

**We, the People**  
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. . . It is taught in the New Testament that man himself experiences with anticipation and expectation what we expect to experience. We experience what we project at an unconscious level, which goes before us and is the vacuum into which we are constantly walking to mold an experience or a dream. You see, all of us think and all of us feel; as a result, we are always projecting the dream into which we walk, the wake of the ship we follow.

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### **We, the People (continued)**

In our time we have witnessed the American Dream change "flavor." People have negated what was once an affirmative possibility, by saying, "Give me money, give me personal power, give me ethnic power, give me an isolated power, give me this and that." It has become a diffused dream. Little wonder that we walk in tangled paths and obstacle-filled courses: we have lost the centralization of a dream.

There was a time when there was enough sense of family which earlier segments of our society dared to call patriotism, when men shared a common canopy, and whether they were black or white, Oriental or Occidental, Jew or Gentile, they were the huddled masses who had finally hit these shores. They were now Americans and the canopy over them bore the inscription: "A Nation under God."

Men have lost the dream of this canopy that holds us together in spite of our differences. It is my conviction that there is no one person on the horizon today who is capable of giving America a new dream. It is my conviction that the time has come when, instead of looking for a Lincoln, or a Washington, or a Jefferson, we must reactivate the first line of the Constitution of the United States. If the dream is not to die it will be because "We, the people," have refurbished it. It will be because we have made it our own individual responsibility to see that the dream lives.

I grow weary of listening to people, in ignorant criticism, damn this, the greatest country in the world, because they are ruining the dream. This is a great country and we should say so. It has great responsibilities to the world and we should expect them to be fulfilled. It has great offices to be filled, by our votes, and we should assume and expect that they are filled by great people and good things. It has great legislation to be enacted and we should have high hopes that it will be significant legislation. Even if it fails and disappoints us at our particular level we should remember something: we have a right to quarrel within the family if we maintain the canopy of the Fatherhood of God and the divine intent.

Now we, the people, must re-establish the dream with our praise, with our loyalty, with our anticipation of the good for everyone, with our concept of a brotherhood that is inviolate, and with a voice of confidence in the leadership of this nation, that it can bring spiritual hope to all of the world. I propose that it begin right here. Let us pray.

*A poet once said that God placed an upward reach in the heart of man. We would in this moment of reverence be thoughtful of this upward reach, for it holds within its implication all of the affirmatives of which we are privileged to dream--- the dignity of the individual, freedom and justice for all, the rights of men, the responsibilities of government, the brotherhood of humanity under the canopy of the Fatherhood of one God which is to all people.*

*Father, we would convey Thy blessing through our thoughts, our words, and our hearts for the health and stability of ourselves, as meaningful citizens of the world, for our city, and for our government, as a significant spiritual leader for all mankind. May the family of our world be blessed with the fullness of Thy divine guidance, that harmony and love, the balance of intelligence and the abundance of the fruits of this earth, bless peoples everywhere.*

*Ultimately, the only freedom that exists is the freedom that is the birth of our own consciousness within our own minds and our own faith, and we pray for the nurture of the sense of freedom in all peoples. We pray that we are liberated unto good, and that, under the responsible manifestation of truth and equity, all people might live in the fullness of Thy intent, free from the tyranny of ignorance and fear, hate, and greed--- liberated from the tyranny of the negatives and liberated to walk harmoniously in the fullness of Thy goodness. We can see this to be the divine potential of our world and hold that we contribute to it in thought and prayer mightily in Thy name. Amen*

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### **Jesus and the New Age Economics**

**John Seaman Garns (1943)  
Divine Science Minister**

All of us believe that there can be only one outcome to this great way: the forces of right will conquer. And that is why so many people are looking forward to the new civilization which they feel must follow the conflict, and are searching for principles and techniques of living which will bring this new world into being.

Those who look forward to this new world are not the impractical dreamers who write books on Utopias and Millennial Dawns, promising that man will move immediately into a thousand years of harmony on earth. They are practical people who see that man must himself build his new world from within himself, upon principles which will be economically fair to all other men; but they feel that we cannot too early peer into the nature of man and find those principles upon which the new age is to be based.

The great Nazarene constantly asserted that the kingdom of heaven of the individual would not have to be postponed to a vague hereafter beginning with death, nor did it need to be postponed until the rest of the world came around to the establishment of such a world harmony. His thought was that as more and more people understand these principles they will cumulatively influence other lives, and through them influence the processes of business and government, until the kingdom of right living and harmonious human relationships will automatically establish itself as an effect of this inner cause--- the right living of increasing thousands of people.

Someone may ask, "What has economics to do with Jesus? Economics, even as an embryonic science, was not known in Jesus' day. The Roman world essayed some thought of a kind of political economy; but in the main, production and distribution followed the natural laws of supply and demand. Why try to drag Jesus' teachings into anything so modern as economic theory?"

Such a question overlooks the fact that the modern science of economics is merely a descriptive record of present day methods of operating supply, production, and distribution, and that these activities of society are constantly *motivated by what men think and feel*. Once change the fundamental motives of men and we change much of our economic practice. If Jesus' teachings came to be accepted by even a fairly large number of business people, they would revolutionize all of our economic practices.

I believe that is just what must happen before we can usher in a new world of brotherhood. If the new age ever gets here, it will be because you and I, right here and now, begin to produce it. Man himself has created this present chaotic world; he must build the new one on a new science of human relationships. Back of every form of human activity lays the problem of human motives; and it is

impossible to slice off a segment of life and label it "Economics," trying to treat it scientifically quite apart from the motives of the individual man. So if we are to apply Jesus' teachings to present practices, we must drop for a moment economic theory and get back to the controlling motives in the lives of those individual men and women who transact and motivate modern business.

It is generally admitted that the profit motive is the driving force back of modern business. The whole idea, we are told, is to make money; but money is only a set of counters that stand for human values and the satisfaction of human desires. Back of all modern business activity there does seem to operate this desire *to get*. For this reason Jesus' principles of living remain a tacit criticism of much that passes for good business; his principles stress with equal emphasis the motive of *giving*. *Getting* so often leads to greed and greed is most effective at dislocating an economic system. Our present world shows clearly that this basis is not true economics. Men *have* worked pretty much for their own interests, and the Providence which gave them the freedom to do this "sowing of the wind" is now allowing them to reap the whirl wind--- the present storm of war, destruction, and dislocation of all normal human activities.

Of course we must admit that at the present level to which human nature has attained, the profit motive is a powerful stimulus. Up to a certain level of earning power (until we have the means of comfortable subsistence and until we are free from a feeling of insecurity) the profit motive may be one of the dominant drives of man. But with man's knowledge of science and his skill in mass production, there is no longer any need for insecurity. It is admitted by almost every great economist that with our present productive capacity there could easily be abundance for all.

Some people fear that just the moment we have security we will lose the keen edge of desire to produce. This might be true in the case of people who need the spur of fear-of-want to prod them on; but I do not believe for a moment that most men work exclusively for money. You and I know too many of them who *make business a game*. They don't go to the office only to make profit. They go because their chief interest in life is a deep desire in heart and mind to create with power. The *power motive* is coming more and more to supplant the profit motive; and if we would begin to construct our society so that this power motive would have with it

another--- *the desire to serve other men (and women)*--- we should certainly be on the way to a new kind of world. In such a world ugly competition would soon be out of the way; and competition in excellence, in right production, and in the power to serve would take the place of that which now, through selfishness and cut-throat competition, has made this world a shambles.

So the old economics built upon selfishness and greed has already discredited itself; and more important still, like buds on a tree in early spring, the new motives which are to unfold a new world are already present, ready to burst into full flower and fruitage. These new motives need, however, that we should recognize them, that we should begin experimenting with them in our own lives, that we should find that they are practical and that they do successfully operate even in the presence of the old world cut-throat competition. We must individually see that until our business is a blessing and a profit to all men, it cannot last even as a successful business from a money point of view.

As these inner motives of service and of production growing out of joy, increase in the hearts and minds of men, and as the selfless philosophy of Jesus becomes more dominant, the old order will disappear. But we must make it disappear more rapidly by each of us getting the new spirit of human service, and y applying it today, right where we are.

The first reason that the old profit motive is passing is that it does not put human relations first. The second reason is that free enterprise, which is the very basis of our pioneering spirit, cannot function without a planned economy; and there cannot be a planned economy so long as so-called "stalwart individualism" allows individual men and individual enterprises to produce just as they please. Individualism has already been forced to give way before correlated and planned activity, and certainly this change could not have been brought about as long as the profit motive was dominant. There must be some kind of planning of all production, if we are to produce without waste and for the service of all mankind. But the planning and the control should be in the hands of business itself, and not in the hands of the government. And as soon as business men see this clearly and are selfless enough to demand their right to such control, they will get it.

Strange that the very mechanisms which have been such a blessing to mankind should, through their throwing of millions of people out of employment, have become a curse! But it is not the machine which is the curse, but the profit motive which wishes to use the machine for selfish profit only, without making it benefit all men. This has led to a strange paradox, which is that the more the profit motive has employed brain power to improve equipment, the more surely it throws men out of employment. This in turn makes less buying power and so lessens the market for goods which, like a boomerang, turns back disastrously upon those who have not been thoughtful for other men. This third reason for doing away with the profit motive is perhaps the one that is most rapidly forcing men, who would otherwise be selfish, to give some thought to taking care of those who are the victims of technological unemployment. They see clearly that the more machines, the fewer workers; and the fewer workers, the less money there is to spend for goods; and the less money men have to spend the less profit they get. So we are all tied up in the vicious circle. Forward looking men are beginning to see how foolish it is to allow this to be a vicious circle when it might be a beneficent one. If we are as anxious to benefit other people as we are to benefit ourselves, we shall be willing to make them rich enough to have money to spend, which in the very act of spending, would benefit everyone else. It is only a new set of motives, a new wisdom based upon selflessness and thoughtfulness of other people, which will create a new technique of industry that will do away with our whole problem of poverty, and in turn do away with cycles in business.

The human factor in business is where the next great improvements in our economic setup must come; and one of Jesus' teachings which strikes directly at this is that which has to do with man's ability to keep up his own morale in troubled times. A famous business statistician once declared that more than 60 per cent of business conditions are not under the individual man's control. If this be true, it is no wonder that business people are often the victims of a sense of insecurity and often of fear. Panics are proverbially matters of mob psychology--- a wave of fear sweeping over all business men. And nothing but an anchorage of men in a consciousness of certainty will free us from the danger of cycles of "ups" and "downs" in all financial matters.

Jesus announced a truth in a sort of formula which, if it be literally true, will stabilize each individual business man and, through the many who believe it, the whole. It reads, "whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe that you are receiving and you shall have." Stated in psychological terms this would read, "Whatsoever you desire (no matter what), state it into Mind (realizing that Universal Mind has limitless power), and if you will completely accept the fact that Mind is always responsive to the conceptions of its individual parts (men), you will find the deeply desired good coming to you inevitably, under a law as definite as the law of gravity."

The successful use of this law needs practice, but it *works*. If more business men felt this calm certainty of the successful outcome of their projects, what a magnificent influence it would have on buying and selling!

Jesus' teachings contain the new age message for all aspects of business activity and it needs only a little experimenting to convince one that we need not wait for all other men to operate under these teachings. It will work now--- if we will but work it.

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**The Garden of the Lord**

*In the Garden of the Lord the weeds of self---  
self-thoughts ... acts .. wishes---  
must constantly be  
watched for, dug out, and cast aside  
that the true flowers of Spirit  
may flourish and bloom  
unto Life Eternal.*

***The Freedom to Be*** (An Excerpt)  
**Jack H. Holland, Divine Science Minister**

. . . When one speaks of freedom, he is usually referring to the freedom to see, hear, taste, touch, and smell whatever he wishes. Certainly these things of our senses are important; but the really great freedom, the only meaningful and lasting freedom, is freedom of consciousness. It is the ability to hold any idea, any desire in consciousness, the freedom to select and determine that which is important for us. And it is important to keep in mind that allowing the senses to be all-meaningful for us prevents us from having freedom of consciousness!

If everything significant for us is determined by our senses, we lose our freedom to choose, the freedom to make independent decisions, and the freedom to be. We are letting the outer determine the Truth for us, and we are completely controlled by what our senses dictate. Paul clearly enunciates this point in his great passage in 2 Corinthians 4:4, *Their unbelieving minds are so blinded by the gods of this passing age, that the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the very image of God, cannot dawn upon them and bring them light.*

Our freedom, or loss of it, depends on where we place our attention and faith. If we become addicted to anything, that very thing controls us and removes our native freedom. If we are drug addicted, where rests our freedom? Phobias, obsessions, fears cost us our freedom. The obsessed individual has lost his freedom to the obsession.

The only effective meaning of the word *salvation* is "to be free." Our freedom **to be** requires that we be "salvaged" from sense control. Salvation means liberation from clinging to the world of appearance, and final union with ultimate Reality. Jesus' message is the key to salvation: loving; looking for the good in all; looking within for the kingdom of heaven, not in the phenomenal world. Jesus brought an understanding of freedom kept through an emphasis in life on Truth and the de-emphasis of temporal, sensory things.

It is interesting that most obsessions are concerned with something of a sensory nature. They have been created through an "over-belief" in Truth being present in the manifested. Truth always lies in what is behind the manifestation. When we believe that the phenomenal world of things and conditions is Truth, we are limited in our

aspirations, beliefs, and desires by what is already there in material form. If only we would realize, as Einstein did, that matter is energy *reduced* to the point of visibility, we would cease placing our faith on that which appears, knowing that it is the least of that which is.

Paul helps our understanding in this when he states that things beyond our seeing, hearing, and imagining are all waiting for us when we accept the Truth--- understand that we are spiritual beings first, last, and always. We only find freedom when we accept what is manifested as nothing but an illusion of Truth. We are, as scientists tell us, basically electromagnetic; hence, the Truth of us lies not in what appeals to the senses, but rather in that which is our essence--- spirit, energy.

Although it is perfectly sound to develop the seeing, hearing, tasting, feeling, and smelling senses, these are not our essential nature. We are unique expressions of the Omnipresence and our attention must be on this fact if we really are to be free. "Place your attention on the kingdom of heaven and all else shall be brought unto you."

The chains that bind us are not man-made *things* but man-made ideas of limitation. . . . We become a servant to whatever we give our heart and attention to; and if they are placed in the lower realm of being, how can the higher be free to express itself?

. . . If we allow negative ideas from our environment to dominate us, we naturally lose the freedom to find Truth in our world. If we accept as Truth the limitations of our environment, the educational limits, and negative experiences, where is our freedom? If, however, we see these limitations as stepping stones to a higher awareness, they become just that, aids in understanding that what appears in manifestation is not the totality of what is.

. . . Truth is not to be found in the limited experiences, education, and attitudes we have adopted. Truth is to be found only in what eternally is, and that is God. The one constant of the universe is the Omnipresence. There is no other. Everything else is all ebb and flow, ever changing, ever evolving. When we place our faith in anything other than the kingdom of God, we are bound to lose freedom. When we place our faith in the constant, eternal creative Power, we evolve into the highest understanding, into infinite Truth, Wisdom, Power, Joy. Then freedom remains firm, substantial, and everlasting.

Most of us look for answers in the outer only. Yet, what appears in the outer is effect and not cause; and as long as we examine and believe in effect alone we shall never be wise, happy, loving, or free. We are building the whole foundation for our understanding on quicksand, and there can be no real substance in either our temporal or our eternal affairs.

It is quite correct to state that "a fact is truth qualified to a certain level of consciousness." This being so, it is not difficult to understand that what we believe to be the truth of ourselves depends entirely upon what we hold in consciousness. ... Facts, being truth *qualified* to a certain level of consciousness, require for our growth the increasing removal of "qualifications," or the lifting of the "qualifications" to the very highest level. There is no higher level than the consciousness of the One Presence, the One Power, the I AM Presence. When this becomes our frame of reference, the one qualification for everything observable and everything beyond human perception, we find the ultimate freedom to be, which becomes a living, dynamic foundation forever. ...

(All Biblical quotes herein are from *The New English Bible*.)

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Topic: **Chosen**

Ephesians 1:4

*"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."*

In order to understand the actual, in depth, truth of our Sonship with God, we must understand and accept the fact that we are the Children of God and always have been. In Reality, there has never been a fall of man and because of our place in God, can never be a fall. As Paul revealed to the church, we are "chosen before the very foundation of the world." This shows the intent of our Creator to bring forth a perfect creation without any flaw at all.

It appears strange to me that having this information we are still bound by a belief that we are less than the Creation of God. Since God is Good, and brings forth only good, then we are privileged to know that The Creative Energy has produced after Its kind. Like produces like. We accept so much negativity about ourselves that has been passed on by information sources that have not discovered the plan of the Creator.

Our day today will appear as we believe. "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Let's stand up for our rights and accept only that which is good and pure. Of course, we have choices, so if you wish to suffer you may, but who would really want to? "You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free" is the statement of freedom given to us to work with this day. Have fun and don't take life too seriously. Have a good laugh and walk with authority.

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## Message from Zion

Topic: **Getting The True Vision Where There Is No Vision.**

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish." KJV

"Where there is no revelation the people cast off restraint." NIV

Vision is far more than that which comes through eye vision. There have been many people that have poor physical eyesight but their inner vision is crystal clear and reaches out to others to help and heal.

Notice the two different words here: vision and revelation. You can clearly see that, what the writer is telling us is that we must have a clear inner understanding of that which is real and true. The vision is inner knowing and it comes to us just like a great revelation that shakes us to the very foundation of our understanding.

How does all of this affect day? In Truth teaching one of the terms for God is Divine Mind. Since God is everywhere we can turn to this Divine Presence for understanding and wisdom. As we go about our day we no doubt will experience times that we need ideas and direction. Instead of talking and talking let's listen and listen to find the Divine Presence not afar off but right where we are. "Be still and know that I am God." You can have the knowledge and wisdom that you need, it is right within each of us. Have a great and fun day.

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Every particle of my body glows with the radiant Healing Light of the Christ.

I become transformed by the lifting of my mind into the level of the Spirit of the Christ.

The Wisdom of God dwells in me and through me - now and always.

No matter what the outer picture is, my faith is strong and is centered in God, my Creator.

There is no problem or inharmony that will not yield to the power of God's great love.

Prayer keeps me attuned to the order, rhythm, and harmony of living.

God is Love.

I am that which God is, therefore I am Love.

---Grace L. Faus, D.S. Minister

## What is Victory?

Gladys Stevenson

The symbol for victory following World War II sprung into such prominence that wherever one turned a "V" was facing him. ...

The Vs must have made an impression upon my mind for one day I found myself making them on a sheet of paper. The thought came to me: What is victory? Is it the annihilation of one person or thing that another may be the victor? Is it an army of trained men tearing at one another, and inventing means by which to destroy their enemy? Is it the subjugation of one mind by another? Is it the dominating of races by the ideas of one, which seems to it to be right? Can it be these things?

As I continued to draw more Vs the idea came to me as I made the downward stroke: This is the involution of the Spirit--- the Spirit involving itself as form. The thought persisted in my mind, and then the point from which the upward stroke began typified to me the place in the soul of man where the Christ incarnated.

Meditating upon the incarnation of spirit in man with all its glowing power, I suddenly saw how man has used this tremendous force so destructively. How through sheer ignorance he has brought destruction to the earth. When ignorance or darkness fades away the light of Spirit begins to dawn in the consciousness and the individual starts his true ascent into the Mind from which he sprang; then the meaning of true victory is a new vision which becomes a living, active thing in his life: the unfolding of Divine Mind in the consciousness until perfection is reached--- the level from which it originated.

How can one use this power to transcend the limitations in which he finds himself? Surely there is a way that is not too difficult for man to tread; a way that becomes joyous and full of inspiration.

There is a way by which each individual can rise into freedom of Spirit; it is the unfolding or expressing of the Real Self, the Son of God, the Christ. The expressing of the Divine is the bringing forth the brilliance, the beauty, the loveliness of Spirit. Victory over every negative thought, feeling, and act is the work of every soul.

Every hope, every desire, every impulse, every motive for food is constantly prodding, tugging,

impelling man forward and upward in the development of the Christ consciousness. Let each one recognize these urgings for what they are and be obedient to them. Let every hope, impulse, and motive for good become alive and active in the soul. They will help to keep the vision on high; in fact they are the result of the vision's having been set toward the heavenly heights at some time. As each person rises in consciousness toward the Christ standard, he is bringing to pass the true victory in his life. The upward stroke of the V represents the evolving of his spiritual nature, thus completing in his soul the victory that is enduring.

All people are in the process of spiritual development, each according to his highest ideal, and as the Truth is recognized, the way by which each one may reach the Christ standard becomes clear in understanding.

Understanding through which true freedom and victory are attained is developed as a person thinks, speaks, and lives according to ideas that are in harmony with the Truth, the ideas of God or absolute Good. One must put the full energy of his thought into ideas of health, wealth, wisdom, joy, and love. The progress of the soul can be hastened only as one ceases to allow his thoughts to be scattered, and pours the pure essence of thought into one given direction, and that is toward the Most High. Let every thought, word, and deed contain the full force of concentration upon the spiritual things until the whole mind moves upward toward its divine destiny, its victory over every perceived evil thing.

Let the glory of the Christ be the theme song of every heart, and the great cohesive power of love bind him to his God. Let him express the holiness of love toward his fellow man in thought and act. This is true Victory.

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Every man is the builder of his own character and the son of his own deeds. He builds his own heaven and his own hell out of the thought stuff that he selects.

---Samuel Robert Maxwell

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What you are is God's gift to you; what you make of yourself is your gift to Him. He that has once yielded thoroughly to God will yield to nothing but God.

---Ruskin

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**We Welcome YOU!**

### ***Editorial appearing in the July, 1943 Divine Science Monthly***

Wherever power is, God is; this may be a little difficult for some people to believe, but it is the truth. The pessimist loves to point out the evil that has been wrought by man's use of power, but the desire for personal power is a misdirection by man of divine power; the violence we see about us in the present age is a misdirection of a power essentially perfect. Sometimes man even sets his personal use of power up against the universal power which is trying to bring him into his highest good.

War is a fever burning up the accumulated hates and fears that have accompanied our half-awake attempts at unity. The upheaval itself is cause by man's resistance to the forces of life which are

pushing him toward closer and closer unity with his fellowmen. Through pain, man learned what not to do in his primitive personal development; perhaps through pain he will learn what to avoid in international relationships. Just as individuals had to unite to form a tribe, tribes had to unite to form a state, and states had to unite to form a union, so inevitably nations must unite to form a great international union. It will come sooner or later. If we resist it, it will be later rather than sooner and the pain and the chaos will be unnecessarily prolonged. Let us work *with* the power that is urging us toward higher development; let us *let the kingdom come*.

(This piece is unsigned, however, Nona L. Brooks was the Editor of the Divine Science Monthly at this time.)