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*Consider the wealth of
your spiritual inheritance—*

What Are Spiritual Gifts?

By Flower A. Newhouse

ST. PAUL wrote to his Roman friends, "For I long to see you that I may impart unto you some *spiritual gifts* to the end ye may be established."* God's blessings are greatly varied in type and limitless in number. As a part of our spiritual inheritance from the Father of All, we have received enrichments from the earth's beauty, manual skills, and creative ideas and powers. But the least understood of all our blessings are the spiritual gifts to which Paul referred so frequently in his ministry.

What are spiritual gifts and how may we distinguish them? The enlightened Apostle gives us these clues in the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians, "Now concerning spiritual gifts I would not have you ignorant. . . There are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit. . . For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another, the word of knowledge . . . to another faith . . . to another the gift of healing . . . to another the workings of miracles, to another prophecy,

to another the discerning of spirits . . . *but covet earnestly the best gifts.*"

Throughout the long march of the centuries, men and women of various civilizations and races have testified to the inherent activity of spiritual gifts. There have been wise men of India, China, Chaldea, and Egypt who were possessors of great inner wisdom, conferred on them by the Spirit of Wisdom. Pythagoras, Socrates, Hypatia, and Paracelsus were representative of the quickening of the faculty called reason. Early Christian Saints, as well as the true devotees of living religion, vibrated a force that empowered conviction and bestowed regeneration. In the New Testament are numerous instances of the gift of healing, not only through the Christ, but through the disciples and Pauline apostles. From the inception of Christianity to the present day, devout Christians have found within themselves the God-given springs of healing.

"The workings of miracles" were occasioned by the God-

*Romans 1:11

force which flowed through such men as Moses, St. Francis of Assisi, and George Muller. All through the lengthy pageant of events have shone souls like Jacques de Molay, Nostrodamus, and Mother Shipley, who predicted happenings before they occurred. The history of the ages is full of promising glimpses into the wider dimensions of Experience because individuals like Joan d'Arc and Emmanuel Swedenborg have occasionally seen members of our own humanity who had passed beyond the boundaries of human senses.

The Best Gifts

Paul counsels us "to covet earnestly the best gifts," but he does not describe them. Yet, by diligent research in an exhaustive concordance, we discover that these "best gifts" are endowments of Grace. These gifts are called Life, Healing, Truth, Principle, Love, Beauty, and Illumination.

A gift of grace is distinguished from a gift of merit as that which is conferred upon man wholly as a blessing of God's regard. We earn certain talents, such as the gifts of dexterity, eloquence, and inventiveness, by patient cultivation. The gifts of grace, however, are not ours through development; instead, they channel us as our universal

legacy from the limitless love of the Father. These gifts of grace will fade and die within us if they are neglected. For that reason spiritual gifts must be kept polished and burnished in order that they may be our inner "Aladdin's Lamp"—always answering our highest needs and requests.

The Gift of Eternal Life

Regarding the first of the Best Gifts, the Bible reveals, "The gift of God is eternal life." (*Rom. 6:23*) Although the Supreme Spirit alone can give and extend life, ours is the responsibility for seeing that the vehicle through which the Life Current flows is refined and wholesome.

J. G. Holland has said, "Life is before you—not earthly life alone, but *life*—a thread running interminably through the warp of eternity." What a difference is made in our thinking when we regard life as a gift that shall be extended into eternal continuity! Our present need is now *to become worthy* of this noble destiny.

Only the Supreme Presence which gave us Life possesses the Unfailing Intelligence that can repair and restore our physical vehicles. A Stradivarius violin can best be repaired by a Stradivarius maker. We too are most

safely and capably recreated by our Maker and Renewer.

Jesus told the Samaritan woman to whom He spoke at Jacob's well that had she wished it He could have given her "living water." Peter promised that those who accepted the Christ as their Messiah would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Both Jesus and Peter were referring to Eternal Truth which sustains and illuminates its recipients.

When we accept Truth within our innermost selves it becomes one with us and cultivates its graces in us. Whatever phase of Truth it is we most admire, we will gradually serve with all our minds and beings. For that reason a man who most enjoys reading and hearing about testimonials of spiritual healing, will find his very interest guiding him towards a preparation for that service.

Discernment of Principles

Out of a study of Infinite Truth comes a discernment of spiritual principles which operate today, tomorrow and always. New confidence is ours when we learn to apply laws of Truth to our different problems. "But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." (*John 3:21*) If we are depressed we can be

challenged to happier thoughts and endeavors by remembering, "As a man soweth so shall he also reap." When confronted by the necessity of making a choice, we can be attuned to the right selection by recalling and obeying the guidance, "Acknowledge Him in all thy ways and He shall direct thy paths."

"God is love," and "love is the fulfilling of the law." Few persons remember to open themselves to the healing and purifying love of God. We would not be lonely or fearful if we attuned ourselves to God's love for us. It is helpful to use Peter's invocation when we need realization of our oneness with Eternal Spirit, "Lord, thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee." (*St. John 21:17*)

Beauty is one of the vestments of the Eternal Presence—a vestment of which we never tire. True beauty never wearies or degrades. A beautiful character, scene, painting, or symphony brings one into an inner harmony. Natural beauty becomes a dispenser of healing, a stimulant towards perfection. Sincere adoration meets that Biblical requirement to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Paul implied that gifts of grace come in relation to the spirituality we have developed.

But "unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." (*Eph. 4:7*) The most blessed gift of grace is that of *illumination*. Man is like a waiting torch that inevitably is ignited by the flaming light of God. The torch has been especially prepared for that moment called Enlightenment, but not until the Divine Fire kindles it, does it send forth a glowing light.

Spiritual Illumination

Our Lord Christ is the Initiator—the Ignitor of our soul's torch. He said, "I am the light that lighteth every man." Jesus also mentioned, "I have a way ye know not of." We find this Hidden Way when the innermost fires of spirituality illumine circumstances and spaces about us. Before the torch of Spiritual Insight was quickened, many truths and experiences dwelt in darkness about us, for we contained no internal light by which to behold and understand them. At enlightenment, we believe, "This is life's greatest moment, when the soul unfolds capacities which reach beyond earth's boundaries."*

Humanity cradles a small but powerful number of individuals who possess either occasional or steadfast awareness of Higher

Dimensional Consciousness. For them, spiritual illumination is a door opened into the spacious light of the Great Forever.

Those who have not yet seen the Eternal shining through this temporal world take heart by knowing that their capacities, in some momentous hour, will be extended beyond their present, limited spheres. They realize that musical tones are not bound by the eighty-eight notes of the piano, nor are electronic waves actually as meager in scope as those now selected by our radios. Life, Perception and Experience will one day exceed, in range and enjoyment, our three-dimensional senses. Then we shall behold the Kingdom of Light to which Christ was momentarily and gloriously attuned!

In a recent issue of Clear Horizons Magazine, Glenn Harding told how a chance remark of his calculus professor opened a window in his mind. The professor said, "Now of course these principles and propositions which we declare true must be qualified by the phrase 'within our experience'. . . . Beyond our experience we don't know what may happen." This writer's personal observations and spiritual researches have caused him to elaborate on his professor's idea. Mr. Harding concludes, "And if

*I. T. Hecker

one listens with the door of his mind or heart open—even the slightest—to such a one it is possible to be led out ‘beyond’ and to begin to enter into the experience of that unknown realm.”

Jacob Boehme, Kahlil Gibran, and Robert Norwood beheld the Eternal shining through the impermanent. They also glimpsed the Advanced Ones of our humanity, particularly, the Lord Jesus.

The most sweeping realization which graces us at the instant of illumination is an awareness that “The Father and I are one.” William Law wrote so understandingly of this experience of man’s *union* with God that he must have known it himself. He advised us, “Begin to search and dig in thine own field for this Pearl of Eternity that lieth hidden in it; it cannot cost thee too much, nor canst thou buy it too dear, for it is all.”

One of the faculties which awakens at enlightenment, if it has not already revealed itself, is that of extended perception. Under this gift comes intuition, prophecy, and clairvoyance.

Paul believed fervently in these extended faculties of our spiritual natures. He gave them the emphasis of approval and praise, though he did not rank

them with the higher developments of character, virtue, and Christliness. We glean his appraisal of these hidden senses in the well-known words, “And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and have not love, I am nothing.” Yet, in the chapter following his estimation of the development of love and charity, we find this statement, “Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that you may prophesy” truly and helpfully.

The events of our lives are always provisioned by our soul-self. Every happening in outer affairs is preceded by a similar incident in the inner worlds. In the soul or causal world, past, present and future are merged together. Intuition is simply our mental and emotional response to what is already clearly recognized on the soul level of existence.

Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Samuel, and Elisha foresaw national and individual events and became known for their perceptions and warnings. It was this same faculty which enabled Kutusov, the Russian general, to know exactly what Napoleon was going to do after he reached Moscow. The Little Emperor did all the erratic things Kutusov had proph-

esied he would in the presence of the Czar and Austrian statesmen.

Eddie Rickenbacker saw in a dream the death of two of his flight members. When a messenger was sent to tell Capt. Rickenbacker the sad news, he interrupted the youth and told him instead the details of the accident he had seen in his vision. The messenger said, with wide-eyed astonishment, "That is exactly what happened!"

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee." (*I Tim. 4:14*) God put a talisman into the spirit of every man. It is this mark of differentiation which distinguishes one person's spiritual unfoldment from another's. Our contribution to the world is an expression of this individual tal-

ent, way, or life, that is wholly our own. "A Man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men." Therefore, "stir up the gift of God . . . that is in thee."

A valued keepsake from a loved one cannot inspire us if it is hidden, forgotten, or neglected. A conscious and reverent acceptance of God's best gifts is our finest tribute and appreciation of them. With the Supreme Presence leading us through treasure vaults of shining truth, we shall cherish every gem which such glimpses reveal. Our daily efforts shall always be pointed towards a refined and purified character that can witness an unveiling of mysteries with deepening humility and courage.

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———Truth Is on the March!———

IN LINE WITH THE BEST

A successful professional man reports on his first Sunday in church after an absence of sixteen months: "I never had any antipathy to churchgoing, but easily found excuse for staying away. Today I went to a small church with but a few worshipers (less than fifty), but I acknowledge it was one of the most profitable hours I have employed in years. Though the minister did not preach a great sermon, his message was helpful and uplifting. I came away with a sense of being in line with the best, and I felt clean inside."—James A. Perry in the New Life Magazine.

*The Spirit within man proclaims
that there is—*

Life Ahead!

By Wilferd A. Peterson

A FRIEND of mine who is sixty years old and doesn't appear to be a day over forty has sent me his latest photograph.

I like this paragraph from the letter that came with the picture: "I'm going stronger and getting more fun out of life than I did twenty years ago. People call me a liar when I tell them how old I am. How do I manage to keep young? Simple. By *thinking* young. I've had enough trouble, especially in the past ten years, to put me either in a straightjacket or a hole in the ground. Straightjackets never appealed to me, and as for that grave ahead, I never think of such things. We must know that there is *life ahead*, if we will only *live it*."

One of the sweetest and finest women I know is a truth teacher who is in her eighty-sixth year. Her schedule would wear out many women, or men, half her age. She keeps going year after year in a triumphant and victorious way, constantly increasing the scope of her influence for good. One feels that she is

a channel for the thoughts of God. Again and again she has told us, "*There is no age in spirit*. Spirit is constantly renewing itself from the Divine source. Keep tuned to the power we call God and you will live abundantly. The stream of spiritual power flowing into you is the only true Fountain of Youth." She is a radiant example of her teaching. A youthful spirit shines through her eyes.

Sometimes it seems to me that those who achieve greatness live as spirits, not as bodies. They *forget their bodies* as they apply their minds and spirits to achievement. The spirit seems to be a tremendous force sweeping the body along. They do not see disease and old age and death ahead. Their sights are lifted above physical restrictions. They see ahead of them opportunities for creative activity, for service, for achievement. Their eyes are on the good, the true, the enduring, the vital things. They see *life ahead* . . . life with greater depth and height and width, life with vaster horizons. They

live and work as though they expected to live forever.

Handel who wrote the Messiah at the age of 56; Beethoven who produced his most wonderful music between 45 and 57; Leonardo who painted his Mona Lisa at 54; Rembrandt who did his greatest canvasses after 50; Michelangelo who did his greatest work between his 59th and 89th years; Goethe who at 80 completed "Faust;" Titian who at 98 painted his historic picture "Battle of Lepanto;" Justice Holmes who at 90 was still writing brilliant opinions; Gladstone who took up the study of a new language when he was well past 70; Vanderbilt who increased the mileage of his railroads from 120 to more than 19,000 between his 70th birthday and his death at 83; Joseph Straus who in his late fifties bridged the Golden Gate; Henry Ford who is still active in his eighties . . . these are typical examples of men who saw *life ahead and lived it*.

Perpetually Young

When he was nearing seventy the famous Dr. William Stekel wrote these words: "I am nearly seventy and have not yet felt the burden of my years. I am still clinging to those elements in life which keep one perpetually young: Enthusiasm for living, recreational sports, cultural in-

terests, love and creation. In this struggle for vitality, one should never surrender ideals nor fear the approaching years. There is one and only one true means of rejuvenation: Keep your heart everlastingly young; be able spiritually to burn for ideals, for all that is beautiful in this world, and for all that can thrill you emotionally."

In his sixties General Douglas MacArthur is doing one of the greatest tasks in history. Perhaps one of the secrets of his dynamic leadership is the framed motto that hangs over his desk in his headquarters. It reads in part as follows:

"Youth is not a time of life . . . it is a state of mind.

"Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; people grow old by deserting their ideals. Years wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair . . . these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

"You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair."

Dr. William Lyon Phelps lived a long and observant life. He

had an opportunity to observe the careers and lives of many men. He found that, as a rule, those men who pampered themselves and worried about their health, and always wore rubbers, died young. Those who forgot themselves in something bigger than themselves lived the longest. Emerson has put it this way: "Now and then, not often, a man forgets himself into immortality."

Definition of "Life"

Phelps said that the best definition of "life" he ever heard was given to him by an old German philosopher under whom he studied as a graduate student at Yale. The definition is: "*To be—that is to exist—is to be in relations.*" In his famous lecture "The Art of Living," Dr. Phelps went on to explain the definition: "You know when a body is dead. I believe that the soul survives but I am not talking about that. We know a body is dead because it has no relations with anything. It does not know whether it is winter or summer. It does not know whether the wind is blowing or whether it is a still day. It does not know whether it is raining or snowing. It does not know latitudes or longitudes. It does not know when a war is going on. It is dead because it has ab-

solutely no relations and is cut off from every conceivable relation.

"Now, then, if to be dead is to have no relations, then here is the whole point of the lecture; every time you increase the number of your relations, you increase *the amount of life.*"

That means that the more interest a man has *outside of himself*, the more enthusiasms, ideals, plans, purposes, goals, the more life he will have. The grandfather of Thomas A. Edison lived to the enviable age of 104. He was in splendid physical condition, without any touch of organic disease. One day he entered his home and said, "I am losing interest in life. . . . I think it is about time I was going on." Within a week he was dead. A dynamic, creative eagerness for life as a great adventure is the mental attitude of those who remain youthful all through the years.

The Power of Thought

The power of thought and spirit can hold back the biological aging process of the body. Worry, fear, jealousy and hatred write the lines of age in the faces of people. When these negatives are eliminated and positive thoughts of hope, faith, love and cheer are substituted, the faces of people take on the glow

of the eternal spirit of goodness. People who think this way never really experience old-age. Their bodies are stimulated and inspired to stay youthful longer, and when at last they are laid down one does not feel that they are old, but simply that the mighty spirits within have gone on to wider spheres of usefulness. As George Bernard Shaw, who is now in his ninetieth year, has written: "Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I hold for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." This burning spirit within George Bernard Shaw has kept his body young and youthful for almost a century. And even when death comes to the body, the flame will burn on.

Great Men and Women

All my life I have been a reader of biography and autobiography. The lives of great men and women have been focused on *life*, not on death. They have been too busy to give a thought to dying. They have made plans that extended through all eternity. They have reached out for the stars. They have begun projects that could not be completed in many lifetimes.

I have come to the conclusion that the secret of these great

men and women who seem to be unconscious of age or death is that they are "*eternity minded*."

"The Green Light"

In Lloyd Douglas's inspiring novel, "The Green Light," Dean Harcourt urged his congregation to be "eternity-minded, eternity-conscious."

"If you are ever to be immortal, you are immortal *now*," said the Dean. "Time that is measured in terms of so many sunrises and sunsets a month is more of an obstacle than a convenience to straight thinking. What happens today — of good or ill — or what promises or threatens to happen tomorrow is never of enough importance to disturb the ballast of men and women who hold the concept of the everlasting life.

"Has it ever struck you queerly," the Dean continued, "that every nation and race, ancient and contemporary, barbaric and civilized, has possessed a built-in-desire for, and belief in, immortality? For the most part, the people had interpreted this immortality as a continuance of consciousness after death. They have dated it from the grave and speculated on it in terms foreign to human experience. Only a few, comparatively, make use of the immortality-concept

as a practical measure available *here and now*.

“Whatever may be the value of it elsewhere, in some other life-pattern, its chief benefit accrues to us in our daily living. For Eternity deals with the long haul! They who are Eternity-Minded are stabilized. Nothing disastrous can happen to them. They expect their ship to pitch and roll but they know it will not capsize.

“The Eternity-Minded do not believe in catastrophies. There is no place in their vocabulary for such a word as ‘crisis.’ In their opinion, what the day-by-day and hand-to-mouth opportunists would call a ‘crisis’ is but a phase of the irresistible onward drive.”

When a man thinks of himself as an immortal spirit *now*, to-

day, this very minute, then life flows on before him like a *never ending* stream. And the spirit does not grow old. It will be as young a thousand years from now as it is today.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Oliver Wendell Holmes at a dinner given in honor of his ninety-first birthday sent a message that included these words: “Life seems to me like a Japanese picture which our imagination does not allow to end at the margin. We aim at the infinite and when our arrow falls to earth it is in flames.”

The men and women who work and live *as though they are going to live forever . . . are going to live forever!*

Be of good courage then and thrill to the realization that there is *only life ahead!*

———Truth Is on the March!———

FOR WHOM?

It is said that when Andrew Fuller went into his native town to collect for the cause of missions, one of his old acquaintances said: “Well, Andrew, I’ll give you five pounds, seeing it’s you.” To him replied the preacher: “No, I can’t take anything for this cause, seeing it’s I,” and handed back the money. The man realized the reproof, but quickly said: “Andrew, you’re right. Here are ten pounds, seeing it’s for the Lord Jesus Christ.”—Biblical Illustrator.

*Everyone needs to
remember that—*

Words Are Power Magnets

By Lawrence G. Newhouse

WHY IS IT so important for us to train ourselves in the wise use of verbal expressions? Because there is *magic* in words. Words exert a magical power-influence in our lives. According to our selection of the ideas we think and speak, we condition ourselves and our affairs to health or sickness, abundance or poverty, success or failure.

Everyone invokes negative conditions in his life—conditions he really does not want—by his wrong choice of thought expressions. The reason the average person fails to gain mastery over these unwanted circumstances is through lack of full appreciation of the infallibility of this dynamic, universal law.

It is a deplorable situation when a Truth student, who knows the magic power of words, fails to *use* that potent force to influence his own life for good and to bless everyone whom he contacts. No one has discovered how a man can demonstrate health, prosperity, and happiness while he speaks words of disease, poverty, and tragedy. The natural law of attraction in-

evitably will draw conditions to match the outgoing expression.

“Life and death are in the power of the tongue.” Jesus demonstrated this law’s use to his disciples. He spoke the word which raised Lazarus from the dead; and also He spoke the word which destroyed a fig tree. His disciples were amazed when, on the following day, they found that the fig tree had withered.

Two ladies, after reading this account in the eleventh chapter of St. Mark, decided to try the experiment to their own satisfaction. They selected two rose bushes, planted one on each side of the garden walk, and gave them equal water and care. Each day they blessed one rose bush, speaking words of admiration and praise. To the second they gave only words of condemnation, doubt, and destructive criticism. In a very short time, they found that the first had flourished amazingly while the second rose bush had withered to its roots. “Life and death are in the power of the tongue.”

The law of invocation is in constant operation, every mom-

ent. It returns to us exactly what we send out. Bless a thing and it will bless you. Curse it and it will curse you. Often, we blame "the devil" for certain unhappy conditions when we, ourselves, are responsible. We give the so-called devil far too much power.

If we drop a heavy object on our toe, we do not blame the devil for the operation of the law of gravity. Likewise, when we invoke poverty through negative thinking and speaking, why should we credit the devil with the power to interfere with our right to abundance? To me, it appears to be a poor alibi for our own procrastination and neglect. It is high time that we were admitting this common error and setting ourselves to the important task of freeing our minds of negative ideas and statements.

Greetings between Friends

When you sincerely call a friend "Brother" or "Sister," an immediate response is felt in the form of a closer, more intimate bond of understanding. Many organizations use these terms for greetings between members. This invokes a feeling of oneness—brotherly and sisterly relationship. The name "Father" tends to awaken in the priest a stronger feeling of

paternal love and responsibility for his spiritual family.

Popular misconceptions have caused persons to place too much credence in shallow, insincere methods of winning friends and influencing people. However, when we sincerely speak the Word of Truth about another individual, he will rise to measure up to the constructive statement's expectation. In the "Betty Book," Stewart Edward White advises, "Don't waste time finding fault with your friend, pointing out negative qualities for him to overcome. Speak words of Truth; awaken his Inner Self, and he will change himself."

Words are power magnets. They draw to the spokesman the conditions they invoke. From what source do words receive their power to exert such a tremendous influence in a person's life? A clue is found in *Genesis 1:3*—"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

There are statements of power which give us the feeling that they are tone-expressions of great Archetypal thought forms. We sense that certain words are linked up with lofty Centers of Divine Power. The moment they are spoken, they ring with the strength of Divine Authority. Universal forces are instantly

set in motion to establish the qualities they represent. For example, Jesus declared, "Peace, be still;" and the stormy waters grew calm.

In *John 15:7* we are assured that if we abide in Christ and His words abide in us, we shall ask whatsoever we will and it shall be established. What a promise that is! To abide in Him we must first rise in consciousness to that point where we know oneness with His Presence. His words are the divine qualities which He demonstrated in His unequalled life: Love, Faith, Wisdom, Purity, Goodness, Beauty. These words of power must abide in our consciousness continually. They are the foundation of the joyous, Christ-like life. By learning to keep our minds centered on these potent words of divine power, we can know steady prog-

ress in spiritual growth and victorious living.

Ability to quickly correct negative thought tendencies comes with earnest practice and vigilance. Gradually one can learn to *habitually* speak the Word of creative good which establishes the beneficent conditions which he wishes to manifest in his life and affairs. Many find it easier to correct negative speech habits through the use of affirmations, invocations, prayers and blessings.

Let us train our Real Self to stand guard at the doorway of our mind, holding high the flaming torch of Truth. By refusing to give voice to anything but words of Truth we can identify ourself with the One Eternal Power and Spirit which can establish in our life the Infinite peace and harmony and light of the Universe.

———Truth Is on the March!———

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

This year we shall send greetings to our hundreds of friends through *Inspiration Magazine* rather than by personal cards or gifts. There are many duties connected with an expanding Christ Work and as the Ministry's services are enlarged we find it necessary to simplify our lives so that the demands for spiritual writings, lectures, and lecture tours may be met.

Although you may miss our personal greeting, know that this Christmas prayer is our Christmas salutation to you. We shall use it at midnight, Christmas Eve, to broadcast it reverently to all our loved friends everywhere.—*The Editors.*



WITNESSING THE LIGHT

By Faith Isaac

Our Christmas Wish for You . . .

MAY CHRISTMAS of 1946 be an occasion of spiritual re-creation—a time of deep infilling from the Spirit of Christ. May you experience baptisms of peace, joy, and renewed faith. May *His* love fill your heart and life with overflowing blessings.

We particularly pray that you will know the Lord Jesus as your Day Star. May you sense His guiding Presence—His steadfast Shepherdhood.

May your devotion to the Christ be expressed in truly helping to bring through, from idealism to living, the Kingdom of Love on earth.

As a participator in His universal Ministry, and as a builder of His Order, you shall know your Wayshower; and in *His* companionship shall you realize strength and vision for the good Tasks ahead!

In Him, we are your friends,

*Flower and Lawrence Newhouse and
Members of the Inspiration Staff*

*Questions about Christmas
sent in by readers—*

Here Is Your Answer

By Flower A. Newhouse

Question: How can we spiritually prepare for Christmas prior to Christmas Eve?

Answer: For those who desire to celebrate Christmas significantly, Thanksgiving day should begin a month of devotion to spiritual endeavor. Time should be allotted to reading and studying articles, poetry, and stories of special Christmas meaning. More reverence and time should be given to prayer communions. Address books should be scanned for reminders of persons who will especially appreciate remembrance on the Lord's Day.

To be really in tune with Christmas, we need to realize *Him* more vividly and influentially, and be less absorbed by

the festivities of the holy season.

Question: Please give us a simple pledge to repeat Christmas Eve or early morning of Christmas Day.

Answer: By Christmas Eve a climax should have been reached wherein expectancy fades into recognition of the Christ Presence blessing His world. When this awareness of our Lord is sensed most keenly, we may pray, "Lord Christ, receive this gift I have prepared for Thee. It is my self. I would be free of belonging to my own self, for more release and joy comes in belonging to Thee and Thy Cause. *Keep* this gift I give Thee — keep it Thy Own. In Thy Name, Amen."



*We need to become
more deeply aware of—*

The Renewing Power of Jesus' Name

By Williston M. Ford

THIS NAME came to Mary's heart long before birth; for an Angel Presence said to her, "Call His name Jesus." (*Luke 1:31*) Jesus is a Greek form of Joshua which in Hebrew means "Jehovah saves." This Name has proved a saving, lifting force for humanity.

Clerks in our U. S. Treasury learn to detect counterfeit by scrutinizing genuine government money. Incessant association with an ideal companion uplifts by imparting direct power through conscious transmission. So real disciples turn now to the Master's life, words, and Name.

Never utter or hear the Name of Jesus without conscious devotion. To recall His Name lifts the heart. Under hard conditions of any sort, repeat many times, "This is in Thy Name, Lord Christ!"

Remember the Name of Jesus as often as you can. At night review each day swiftly, like reversing a picture film, thanking the Father for every worthwhile bit of word or deed. Feel true gratitude for service in His Name from eyes, ears, lips,

hands, heart, and feet.

Then, in the morning, dedicate these same six centers of the body temple in His Name. This can be done quickly, reverently in meditation.

During working hours be conscious of His renewing Name in these temple centers, in feeling, mind, and will. Recall or repeat His Name, Jesus. Master, Lord Christ, Adonai are other Names to be used reverentially. Allowing eight hours rest, we would have four waking hours successively for each Name.

Meditation

"The child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom." (*Luke 2:40*)

What is wisdom? Our education has been almost entirely along mental lines. Knowledge differs from wisdom—as expressed by a simple line from the poet, Cowper: "Knowledge is proud that it has learned so much; wisdom is humble that it knows no more!"

Tennyson wrote, "Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers." Hard experience is apt to be sad-

ly belated. Do not lose a single day in later life. Older people often find themselves at a distance from the childlike, creative, joyous sayings of Jesus. We *can* become childlike again.

His childhood was open hearted, impressionable, responsive, teachable, sensing wonder, Love,

God. No way is more direct to develop these lovely childlike qualities in ourselves at any age than simply to remember Him by Name.

Try this sincerely day by day for a month. Become more deeply aware of the *renewing* power of Jesus' Name.

———Truth Is on the March!———

CHRIST IS BORN

Christ, the Prince of Peace is born;
Sound the cymbals, harp and horn!
"Peace, Goodwill to man on earth."
Angel host proclaim His birth,

Wise Men saw the mystic star,
Gentle shepherds knelt in prayer,
Heaven's music filled the air,
Sought Him with their gifts afar.

Others had no room that day,
Turned the holy One away;
Thus the inn, unnamed, unblest,
Failed to see earth's Holy Guest.

Virgin Mary, without sin,
Saw his mystic star within.
Thus in pure and holy birth,
Infant Jesus came to earth.

Christ is born again, today;
Turn, O turn Him not away.

—Eleanor' Fiock

COMPLETELY ONE WITH THE WILL OF GOD

“Here was one whose mind was wholly set upon God, whose will was completely one with the will of God, who “spake as never man spake,” and thought as never man thought because the very center of his being was fixed upon the Eternal. The rest of us, the countless children of Adam, can only murmur, even in moments of highest religious exaltation. . . . Here was one whose whole being flowed *with* God, not merely toward Him; flowed *from* God, rather than simply toward Him. We cannot define him; the miracle of his person is something which the strange titles of ancient apocalyptic messianism not only fail to convey but positively misrepresent; something which even does not begin adequately to set forth. It is not that he is less than Messiah or Suffering Servant; instead he is vastly, incomparably more. . . He is the most interesting, the most attractive, the most intriguing figure, to say no more, that our world has ever known. His teaching, brief as is the record of it in the New Testament, is the most fertile source of religious and ethical inspiration that has ever influenced our human race.”—*Frederick C. Grant*

(From “The Gospel of the Kingdom,” The Macmillan Co., N. Y.)

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KEEPING CHRISTMAS

“There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is **KEEPING CHRISTMAS!**”

“Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you: to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to Life; to close your Book of Complaints against the management of the universe, and look around for a place where you can sow a few Seeds of Happiness?

“Are you willing to do these things even for a day?

“Then you know how to **KEEP CHRISTMAS!**”—Henry Van Dyke

(From The Manual of Prayer, St. Petersburg, Fla.)

*Every negative condition
can be changed by—*

Faith, the Potency of Christ Works

By Flower A. Newhouse

THE quality which proved the adeptship of the Lord Jesus was his astonishing faith. No other individual has yet given mankind such varied instances of remarkable works. Regardless of the situation, *Jesus contained the Power* which manifested immediate results. This force resided in the Christ because He had mastered everything within Himself which was antagonistic to it. By contrast, our imperfections limit our use and knowledge of this vital law.

Most of us are at that stage in which we have entire faith in the powers of Christ, but insufficient confidence in our inherent capacities. For that reason we are told to seek for spiritual help in His Name. In so doing we place ourselves in the care of the ever-present Christ Spirit—we unite ourselves with an inexhaustible reservoir. Our own faith develops and strengthens as problems are solved by the enfolding Christ Presence. The more *we prove* ourselves to be in unison with the Eternal Spirit, the deeper and more active becomes the *Spirit of God in us*.

Finally we turn *within* for assistance and advice as trustingly as we once appealed to the Omnipresent Source. In this latter stage, faith empowers one as mightily as it did the Lord Jesus. Few there are who can worthily work from this latter perspective. In spiritual things, as in outer ones, we must pass through our apprenticeship before we can qualify for the more responsible offices of the master craftsman.

Knowing that the powers of Christ imply our future development, let us consider His practices:

1. Jesus *healed* all manner of diseases.

2. He supplied many needs: (a) The changing of water into wine. (b) The feeding of 5,000 persons with an increase of food from five loaves and two fishes. On another occasion He supplied food for 4,000 persons from seven loaves and a few fishes. (c) He directed the disciples to pull in a large draught of fishes. (d) When the season for paying taxes arrived, Jesus caused His disciples to find the necessary

amount of money in the mouth of a fish.

3. He controlled the elements: As instanced by stilling the tempest at sea.

4. He proved His understanding of levitation by walking upon the waters.

5. He made Himself invisible to those around Him on three different occasions.

For every crisis confronting human beings, the Christ teachings have a solution. Jesus gave the world a doctrine that was workable and practical, as well as inspirational and enlightening—and His advice is as effective today as it was when He uttered it. These are spiritual promises that become practicable when attention and faith incites them to activity. They pertain to every experience and challenge we encounter:

1. Lay open thy works to the Lord and thy thoughts shall be directed."

2. "*Acknowledge Him in all thy ways and He shall direct thy paths.*"

Protection:

1. "Nothing shall by any means hurt you."

2. "There shall no evil befall thee."

Healing:

"The Lord thy God *in the midst of thee* is mighty."

Facing Uncertainties:

1. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself."

2. "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me."

Work:

1. "*Ask*, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

2. "... If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall *ask*, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

3. "And all things whatsoever ye shall *ask in prayer, believing*, ye shall receive."

4. "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; *ask*, and ye shall receive that your joy may be full."

Faith:

1. "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

2. "*According to your faith* be it unto you."

3. "Thou shalt also decree a thing and it shall be established unto thee."

Attitude in all things:

"Of myself I can do nothing; it is the Father that worketh in me."

An oft repeated word with Jesus was, "Ask." This injunction forms the basis of the Christ instructions. The teachers and doctrines before Jesus cautioned men to accept their lot without seeking to alter or improve conditions. The ringing command, "Seek and ye shall find," struck a new keynote in spiritual history, one to which many persons, even Christians, have not yet responded.

A Step Upward

The Christ's coming denoted that mankind was ready to take a step upward; also, that a new law (that of using faith for one's needs) was to function under man's spiritual direction. As long as man manifested unselfishness, humility and sincere reverence in his use of the creative law, he had the right to turn it upon all the phases of his circumstances. Through faith, the creative law is made active and capable of changing every negative condition we face into the positive benefit or quality we require. Jesus taught that God's will for man was the realization of an abundance of all good things: health, progressive work, daily growth and continual inner and outer enrichments. Too many Christians are in limited circumstances and sickly bodies because they have either over-

looked this vibrant theme of Jesus', or they have failed to apply it consistently in their own affairs. *The Christ message is for the entire world*, not simply for those who consciously aspire to follow Him, because within its teachings lie the principles for the reconstruction and unfoldment of mankind.

"Just how can the knowledge of the Lord Jesus be made to influence our affairs today?" we ask. God's power is *always* present ready to operate by the call of prayer. Two things are necessary to be borne in mind consistently:

1. "With God all things are possible."

2. God is the Source, Means, and End of our needs.

To Jesus these realizations were as natural as breathing. For that reason His calls upon the Eternal Spirit were immediately answered. We must meditate long and thoroughly upon each of these realities until they become an integral part of our own consciousness. Then, regardless of the condition or problem encountered, we will turn instantly to the Divine Power in command of all. The human reaction to criticism, despondency, disappointment or loss is to turn for help to our fellow companions. We must train ourselves to

place every need in the Father's care, because it is from *Him* that our encouragement, finances or opportunities are directed.

"And *all* things whatsoever ye shall *ask in prayer, believing*, ye shall receive." How clear and explicit is the instruction that *anything* which affects us should be placed in the guardianship of the Divine Spirit. We are not to differentiate between spiritual and material needs; they are *all* to be brought into His Presence. So, whether it be employment, supply to cancel indebtedness, a misunderstanding with a friend, a diseased organ or an inferiority complex, we shall take it *in prayer* to the Divine Source. From the moment a need appears in our lives until it is met, *faith* is the force with which we *enfold, charge, and solve* our problem. When we become aware of a limitation we work from its inception toward its mastery, until it has been finally overcome. These are the steps we mount with the help of God in overcoming negative conditions:

1. Make the request in prayer; give thanks for the answer.

2. Envision the joyful overcoming.

3. Master the negatives that created the lack.

4. Maintain constancy with

the Source in relation to the work at hand.

5. *Prove* your faith.

An appeal for supply would be carried out in a way somewhat as follows: Our treatment would begin with the prayer, "Into Thy keeping, Eternal Spirit, I bring this need for substance. In Thy perfect way, *enable* me to be a steadfast channel of Thy abundance, free from all indebtedness. I thank Thee that *Thou hast heard me* and that Thou hearest me always." Then, while still in meditative attitude, we contemplate and analyze the four remaining steps so that we can begin fulfilling them.

It is important to gain a mental vision of ourselves cleared from debt, enjoying an ever increasing prosperity which we see wisely — rather than lavishly — used for self-improvement and helpfulness to those in need.

Inner Causes of Poverty

Searching for the inner causes of our poverty or occasional needs, we analyze ourselves for the following traits:

1. The desire for display.

2. Lack of sharing continually with the less fortunate.

3. Lack of tithing to God's Work.

4. Selfishness; miserliness.

5. Fearing to use supply.

6. Unprincipled use of finances.

7. Slowness in willingly meeting one's obligations.

Prosperity does not remain long with us if we have neglected habitually any of the foregoing points. In praying for progress we must also prepare our characters in order to be deserving of added blessings.

Daily Contemplation

Each day *when the mind is freshest*, we should give spiritual thought to the change the Eternal Spirit is bringing about in our affairs. The last thought at night should be a prayer of gratitude for the assistance of the Mother-Father Spirit. Our consciousness must be thoroughly imbued with the realization that:

1. The Divine Source has received our prayer.

2. Something is now being done for us.

3. We shall receive our answer in the right hour, so, until that time, we will dwell in faith and peace.

Trust in the reality of God and His Care must be verified by our thoughts and actions. If we have hoarded we should now give in faith in order that we be constantly renewed. If we have denied ourselves we should now use a portion of our funds for

those necessities or pleasures we may have as heirs of the unfailing Source. If we have believed our income sufficient for ourselves alone, we should now do something for others less fortunate. We should now keep an account of all the resources that flow through our keeping so that our gifts to the Lord will regularly support and enlarge the Work of God on earth. Whenever fear or ingrained negative habits raise their instinctive voices we should silence them by some *tangible proof* of our faith in the unceasing help and resources coming from the Eternal Source.

Positive Attunement

A positive attunement with God protects, blesses and enlightens man in ways and means that are always unexpected but certain. Our faith keeps the channel of our beings open and responsive to the will of God. It causes us to be in touch with forces, laws, and benefits which can be contacted only by active spiritual trustfulness. Frequently we should say, "It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect,"

In the book, "Damien, the Leper," by John Farrow, we read of a conversation between a young nun and her Superior. Sister Leopoldina asks, "Moth-

er, what will you do with me if I become a leper?"

"You will never become a leper," was the calm answer. "I know we are all exposed, and I know, too, that God has called us for this work. If we are present, and do our duty, He will protect us. Do not allow it to trouble you, and when the thought comes to you, drive it from your mind. Child, remember, you will never be a leper, nor will any Sister of our Order."

Time has proved she was right. Franciscan Sisters still carry on the heroic work at Molokai but to this day not one of them has ever contracted the awful sickness.

The confidence of this Mother Superior was so great that her will for the protection of ministering nuns created a spiritual fortification against the disease.

The many instances of the use of faith on the part of the Christ indicates how variform should be our use of the law in His Name. Always we direct our prayer to the Divine Spirit. The Eternal Source *accepts* our trust, *acts* upon our need, and *produces* the required answer. Let us accept the challenge, "Prove Me, now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

(The above article is Chapter Two of Christward Vol. II, a booklet published in 1939 which has been out of print for several years. "Healing" is the title of Chapter Three to be shared with readers in the next issue of Inspiration.—Ed.)

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"Goodwill to others is constructive thought. It helps build you up. It is good for your body. It makes your blood purer, your muscles stronger, and your whole form more symmetrical in shape. It is the real elixir of life. The more such thought you attract to you, the more life you will have."—Prentice Mulford in "Democracy in Action."



Roger Babson says: "If things are not going well with you, begin your effort at correcting the situation by carefully examining the service you are rendering, and especially the spirit in which you are rendering it."—From The Manual of Prayer, St. Petersburg, Fla.

From Our Reading Table...

GOLDEN BENEDICTION . . .

We are glad to announce the publishing of a new book of inspired verse. It is *Golden Benediction* by Ruth Harwood.

When you read these luminous phrases, every word exquisitely chosen and blended into the sentence melody, you realize that this volume is "fulfilling the purpose for which it came into being—that of elevating and heightening the consciousness.

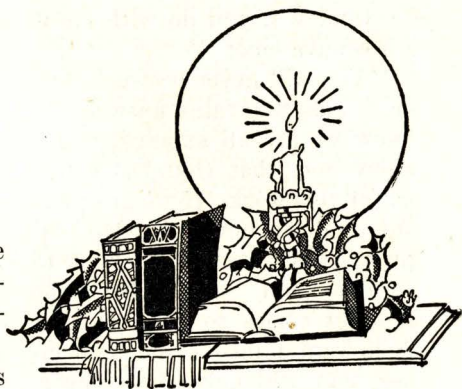
Miss Harwood is widely known for her unique type of poetry which is "humanly sympathetic and warm, yet valiant and strong in building high ideals and aspirations toward Truth expressed in Beauty."

Golden yellow art paper cover, \$2; blue cloth cover, \$2.50.

Order from Ruth Harwood, Box 1403, Santa Barbara, Calif.

FROM BELIEF TO REALIZATION . . .

Occasionally one reads a book that leaves a desire to read it again and again, and to have it handy for reference. We have found Kathryn Boyce's booklet, "*From Belief to Realization*,"



such a treasure. Miss Boyce is the leader of the Unity Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Her writings are practical, challenging, and possessed of deep insight. Order direct from: Kathryn Boyce, 1410 Peachtree St. N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Price 35 cents.

NEW VOCAL SOLOS . . .

Two new vocal solos which will be welcomed by Church and Truth groups are, "My Soul Has Wings," written for medium voice in the Key of B-Flat, and the immortal poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson, "Crossing the Bar," written also for medium voice in the Key of C-Natural. The words for the first are by Alva Romanes, while the musical scores for both were composed by Dr. D. E. Millard of Medford, Oregon. Order direct from The Keyboard Publishing Company, Medford, Oregon. Price, 50c per copy.

*Everyone should daily
bless the world—*

A Prayer for the World

By Flower A. Newhouse

“Thou who art Three Influences in One Spirit—God, the Infinite Mother-Father Spirit; God, the Perfect Christed Son; and God, the Holy Comforter—receive our prayer.

“We ask Thee, Pristine Creator, to renew Thy Spirit in the whole of mankind. May Thy Life be quickened in us, to greater integrity, health, and unselfish effort.

“Lord Jesus, the Christ, purify the mental atmosphere of the world. Cleanse us universally, until our inherent brotherhood is everywhere re-established. Instill us with dauntless vision and with complete trust in the omnipotence of Divine power.

“Holy Spirit, teach us how to maintain ourselves constructively and usefully. Guide the nations of this globe into a united recognition of man's oneness. Reveal unto us the path to peace, freedom, and regeneration. Lead us all, everywhere, into the reign of God on earth.

“Holy, omnipotent Trinity, direct our footsteps that we may all travel from chaos to Peace. Heal us of disquietude, for in harmony and love alone can we be truly progressive and strong. Bless us momentarily with Thy safefolding Presence, with an invincible faith in the righteous victory of Thy Spirit over all the peoples of the earth.

“In reverence and in confidence, we pray. Amen.”

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

*News and Notes by
Mabel Janet Lepley*

LOS ANGELES LECTURES . . .

At 2:30 p.m., December 15th, Flower A. Newhouse will speak at the beautiful Wilshire Ebell Club (Fine Arts Auditorium), corner of Wilshire and Lucerne, Los Angeles. Her subject will be "Man's Choice of the Good." Special Christmas music will be featured, beginning with a prelude at 2:10 p.m.

Arrangements are now being made for lectures at this same location on January 26th and February 23rd, at 2:30 p.m.

LEADERSHIP GROUPS . . .

As a follow-up of the Leadership Training Course presented in Los Angeles by Flower A. Newhouse in August, a study group meets each Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Room 306 of the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street (near Vermont Ave.) Much interest and enthusiasm is being shown in this class. Meetings are open to the interested public. Write to Lou

M. Young, class counselor, 1445 N. Sycamore Ave., Hollywood 28, Calif., for further information.

The Vista Leadership Study Group holds its meetings each Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Vista Woman's Clubhouse, with Elizabeth Mundy as class counselor. An exchange of speakers from the Los Angeles group once a month is planned throughout the coming year.

VISTA SERVICES . . .

During the winter months, the regular Sunday services of the Vista Christward Group are being held at the Vista Woman's Clubhouse, beginning at 2:00 o'clock p.m. Note change in hour. Speakers for December are as follows:

Dec. 1—Gene Sande, Leader of the Rosierucian Philosophy Study Center, Santa Monica, as guest speaker.

Dec. 8—Flower A. Newhouse.

Dec. 15—(Service in Los Angeles only).

Dec. 22—Flower A. Newhouse in a special Christmas service.

Dec. 29—Symposium Subject: "New Year Opportunities."

WALTER RUSSELL VISITS QUESTHAVEN . . .

Walter Russell, genius of Carnegie Hall, New York, world-famous for his accomplishments

as a sculptor, artist, scientist, and philosopher, visited Questhaven November 16th. He seemed impressed with The Christward Ministry's 440-acre nature retreat, describing it as "majestic." Mr. Russell is the man about whom Glenn Clark wrote his booklet, "The Man Who Tapped the Secrets of the Universe."

INSPIRATION CLUB NEWS . . .

Inspiration Club held its annual election at the Vista Woman's Clubhouse in November, choosing the following officers for the coming year: President, Faith Isaac; Vice-President, Marjorie Bakefelt; Secretary-Treasurer, Maurice Geoghegan. Inspiration Club will conduct quarterly meetings during the coming year, making each one an outstanding artistic event.

GUEST SPEAKERS . . .

Arrangements are now being made to have Dr. Fritz Kunkel, world-renowned author and psychiatrist, as guest speaker for the regular Sunday service in Vista on January 19th.

The Vista Christward group was privileged recently to have as guest speakers, Rev. Lora Holman, director of the Glendale Chapter of the Institute of Religious Science, and Gene Sande, leader of the Rosicrucian Philo-

sophy Study Center of Santa Monica, California.

DR. SASNETT SPEAKS . . .

A recent guest speaker for the regular Sunday service at Questhaven was Dr. J. Randolph Sasnett, national director of Religion in Education Foundation. Before resigning to enter this larger field of service, Dr. Sasnett was for many years Director of Religious Education at the University of Southern California and at the University of Washington.

CORRECTION . . .

Inspiration Magazine hastens to correct a typographical error which occurred in the last issue in the book review column. The price of the regular edition of Malcolm Schloss's beautiful new volume of poetry, "Processional of Joy," is \$2.50 (plus 10c postage) instead of \$2 as was quoted inadvertently. Order direct from Malcolm Schloss, 720 Equitable Building, Hollywood 28, Calif.

LECTURE TOUR PLANS . . .

Flower and Lawence Newhouse will leave March 1st on an important lecture tour. Lectures will be presented in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and other points enroute to Atlanta, Ga. From there, they will drive up the Atlantic seaboard. Meetings are planned for Washington, D.

C., Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and other Eastern cities. They will then travel via the central states to the Pacific Northwest and down the coast to San Diego. Write to Mr. and Mrs. Newhouse, P. O. Box 116, Vista, California, if interested in arranging for a lecture engagement in your city.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE . . .

Reserve the last week of June, 1947, for the Annual Christward Pilgrimage to be held at Idyllwild, California, high in the San Jacinto mountains. More details in the next issue.

PERSONALS-IN-BRIEF . . .

Mr. and Mrs. John Newhouse, parents of editor Lawrence G. Newhouse, who have spent the past several months in Illinois, have returned to Vista where they plan to reside for the win-

ter. . . . A welcome new resident in our area is Mrs. Evelyn Trumble, formerly of Lansing, Michigan. Mrs. Trumble is making her home for the present with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Potter. . . . Patrice Elizabeth is the name chosen for the wee newcomer at the home of Beth and Christopher Economen. . . . Grace Lowell, who has so ably served as President of Inspiration Club for the past year, is enjoying a trip through the central and southern states. She plans to be away for several months. Her daughter, Andree Parr, accompanied her on the trip as far as Minnesota, and will soon return to her home in Vista. . . . Ruth Hulten of Seattle has now returned to her home city after a visit with Christward friends in Vista and at Questhaven.

———Truth Is on the March!———

GIVE ME WIDE WALLS

Give me wide walls to build my house of life—

The North shall be of Love, against the winds of hate;

The South of Tolerance, that I may outreach fate;

The East of Faith, that rises clear on each new day;

The West of Hope, that e'en dies a glorious way.

The threshold 'neath my feet shall be Humility;

The roof—the very sky itself—Infinity.

Give me wide walls to build my house of life."

(From "The Fountain," Spokane, Wn.)

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTWARD

THE CHRISTWARD MINISTRY is a non-sectarian Christian work dedicated to awakening men to a conscious awareness of the Spirit of the Divine Creator within them and all about them. To accomplish this purpose, it broadcasts the universal Christ teachings to mankind through public lectures, printed publications, and direct correspondence.

It believes that every man is a potential co-worker with God, and that every man will, at some moment of awakening, sense his responsibility to the Cause of Good in the world and become a conscious channel of good thoughts, good words, and good deeds.

The Christward Ministry believes that through identification with the natural laws of the universe men can lift human existence to higher levels of experience.

It believes that all nations can be brought into an awareness of the fact that the Divine Creator has provided the world with an abundance sufficient to satisfy the needs of all peoples everywhere, and that, through intelligent cooperation, mutual trust, and understanding, world peace and world progress can be realized now.

The Christward Ministry is a non-profit, religious, educational institution supported entirely by the volunteer gifts of interested contributors.

A booklet further describing the purpose of the Ministry and what it hopes to accomplish will be sent upon request.

The Christward Ministry

VISTA, CALIFORNIA.

Appropriate Gifts

These books and booklets by Flower A. Newhouse make ideal gifts at any season of the year. They are not merely temporary remembrances. They are enduring gifts which will enrich the lives of friends forever.

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