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WE WELCOME YOU!

The Preventative Power of Truth

By Freda Karsin Routh

The saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," may furnish a useful hint to Truth students who may be inclined to think of the Jesus Christ principles as curative only.

Jesus must have realized how easily we might overlook the fact that his teachings are not only a perfect cure for all human discords, but also, the perfect preventative for them, for he said: "If the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up." (Matt. 24:43) We must ever be alert to see that our standards of thinking and belief are held high.

An advanced Truth student, owner of some rental property, made this interesting observation: "Thoughts of envy, jealousy, hatred, fear, and all others of a negative nature are like inconsiderate and destructive tenants. Once they are in and settled, harder work is required to get them out than would have been necessary to investigate them and not let them in in the first place."

If someone acts in a way that stirs up a feeling of dislike, let us not wait until this feeling has had time to poison our system, necessitating then a long, difficult time for its eradication. Rather, let us go quickly into our spiritual "closet" and realize that we are not dealing with an evil individual but an evil suggestion – the suggestion that man can be, in reality, anything unlike his Creator.

Should anxious thoughts about insufficiency of income and supply arise, we do not wait until we have "worried ourselves sick." At the first moment of their occurrence, we immediately begin the preventive work of emptying our minds of these un-Godlike fears. Since we are the children of God, heirs to all that He has, we deny every suggestion of lack. Then we "pour in" Truth by affirming that there can be no cessation of the flow of spiritual ideas from God to man, ideas which can manifest as bountiful supply.

Are you planning a trip wherein you sense an element of danger? Do your preventative work *now*.
Affirm: *I know that in the world of Spirit – the universe in which I really live and move and have my being – no accidents occur. Everything works according to a perfect, divine plan which protects me. My safety is assured.*

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Are you starting out to look for a job today? Do your work for the prevention of disappointment and frustration now. Affirm: *My real work is to manifest the qualities of God, to express life, intelligence, wisdom, diligence and a willingness to give loving service. No material circumstance can keep me from being about my Father's business. He guides me to my right place.*

Are you "a little worried" because you were exposed to a cold or some other so-called contagious disease? Do your preventative work now. Affirm: *Because I am a spiritual being, I am immune to disease, for no microbe can afflict the spirit.*

Jesus said, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." The erroneous thoughts of the world find nothing in spirit to combine with or attach to, and so they pass from us.

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Let us keep ourselves in a state of immunity from the discords of this world. It takes much more time and effort to rid ourselves of the effects of long held false beliefs than to prevent their "settling in" in the first place. The preventive power of Truth becomes more and more potent as we diligently practice it and follow Paul's advice, "Pray without ceasing."

The Divine Birth

Great Spirit, out of whom we came,
And yet in whom we abide,
By whose regenerating flame
Our dust is deified,

Inspire my soul to feel and see,
As very Man of man
That Holy thing which was with Thee
Before the world began.

Form, soul, and spirit combine
And make but one of three,
O consummate that birth Divine
Which is Thyself in me!

- James Rhoades

The Day the "Son" Came Up

By Jack Faust

I had had a trying week of problems and frustrations. It was now Saturday – a nice, warm, summer's day. Following a strong urge to get away from everything for a while, I drove out to a little country road in an unpopulated area, parked my car, and started hiking.

At first the trees, the bushes, even the countryside, seemed to be nothing more than objects or obstacles in my path. But the more I walked, the more I became aware of a silent beauty, a serene atmosphere. A thought crossed my mind that almost made me laugh. Here I was running, so to speak, from life as I saw it and winding up right in the middle of the great magnitude of life.

I walked slower now, becoming more aware of the details of my environment. I came to the top of a hill where stood a tall oak tree, as majestic an oak as I have ever seen. Sitting down to rest under its shady branches, I scanned the countryside. What peace! What a harmonious blend of life and beauty. It held me spellbound for a few moments.

Certain thoughts came to mind from reading I had done in the past – thoughts regarding God, Spirit, and Creation. These subjects had been somewhat dormant in my mind, but now they seemed to be surfacing with a force. A tingle ran through my body as I gazed in wonderment across the miles of hills and valleys. There before me was a tiny sample of a great creation – an abundance of life, of beauty, of peace. *This truly is God's creation!* As I dwelt on this thought, the creation expanded in my mind. I began to realize even more vividly that everything on, in and above this earth is created by God.

While gazing at the ground about me, I noticed many acorns that had fallen from the oak tree that shaded me. Some that were in damp places had begun to sprout. My eyes focused on one of these delicate sprouts and I realized what a great potential it had. I looked up into the massive branches of the oak tree next to me. Its broad trunk grew straight and tall. There it stood, like a sentinel on the hilltop. But it, too, many years ago, was but a sprout from a tiny acorn. It came to me that life is forever – is eternal. Life is always here.

Like produces like. How obvious this truth! Until now, I had given little or no attention to the significance of its magnitude. It is by law, a profound law, that this eternal life exists. This universal law is the Law of the Creator – God.

Then, as if suddenly hit by a swift arrow, I became motionless for a time. A deep realization seemed to engulf me that I – man – am an intricate part of this creation, the Law of Life. This truth is nothing new. I had read several articles on this in the past; but somehow, it had never seemed to “take root” until now. The word *law* seemed to go round and round in my mind. Thinking for a moment about man-made laws, I was reminded that such laws are of no value unless enforced by some authority. What about the Creator’s Law? Now I began to realize that the Law of Creation is enforced by the presence of God. Ah! But God is not a person per se. But He is here! His Presence is Spirit, everywhere!

I picked up an acorn and examined it closely. This hard shell! How could a delicate sprout break through it? Then I suddenly let go of it as though it were a hot coal. There, in that acorn, was more power, more life, more beauty than I had ever dreamed of; within that little shell was the Spirit of God. His Law, His Spirit was manifesting into form. For a moment I felt overwhelmed by this tremendous power all about me. I felt humility.

A wild thought occurred to me: “You re trespassing in this world of peace, of beauty, of life in harmony. There is no room here for frustrations, anger, and limitations. Go!” Then I said aloud “This is ridiculous!” I started to get up to leave, but another thought came: “Didn’t I, just a few minutes ago, acknowledge without reservation that I, too, was a part of this – this supreme creation? Of course I did! Then certainly God’s Spirit is within me also. I am part of this eternal Life.” My eyes scanned the countryside. With a tear of emotion, I exclaimed, “I am not trespassing! I belong here! The Spirit of God is within me too!” And I felt somewhat self-conscious for having spoken out so loud.

Just then a breeze came up, and I could see the trees down the hill gently swaying back and forth. The giant oak under which I stood rustled its leaves. It all seemed like a sign of

welcoming, and invitation to let the God Spirit flow through me as it does through everything in this countryside. Let the Spirit express through me. Be as the acorn. Let the God Life break through the shell of limitation that I have formed around myself. Let the God Spirit come forth to express the true purpose of this, God’s creation! Go forth in strength and faith! God’s Spirit knows no weakness. This mighty oak on this rocky hilltop testifies to that. Let the beauty of the Spirit in all its goodness show through. For that is God’s intent. The endless beauty of this countryside attests to that. Be in harmony with the Spirit within, for only then can peace, wisdom, understanding, love, joy, and life radiate to their fullest.

I felt as though a heavy burden had been lifted. My thinking was clear. I now had an awareness of the infinite abundance around me and of some of the true values of life. Oh, how I needed to devote myself more to these truths. For with God Spirit within me and about me – in fact, everywhere present – surely my consciousness will reveal God’s Goodness in all its glory. I realize now that I must commit myself, my thinking and my actions, to this new awareness.

As I turned to walk back to my car I looked up at the clear, blue sky. I cannot recall ever seeing the sunlight so bright! This day the “Son” really came up.

The difference between landscape and landscape is small; but there is a great difference between the beholders.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

**“The Place Whereon Thou
Standest Is Holy Ground”
By Nona Brooks**

The place whereon *thou standest* is holy ground. What do we mean by holy ground? Wherever God is, is holy ground; and God is everywhere. Therefore, all ground is holy ground. The individual is conscious of standing on holy ground when in the evolution of his inner life he stands conscious of God’s Presences and Power, and when he is consecrated to the service of others, having given up his personal good for their sakes. Wherever we stand is holy ground, whether it be in the kitchen or on the platform, if we are consecrated to the highest and best life. It is the conscious touch with God which is the secret of every life that is powerfully lived.

We are so apt to resist the circumstances of our environment, and to believe through ignorance that we are in the wrong place. Resistance makes suffering and pain; it does not solve our problems or harmonize our environment. Everyone is where he is by law; and to live powerfully just where we are brings us into the consciousness that we are standing on ground that is holy. In this consciousness one of two things comes to pass: either our attitude changes so that we love the place upon which we are standing, and continue to do our work right here; or, trusting to Infinite Love to show us the way, we unfold easily and lawfully into something that we care more for. It is through *standing powerfully* that we progress.

Our subject naturally led me in thought to Moses and his great accomplishment. Moses was the leader that Israel needed. He met the needs of his time and his people. He had the characteristics to give his people what they needed, and he did his work in the world’s story. He had integrity and stability, which are the qualities of leadership. I hope that you catch with me the wonderful quality of faith in the life of Moses. Why was he chosen to lead his people out of Egypt? Was he really chosen, or did he choose himself by choosing integrity, stability, love, faith and consequently preparing himself by law to lead his people out of bondage? Is it true that certain people are chosen to do great works while others are not? I use the phrase *was chosen* intentionally, because I wish to show that although Moses from an outer point of view seemed

to be chosen as a leader, he really chose himself, because we know that unconsciously he prepared himself for a big work, and by law he met the people’s need for a leader when the time came. He answered the call because he had prepared himself to do so. Each one of us may do the same, if he will consecrate his life as Moses did.

In the Egyptian court he worked intellectually and received great learning. In the solitude he meditated by consecrating his thinking on God, and revelation came to him, for realization always follows sincere prayer. Moses stood true in the midst of his daily duties. He did not forsake his brethren, but while he watched his flock he sought and found God. Moses sought to free his people from more than physical bondage. His great hope was to lead them out of ignorance, superstition, poverty and slavery.

I do not believe that any of this was self-conscious on Moses’ part. Moses had the direct, conscious touch with God, because he was true in his home, practiced integrity, and sought not his own. Then came to him the conviction that he must free his people from the Pharaoh’s tyranny.

Gerald Stanley Lee calls him the “out of Egypt Prophet.” Since leadership out of Egypt was what his people needed at that time, Moses saw the sacredness of the task, and realized the holiness of the ground upon which he was standing as he met Israel’s need. He gave himself in love to his people and met each experience with faith, consecration, integrity, and humility.

As Jesus told his disciples to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit to come upon them before they went forth to heal and bless, so Moses fifteen centuries earlier must have had direct touch with God before he became the leader of Israel. And it was on the mountain top – on Horeb – that he had his first glimpse of Cosmic Consciousness. Wonderful things have happened on the mountain tops always, for the peaks are symbols of the highest and the best. This great revelation came to Moses while he was tending his sheep on the mountain side.

He was destined to receive more great illumination on the mountain tops. On Sinai the law was revealed to him in the form of the Ten Commandments. Moses interpreted the law to meet the needs of his people, and because of his “thou shalt not’s” he has been called “the Hero of the Eternal No.” But Israel understood “thou shalt not”

– and the great law giver in his place of development understood this form better than he did the affirmatives of Jesus. Moses had not reached the degree of development of Jesus; doubtless it would have been a calamity for Israel if he had. They would not have comprehended his message. Israel feared and respected Jehovah. Moses was deeply concerned with the infirmities of his own generation.

Much later there was another who was thus concerned, and I always connect these two in my thought. The other was John the Baptist. Jesus said of John, “He is a burning and shining light; and there is no greater born of woman; yet he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Even though John was only a forerunner, a pointer of the way, the ground upon which he stood was holy, for he had consecrated his life to a high service.

There were fifteen centuries between Moses, the Hero of the Eternal No, and Jesus, the Prophet of the Eternal Yea. The latter gave his two commandments (there is really only one) in affirmations. Thou shall love God with all thy heart, soul, mind, and strength and thy neighbor as thyself. Thou shalt see God everywhere. But even today there are those who do not understand the affirmations as well as they do the negation.

The third great experience of Moses, his Transition on Mt. Nebo, symbolizes fulfillment. Moses saw the Promised Land, but Law could not take him there. There was another, Joshua by name (and Joshua means Jesus in Hebrew), with a gentler and sweeter outlook on life. He would lead Israel on. Gerald Stanley Lee pictures Moses standing on Nebo “with softened commandment face.” I wonder, here on the mountain peak did his vision come down the centuries to that other mountain peak, where he and Elias stand face to face with Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration? This would have accounted for the softened commandment face. In that supreme moment before his great Transition, did he hear the Everlasting Yea across these centuries?

No matter what the external situation presents as difficulties, if you and I stand true, that is holy ground upon which we stand. Those who have stood true are our inspiration for right living through the centuries. Can we find a better example of such true standing than that expressed in the attitude of Paul and Silas, who, because they could

not be shaken in their faith in righteous thinking – in the power of God – sang at midnight in prison? The night was dark. They were alone and suffering, so far as outer conditions were concerned, but through their faith and understanding that they were living powerfully, and they turned the prison ground into holy ground. Hence, here I would emphasize the word *sang*.

Aaron did not stand true when the people asked for an external image of God, and Aaron is heard of only because he was associated with Moses. He has made no contribution to the cause of higher living.

Lincoln stood true to principle. He felt that there could be no solution of the problem without unity. He stood true regardless of the personal cost. His attainment, because it had principle to back it, has universal value. He *stood* and the ground was holy.

The story of Dr. E. V. Morel of England is deeply significant of the influence of the one who stands true. As a youth he had a struggle to get an education, but he bent every effort to this end. He mover forward persistently, and acquired the training which he recognized was requisite to make him an efficient journalist. He entered journalistic work, and in his chosen profession became imbued with a great motive – that of righting human wrongs wherever he found them. He set out to discover what was not right in the world, and to give himself to righting it. Dr. Morel saw the great wrongs that Belgium was perpetrating in the Congo and gave them publicity. The result of his work was that Belgium had to right the wrongs. Thus, he uncovered wrongs, and by arousing public opinion, caused many of these to be righted. Dr. Morel was hailed as a great man by his own country for this work. But the day came when he found dark places in his own country. For this he was imprisoned and rejected by this same country. However, he persisted in his purpose of righting wrongs and revealed many dark places. During his prison life it is said that Dr. Morel worked for the cause of righting the wrongs that he could touch from his limited sphere. He, like Paul and Silas, did not bemoan his fate and spend his days weeping. His continual question was, “What can I do here?” And when he left the prison walls he was ready for the next work.

Many whose names we know have stood under trying circumstances; but I am still more joyful

when I think of the many unknown who *stand* today and who have *stood* true through the ages.

Just to make clear what I am going to say, let me give again two phases of this conception, “Holy Ground.” Whether we know it or not, every place is Holy Ground, for God is everywhere in fullness; and everywhere in every circumstance one may consciously realize God’s presence. Yes, in prison, at midnight, we can sing – be joyous – and in spite of appearances, know the true, the beautiful, the good, and feel blessed. You and I *just where we are may stand*. We may stand true just where we are in the process, in spite of conditions, and thus make the outer holy. You and I may be true; we may practice integrity and rightness in every relationship. We may be loving, discerning God and Unity. “But,” we question, “How can I feel loving toward this one who is so unlovable – one who has done and is doing such wrong to me?” There is only one answer to this question. There is no one unlovable when we see the God-Man in all men; when we know that God is everywhere. He who stands true sees that no man can really harm another. It is only wrong thinking about ourselves that can harm you and me.

Many of us do ourselves great harm by resisting circumstances. We say, “This position is cramping, unjust, unbearable. I am fitted for a higher one,” or, “I know too much to be tied to a dish pan.” When I hear these remarks, I think of Jesus’ words: “Let him that would be great among you serve.” The place and means of service are determined by law – and law is holy.

I know what it means to resist work. Several times in my experience I have resented bitterly external experiences in my work; and every time I have had to make my unity just where I was. I had to *stand until I knew it was holy ground*. And I had to do this without thought of outer change.

What I am trying to show is that every place is holy ground – both within and without. Outer conditions can be just as holy as inner ones, if we are seeing unity instead of duality. Moses came to his service – mind you, a most difficult and, at times, discouraging one – and he also came to his Great Experience of Translation on Mt. Nebo, because of his rightness, trueness, and integrity in lesser experiences – just where he was. You and I come to our highest service and through it to our Mt. Nebo experience, by the same law – standing

true just where we are – trueness in home, business, and social relations.

Let this be the resolve of him who would come into the consciousness of the holiness of the ground upon which he is standing now: “I am in the right place at this time; this is Holy Ground. *I love – I serve – I sing.*”

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Bill Hauser

Made his transition October 31, 2007.

He was a very intelligent man with a strong desire to be of service, so he was a wonderful force for good wherever he was and whatever he was doing. He served as the President of DSFI for a number of years. He also served as President of the board of Valley Community Church of Divine Science for many years and is the reason they have a church building today.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

A donation in his honor may be sent to:

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Bill and Margaret, his wife, used Meals on Wheels the last year they were in their home and enjoyed the food. All donations will go to a worthy cause.

THE ETERNAL TRUTH IN A CHANGING WORLD

By Grace L. Faus

We will be presenting this book over a series of months for your reading pleasure. The book was originally published in 1979 and contains a compilation of her writings over the years.

The world is changing more rapidly today than ever before. This is an undisputed fact, especially in the scientific and mechanistic areas. But what about religion? Is it changing, too? What about the relation of science and religion?

Some of the great scientists in the first half of the 20th century came to believe that science and religion are consistent with each other, and will be closer together in the future. They recognized God and God-Mind as the creator of the universe.

For instance, Sir James Jeans, a great mathematician, believed that the universe around us is more than a mechanical structure. He called it a "Great Thought, the work of the Supreme Architect, and the Master Mathematician."

Albert Einstein, a winner of the Nobel Prize in physics, stated: "Insight into the mystery of life ... has...given rise to religions," and he said that the center of true religion manifests itself as "the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty." His ideals were goodness, beauty and truth. He felt that we are here for the sake of others, and he had what he himself termed a "passionate interest" in social justice and social responsibility.

Another Nobel Prize winner in physics, Robert A. Millikan, believed that religion is changing because of the interplay of science upon it. He stated that "the practical preaching of modern science...is extraordinarily like the preaching of Jesus. Its keynote is service." Like Einstein, he believed in social justice. He felt that the essence of the gospel of Jesus was concern for the common good and a high concept of duty. He made the statement: "The new God is the God of law and order; the new duty, to know that order and get into harmony with it; to learn how to make the world a better place to live in..."

And in a most significant statement, Dr. Millikan expressed his belief in one of the world's supreme needs – "Essential religion." He said "I believe that one of the greatest contributions the United States ever can or ever will make to world progress...will consist in furnishing an example to

the world of how the religious life of a nation can evolve intelligently, wholesomely, inspiringly, reverently, completely divorced from all unreason, all superstition, and all unwholesome emotionalism."

Couple this with Ralph Waldo Emerson's prediction: "America shall introduce a pure religion", and we can only think: What a great challenge for us!

We know we are on the threshold of a new Age, moving out of the Piscean Age, which began with Jesus' ministry, and entering the Aquarian Age. This great change is a new beginning, a new way of thinking and living, and a new way of expressing life. Mankind has passed through many periods of change throughout history, each linked with a desire for a better civilization and better things to come. Dr. Emmet Fox, one of the great metaphysicians of all time, said in his 1933 booklet, "The Zodiac and the Bible," that the age of Aquarius would be a "completely new chapter in the history of mankind" and that the change would be "the greatest that the human race has made for about 52,000 years."

And the changes are now coming faster and faster. We can hardly keep up with them. Think what has come about in the last thirty to forty or so years [1940-1979]. For instance, television, radar, the telstar, going to the moon, walking in space, plans for a colony in space, the computer, Kirlian photography, biofeedback, use of solar heat, the laser beam, research in communication with plants, research in mental telepathy and other phases of extra-sensory perception. All of these marvels have been here right along, awaiting someone's discovery of them. And there will be more and more discoveries.

In this fast changing world, what is the place of religion? According to Emmet Fox, it will be "dominant." He predicted: "The dominant note of the New Age is to be Spiritual development and Spiritual demonstration." We already have evidence that there is a great search, a longing, for something beyond materiality. The New Age already gives us more free time to think and meditate. These can be part of religions, but of course they need not be. Just what is religion? Emerson defined it in at least two ways: "The emotion of reverence which the presence of the universal mind ever excites in the individual" and "the relation of the soul to God."

Have we as yet begun to establish the “pure religion” Emerson predicted? We think we have. We like to equate religion with Truth, the understanding of which, we believe, will spread far and wide in the new age.

In this rapidly changing world, we definitely need something central, something stable, to hold to. We need the Eternal Truth, which we believe is: **God is all in all.** God is in us and around us; is equally present everywhere; and is readily available to all of us at any time. We believe that God is Mind, God is Love, Life, Power, Substance, Wisdom, Beauty. This Eternal Truth is our stabilizing power. We know, as Dr. Millikan said, that Truth always has been and always will be, and it is developing. Our changing religion is based on eternal truths discovered up to the present time. We cannot grasp the entire Truth of God, but we can grow into greater understanding. And, as is true in the scientific field, more Truth will be unfolded and revealed to us in time.

We can find the Truth in the Vedas and Upanishads of India, and in the teachings of Confucius and Lao-tze of China. There were the Egyptians and the Greek philosophers who also discovered eternal truths. But the world is still willing to say of Jesus, “Never man spoke like this man.” Why? Jesus gave us words of full, rich, satisfying, unselfish living that apply to all time and in all places. Above all, He taught us the Omnipresence of God.

When we understand the eternal truth of being, the Omnipresence of God, we know that Spirit permeates every phase of life. All of life moves around this Center, which is unchanging, eternal, a center of quiet power. How do we find this center of quiet power? It is within us. It is already a part of our experience, whether we know it or not. Our part is to know it, to become deeply acquainted with this inner Power, our own Inner Christ. This Power comes into our daily living as a fulfillment of our every need, of our deepest and truest desires. It is a transforming Power that works in us and through us and by means of us. The things we hold in our hearts eventually become an experience in our everyday world. There is a way up and out of every difficulty. There is nothing in the “outer” that has not come from the “inner”. There is a law that operates in an orderly way, accurately and perfectly.

In the days before Jesus, the people were seeking a saviour. They were longing in their hearts, wondering how many years it would be before He would appear. Can we not almost declare that their longing, their desire, their inner urge for something greater, helped bring about such change?

As we become aware of the Eternal Truth, we tune into a higher level of consciousness, and we lift ourselves and the entire human race to that extent. The term “raise your consciousness” has now come into common usage, and thus is easier to understand than only a few years ago. Jesus taught it in His day and it is basic to the Eternal Truth. The New Thought movement has emphasized it for the past hundred plus years.

My grandparents went across the country in an oxcart, taking weeks and weeks. Now we fly across it in a few hours. We don’t think about it because we’re used to it. If we could be as accustomed to changes in the spiritual world, and expect them, we would never be concerned for a moment about any problem we might have. This same change in speed can take place in our own lives in regard to illness, suffering, confusion, or any other problem. How? By raising our consciousness.

When changes in the world take place, we flow along with them. We know we are a part of them. It is a great joy to have new ideas, new thoughts, new feelings, and new understandings. The scientist is discovering things he had never heard of before. And we are moving, in a religious way, into a better understanding of the central power in our inmost selves – our inner Christ.

When we try to live according to the Eternal Truth, life becomes an adventure, a joy. We know that we are not alone; we recognize the Presence within us at all times, a very present help in times of trouble. We know that out of darkness comes light; out of uncertainty comes a clear sense of security and assurance of God’s action in and through us. The invisible and the visible are the same Substance, and out of the light that dawns within us, there is coming through us a new age, a new world, a new light, a new experience that is greater and better than anything we have ever known before. We hold fast to the Eternal Truth.

MEDITATION

I know that everything in the world outside and in my own world is constantly changing.

I know that I am responsible for my own doing and thinking, and I am increasing my understanding of the Eternal Truth.

I know that day by day, thought by thought, greater and greater good flows through me, and I become a clear and open channel through which God's will is being done.

I thank God for the changes for the better which are continually coming forth in the world.

Spiritual Emancipation

There have been great emancipators throughout the ages. We might start with Moses, who brought the Hebrew people out of slavery, out of bondage to the Egyptian government, into a sense of freedom, wandering in the wilderness. Joshua took the next step, emancipating these same people from the wilderness to a land of their own, the promised land, flowing with milk and honey. This was a great step forward for them.

Later came the prophets. The great prophets were true emancipators, although only a small remnant of people listened to them and carried on their high ideals.

Now let's skip several centuries and think of our own country [U.S.A]. We can call George Washington, "the father" of our country, an emancipator. He released the colonists from bondage to a king, from old ways of thinking and doing. He started a new level of life and a new understanding among them. Then, of course, there is the man we call "The Great Emancipator," Abraham Lincoln, who liberated several million slaves by his "Emancipation Proclamation."

These were all emancipators of people – freeing them from bondage to other people.

We here are dealing with Spiritual emancipation. And we think immediately of Jesus, who freed people from old traditions, from old thoughts, from old ways of doing and thinking and experiencing. He himself gave many illustrations of how He was changing the thinking of the people. He said, for instance, "Ye have heard that it has been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you that ye resist not evil... Ye have heard it said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thy enemy; But I say unto you, love your

enemies...do good to them that hate you..." What a reversal in thinking!

Jesus broke with tradition. He believed that it was not necessary to have so many rules and regulations as were in effect at that time. He changed the emphasis of life from the outer to the inner – the first step in the direction of developing right thinking and right doing. Just to conform to the law is not sufficient, He taught: we must have the inner feeling and the inner understanding and the great awakening of the spiritual life and spiritual power.

And so we find that spiritual emancipation means emancipation of the inner man and is characterized by the highest and finest qualities in the human mind. Mankind has had a tremendously difficult task to follow those who have vision.

In more recent times, in the nineteenth century, we come to Dr. Phineas P. Quimby, who believed and taught that the mind was perhaps the greatest phase of our being, and he believed that mind could move through illness, lack and darkness, superstition and fear, into healing, into freedom, into release from bondage. Dr. Quimby has been called "the father of New Thought," a great metaphysical group in our country and around the world. Other great leaders in this era were Nona Brooks, one of the founders of Divine Science; Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, who started Unity; Ernest Holmes, the founder of Religious Science; Emmet Fox, Harry Gaze; and many other great leaders.

And today we have many more great Metaphysical leaders in the world. Each represents a very important phase of our spiritual emancipation. The New Thought movement teaches there is one God, one Power, one Life, one Mind, one Substance; that God is good and means only good for all of us, His children, and that our experiences in life are the results of our consciousness.

In Truth we know that it is our destiny to come into a spiritual sense of freedom. This can take place, not by outer rules and regulations, but only by an inner awareness, consciousness of our divinity.

Today we are feeling a release from relying on anything in the outer, and from anything within our own thoughts that is not right. We therefore become our own emancipators. We become centered in the realization that "according to the

way I think and feel, there will be a change in my experience.” For instance, we know we need have no fear. Like the Psalmist, we say, “The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” And we know God is Love, so we have no fear of illness, no fear of lack, no fear of disharmony – because Love heals, Love protects.

We are beginning to love our neighbor as ourselves. If we have a religion or faith we believe in, and another person has a different faith, we should respect him and love him for his devotion to what he believes. And today this is happening. The walls of separation are breaking down. We are all on the path of unfoldment, although we are each at a different level or degree of unfoldment. One belief is essential to one state of development, and another to another. There is an inner guiding influence that will draw us to where we can find our greatest good. Whatever will give us the greatest understanding and greatest good is what we should follow. This is true spiritual emancipation.

One of the most significant changes that has come about in recent decades is that the scientific understanding of illness has changed tremendously. Medical science has now accepted that many illnesses originate in mind or emotion, and that a man’s body and his thoughts are a unit, one and indivisible. And the former belief, widespread among our ancestors, that some illnesses were sent by God as punishment for some sin, has been discarded, at least by students of Truth. Nor do we any longer believe that sickness or misfortune is given to us by God in order to strengthen our character. We can no longer believe that a loving power could punish us. We in Truth believe that we punish ourselves for our own false thinking.

We create our experiences by the movement of consciousness within us. If our consciousness is filled with fear, hatred, or unhappiness, we are automatically creating trouble within our experience – trouble of some kind, somewhere. We must forgive ourselves immediately for any wrong that we have done, and make reparation; otherwise we know it is disastrous; we know it is destructive; we know that is bound to bring us trouble somewhere along the way. It may be bodily trouble; it may be financial or social trouble.

God did not – or does not – create physical problems for us. God does not bring stomach ulcers, or brain tumors, or any other trouble. These

are usually brought about by our own fears and our own lack of knowing the Truth.

As we change our thinking and raise our consciousness, we are spiritual emancipators for our own well-being; for our own freedom from slavery to medical attention. Now, do not think for a minute that I do not believe in medical attention. I think medical men are truly priests of God, and, until we have the consciousness that we do not need a doctor, we should consult them and bless them – and listen to them!

In our spiritual emancipation, we know our inner thoughts and feelings have great power, and affect our whole being – our body, our affairs, all of our experiences. We might say we are moving out of the negative into the positive. By our spiritual understanding, we are emancipating ourselves from pain, unhappiness, limitation. We know we can change the untrue, if we will.

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