knows that wherever he is, God is always available. He finds the great truth of the immediacy of God. In all our work, as well as in our problems, God and all that God is, is available. One can truthfully say: Wisdom is always at hand to guide me; Love to impel me to the right way of doing whatever I am called upon to do. Power to accomplish is for me on every hand. All that I need for this moment and for every moment is here now, for I am in God's Presence. If I seem to lack, it is because I have not in thought lived steadfastly enough in the certainty of God's Abundance. This Presence of Life, Love, and Power is for me.

CRITICISM vs. DISCRIMINATION

By Emmet Fox

Personal criticism is one of the dead weights that hold us in limitation. The sole reason why some people do not get their healing, or find their True Place in life, is because they constantly indulge in personal criticism—mental, if not spoken. Here you have an infallible test of your spiritual progress. How fast are you overcoming personal criticism? Unless you are trying to get rid of this you need not expect health, happiness, or freedom.

Now, this does not mean that we are not to exercise discrimination. Wise discrimination is an expression of Divine Intelligence. Of course we must distinguish between good quality and poor quality everywhere, or where would be the joy of living. We must distinguish good conduct from bad conduct, good music from bad music, wisdom from stupidity, truth from error; and, indeed, it is our first duty to do this. We must distinguish truth from error all day long, separating the sheep from the goats, if we are to be true witnesses for God. But this is obviously quite a different thing from personal criticism. Condemn the sin but not the sinner. Deprecate foolish conduct but do not hate the foolish one for it. Rather help him with the right thought. If a singer sings a false note, of course you must recognize the fact, but do not censure him unkindly. If a friend is doing what you know to be wrong, you cannot condone the wrong but you can see the Christ in him, and may even point out the error to him if you are entitled to do so.

Under any circumstances you must keep your own thought poised, tolerant, and kindly. Remember the Golden Rule.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

By Irwin Edwin Gregg

What is Truth? Truth is that which *is* as known in the Infinite Consciousness of God. It is therefore that which is universally true; therefore true at every point in consciousness. Truth is that which is *so* from the viewpoint of Totality which includes the sum of all its parts, or individual expressions.

To demonstrate Truth, then, we must not ask it to predicate its action upon any given untrue condition confronting us. We cannot ask it to wrestle with anything unlike itself. Rather, we must forsake the problem completely and turn to our "invisible means of support" and ask (by holding a receptive attitude of mind) that that which conditions in themselves cannot affect one way or the other to be ITSELF. In the application of spiritual law the Spirit of Truth appears where human sense had seemed to deny until the Truth alone was desired and evoked.

Truth is power, and power is evenly distributed for it is everywhere equally present. This calls for non-resistance on the part of personality. To try to force an issue or to assume the initiative on the personal plane is to believe that you can take power from one place and make it operate at another, or where it is absent. This causes cross-currents and breeds the "winds, fires, and earthquakes" of personal feelings in which the presence of the Lord is absent. Force is of the personal sense and can but act as a boomerang, for the Truth of Being will not be altered to suit the whims of the young soul who has not yet perceived the perfection of that Principle which gives balance to all creation and is already active within it, to the end that its plan may be manifested to the glory of each living soul and the harmony of the whole.

EDITORIAL

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God * * *."* (Matthew 6:33)

One hears the phrase, "the integration of personality," as a rather indefinite something which is desirable, but with no explanation of how to proceed to attain the desired results, nor the advantages of the attainment.

The problem is an intriguing one, so let us think together concerning it, for it would seem that Divine Science gives the clue both as to the method of attaining an integrated personality and a rather exact description of the individual who has accomplished that end.

In the first place, one finds that the words, integer, integrate, and integrity, all come from the Latin root meaning, to make whole; renewing; restoring to one whole. In thinking of a person, what is the one whole which needs restoring? What has caused the one whole to need to be renewed or made whole again?

We know that the center or core of each individual is the Christ Self—the God idea—the pattern to be unfolded. But between that Self and the outer world of expression—words and acts—there lies the mental self and the emotional self. An impulse originating in the Christ Self, prompted by love, beauty, and good will, may often be deflected by the mentality which rationalizes, debates, or seeks to promote the personality; or by the emotions arising to interpose selfish motives or memories of previous injuries, injustices or what not. So that very easily the final outer expression may be far different from the original impulse.

As man studies the wonderful possibilities of being the God-created instrument through which God may express His very Self, he will unfold in consciousness to the place where he undertsands that only *Good* can come when he allows the Christ Self to be the originator of his desires and impulses. He must then steadily train his mind and emotions to conform and lend impetus to the original so that the final expression is a joint one of the complete personality.

Then indeed will the individual realize Oneness with the Infinite, and then will the expression be one of universal logic rather than of personal whims. That person will understand the basic unity of the Source of all Being and there will be no belittling of another and the exalting of one's self, nor ignoring one's self in glorifying another, but always the recognition of the Christ within one's self and the same within all others.

This practice of the conformity to the Christ life brings about an inner harmony in the individual which expresses outwardly as poise, confidence and certainty. It lifts that one above pettiness of personality and establishes within him an integrity of character based upon universal truth.

"Spirit can never grow old; nothing obliges it to ruminate upon things past or persistently to renew impulses now belated."

—Santayana

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CHURCH SCHOOL

As a teacher for some years in the Intermediate Department, I know that children of this age (nine to twelve years) are definitely beginning to feel their own God given Power and to want to use it. Practicing cooperation with the Law is brought out in some way in every lesson. These boys and girls are very practical. They have challenging problems at home, in school, on the playground, and they want to solve these satisfactorily. Realizing this the teacher encourages them to discuss these life situations with the class, thus helping to draw from the pupils themselves suggestions for the application of Truth Principles. In every way it is brought out that Divine Science is a "way of life" and that the reward is certain. The practice of love, for family and friends, of kindliness, honesty, courage, and obedience, is bound to result in a happy, satisfying life.

An understanding of perfect health as their rightful heritage is natural to these youngsters with their abounding vitality, and we discuss ways and means always to keep in this consciousness. The importance of the Silence is stressed and the boys and girls are shown how to have a Silence for themselves and how to lead a Silence for others.

I find that these children love the Bible, not only the dear familiar stories, but Bible verses which we pick out and choose together for learning. To recite the books of the Bible, verse choir fashion, is one of the surest ways I know to quiet an over stimulated group and focus their attention.

In short, to the alert children of this age God is Action and our part as teachers is to show how each individual is a cooperating unit in this Divine Activity.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEA

On Sunday, February 18, at 4:30 o'clock, a delightful tea was given for the parents and teachers of the Church School, the Adult Class (Mrs. Munz) and the Men's Forum (Mr. Ryan.). This informal, friendly gathering provided everyone with a chance to become better acquainted. We hope there will be more of them.

The Saints are sinners who keep on trying.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

ORGANIZED CHURCH ACTIVITIES

STUDY CLUB MEETINGS

The Men's Forum added zest to the Study Club at its last meeting with a discussion of the subject, "Because God is good, there is no evil." Messrs. Murray and Franklin took the affirmative, with Ryan and McKee upholding the negative. Following the debate, the speakers asked each other questions, and then questions were asked each of them by the members of the club.

It was agreed that the Men's Forum is developing speakers who are able to discuss deep, philosophical questions in a masterful manner. They are carrying out the precept of Confucius when he said, "Superior men can disagree and still be agreeable."

The Study Club meets at 8 p. m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the lecture room of the church. Refreshments are served every other meeting at a social, get-together hour.

The program for March continues with a comparative study of religious systems designed to show why Divine Science is the highest, simplest method offered the general public for the mastery of life. Alan Emley will discuss the systems of Zoroaster and Moses during the meeting of March 6th, and the methods of Confucius and Buddha on the 20th.

Everyone is invited to all Study Club meetings.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S GROUP

Members of the Business Women's Group were greatly disappointed in not having Dr. Floyd L. Sampson of the Iliff School of Theology as guest speaker at the February meeting. Due to a serious injury, it was necessary for Dr. Sampson to cancel his speech but he hopes to be able to attend either the March or April meeting.

The program which followed the dinner at the February meeting included several beautiful vocal selections by Mrs. Clarence Cobb, with Mrs. Gertrude Shea, piano accompanist.

A pledge to the War Chest is included in the war activities of the Club. The second installment was paid this month and it is expected that the final installment will be paid during the month of April.

THE FORUM FOR MEN

There is a "Map of Mankind" and we who aspire to be leaders must have a new mental understanding to assist in the building of a new and finer Brotherhood of Man. In the Men's Forum you can, thru exchange of thoughts and opinions, broaden that mental understanding. Here you are given the opportunity to say how you think the world should be run. Who knows? Perhaps you have the answer, or a part of it. Come and share with us every Sunday morning, 9:30 a. m.

THE CIRCLE OF THE BLUE CROSS

Thursday, March 8, 2 P. M.

Myrtle Rose Hendricks will speak on Healing. Gertrude Shea will lead the silence. A chapter from Truth and Health, by Fannie B. James, will be read by Bee Helling and Rosamund Harsh.

Thursday, March 22, 2 P. M.

The lesson on "Supply" will be given by Ruthe Warner. Marguerite King will conduct the healing meditation. Catherine Green and Alma Greve will read.

A successful innovation this year is a small booklet containing our membership list. It is very helpful in knowing who's who in our circle.

THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The Woman's Association held its regular meeting at the church on Thursday, March 1. Mrs. Harriman was in charge of the luncheon; and an excellent program was arranged by our capable chairman, Mrs. Sperry.

NEWS NOTE

Mrs. Lewis Smith (Evelyn Johnson) has recently sold the family home in Denver and with her two children, Theodore and Iann, has gone to Hockessen, Delaware, where she has a teaching position in Sunny Hills Schools. Later, as soon as conditions permit, she and the children expect to continue on to Arabia and join Mr. Smith who is located there with the Standard Oil Company.

The Smiths have had a long association with our church. Mrs. Smith was the director of religious education for two years, and both she and Mr. Smith were interested in the Young People's Group before they were married. They have a host of friends who will miss them but who know that no matter to what corner of the earth this little family may go they will carry Divine Science with them.

LETTER TO THE NEWS

Dear Friends,

We find the Divine Science News truly food for thought. "The Rule of Law," a sermon by Nona L. Brooks is inspiring. The Christ Mind in us is made very clear and the Law does work for us either way it is applied, but the Christ way is the way of Love.

I thank you for The Divine Science News. I look forward to my copy which I know is going to bless me as well as inspire and help others as I pass it on. I have a party who waits to read the Emmet Fox article.

I again say thank you and God bless you for the many good articles it contains.

Mrs. G. A. E.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

A TESTIMONIAL
(To my friends)

My spirit called to God one day
When I was in life's depth
Disgruntled, sick and sad was I
Discouraged unto death.

No friends in all the world, I thought
No purpose to my life.
Where was this God of Peace they preached?
I knew naught else but strife.

And as my soul in anguish cried,
There came a dawning light
Quite faint it was, but as I prayed,
It grew and filled the night.

Then did I see that all was peace;
That God in Truth is love
That He it is who rules the earth,
And all the skies above.

Oh! What a glory then was mine,
My needs were satisfied;
And friends I found where there was none,
Who rallied to my side.

And so I thank them one and all,
And praise His holy name
For now I know I am His son,
In Christ, one and the same.

—Alfred Krimmel

A LITTLE TE DEUM

By John Oxenham

For every scatheless night, and for each day
That still leaves hope for dear one far away—
For each and all Thy loving care we pray,
And here and there a safe delivery!—
For calm, high courage under grievous stress;
For that Thy Peace doth still our souls possess,
In these dread days of war,—
We thank Thee, Lord!

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SPIRIT SUBSTANCE

Spirit is the real and eternal, without beginning and without end, in all, through all. Spirit is all, for Spirit is God.

Substance could be likened to a garment that clothes the Spirit, and so gives it shape and form. Spirit, without substance, would be one great invisible whole. Substance individualizes and brings into visibility each phase of Spirit, from the smallest atom to the greatest planet.

Man, the apex of God's creation, is an expression of Spirit-Substance. Man was created good, whole, perfect, and must so remain from everlasting to everlasting. However, the garment of Substance which man wears, may, through man's wrong thinking, become soiled or twisted or torn. God IS the Potter, and man IS the clay.

—A. T. Downey

No Bird has flown its course toward home without the presence of Deity to guide its way. No blade of grass has ever lifted from the sod apart from Infinite Life. No man can ever be alone who knows his Deity abides within. —Max H. Ballard

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Dr. and Mrs. Guy Ballard, father and mother of Dr. Max H. Ballard, came from Whittier, California, to spend a few days in February with their son.

The third aniversary of the Pueblo Divine Science Church was observed January 28, when Dr. Max H. Ballard delivered a special sermon. A beautiful floral gift, presented by the Mother Church and College in Denver, ornamented the pulpit and congratulatory messages from Dr. Nona Brooks, Dr. Carrie Munz, and Dr. Irwin Edwin Gregg were read by Dr. Ballard.

It had been hoped that Dr. Brooks, Dr. Munz, or Dr. Gregg or all three could come to Pueblo for the service, but prevailing transportation conditions made this impossible. Their visit here on another occasion in the not too distant future is being keenly anticipated by the Pueblo congregation.

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Mrs. Norma Jean Calderwood, wife of Lt. Stanford Calderwood of the United States Navy, has been named as the new soloist of the Pueblo Divine Science Church and made her debut on Sunday, February 4. She has a beautiful soprano voice and the congregation is jubilant over her acceptance of the position, made vacant by the transfer of Sgt. Roy Cooper, who had been stationed at the Pueblo Army Air Base.

Mrs. Calderwood has been singing since she was sixteen years of age. She started studying music in Denver, where Horace Dean was her instructor. Later she was trained by Warner Imig, vocal instructor at the University of Colorado.

Mrs. Calderwood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith, with whom she is making her home while her husband is in Naval service abroad. She and Lt. Calderwood formerly lived in Sterling, Colorado.