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"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"

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Does It Pay to Be Good?

THERE USED to be an old colored man in our neighborhood who loved to point out the benefits man receives for being good. He said he tried to be good because it paid to be good, and when someone would challenge him with the rebuke that this was a selfish and un-Christian attitude, the old fellow would reply with a quaint witticism.

"No, suh," he would chuckle, "there ain't nothin' wrong about gettin' paid for bein' good. After all, the Lord don't want us to be good for nothin'."

Yes, old Dave was right. There is nothing wrong about getting paid for being good. As a matter of fact, it is impossible really to be good and not be paid for it. Certain spiritual laws make this impossible. There are many people however who really believe it does not pay to be good. To prove their point, they cite numerous instances in history where good people have suffered violence and hardship, and they also tell of the many bad men who appear to have led happy lives.

"Just look," they say, "at Jesus Christ. He is supposed to have been the best man the world has ever known yet look how He suffered. And what about Martin Luther and the scores of other good people who suffered ridicule and violence?"

The answer to this line of reasoning can be found by making a few comparisons. Which of the following persons would you rather have been: Judas or Jesus, Jezebel or Joan of Arc, Benedict Arnold or Nathan Hale, John Wilkes Booth or Abraham Lincoln, John Dil-

linger or Lou Gehrig? Such comparisons could go on indefinitely, but very few of us would vote for any of the bad people mentioned in the list. If the good people of the past have suffered, then the bad have suffered even more. At any rate, nobody seems anxious to emulate the villains of the past because of the "happy lives" they lived.

When I speak of being good, I do

By Worral G. Sonastine



not mean being a sissy or a goody-goody. There is something more to being good than just to refrain from indulging in bad habits. To be really good, we must align our mental and emotional forces with the forces of the universe, which constantly move toward the good, the better, and the best.

When Moses drew up the Ten Commandments, the greatest set of rules for human behavior that the world has ever known, he was not just formulating and presenting a code of ethics.

He had discovered those forces to which I have just referred, and he wanted his people to have the benefits that come from co-operating with these forces. When he said, "Thou shalt not steal," he was not simply suggesting that it would be a nice gesture to refrain from taking that which did not belong to you. He was pointing out the fact that there is a law of retribution that makes stealing most unprofitable. And so it was with all the other commandments; they were the world's first acknowledgment of the now well-known fact that "crime does not pay."

Man is fundamentally decent and good. There is a divine spark within each of us that constantly urges us to do what is right and good. I know a man who is a writer, and until a few years ago he turned out only a few short stories each year. He could have written much more, but this was all he could sell, for most of the editors estimated his material as "just mediocre." Today this man ranks high in the writing profession, and he can hardly fill



Prayer for Today By Mildred Bird

TORD, let me pluck the beauty of

Not strain to run around tomorrow's

When meadow flowers of gladness dot

And smile at me in every hue and blend.

Lord, let my hands not linger long above. The weeds of disappointment, sting,

But may I pick a bright bouquet of love
To centerpiece my table for tonight.

the demands for his work.

"I was always under the impression," he says, "that stories and plays had to be spiced up with plenty of profanity and suggestive situations before they would please the public. I hated to write that kind of stuff; but I did want to sell what I wrote, so I used generous portions of the usual 'selling salts' even though it was not to my taste. This resistance to my own higher impulses caused a tension inside me that cramped my style of writing, and what's more, it took all the pleasure out of my work.

"One day a friend showed me some statistics which proved that the real best sellers and the plays that have the longest runs were entirely free from vulgarity. This simple revelation worked like a charm on me. It made me feel good just to know these facts were true, and from then on I worked with a new vigor. I wrote good, clean stuff, as I had always wanted to do, and it has certainly paid me well both in money and satisfaction."

Here is a simple example of what it really means to be good. It is not being good just in order to look better than those who are not being good. Being good means to work with forces of life in such a way as to get the most out of life. It is granting the fullest expression to the fundamental forces of life. Do what you think is right and good at all times and you will find yourself moving constantly toward the fulfillment of your desires. The forces of good are irresistible, and when we align ourselves with

them they raise us to the highest pinnacle of success and happiness. Resist these forces by going against your natural instincts to do good and you thwart your efforts to gain happiness.

True religion affords the most practical method of being good. Religion of course admits of a supreme being, God, which is good. The word, religion, comes from the Latin re and ligo, to bind together; to me, this means to bring the soul into union with God. Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." We unify ourself with God by expressing His attributes, by becoming more Godlike. By expressing the qualities of God in our daily living we incorporate them in our own being. Thus they become our own characteristics.

Many people claim to be good just because they believe in God. This is not enough. You are not a musician just because you believe in music, nor are you an expert mathematician because you believe in the law of mathematics. These principles must be applied to our daily living before they can be of any value to us. And so it is with God, the good. We must actually practice being Godlike or "goodlike" before we can become adept at it. Believing in God is good, but this belief in itself does not make us good. The Devil himself no doubt believes in God, but this hardly makes him eligible for membership in good so-

History reveals many terrible things that have been done in the name of goodness. The Puritans, who believed emphatically in God, and who claimed to be the last word in goodness burned innocent women who they declared were witches. Other innocent people have been beaten and massacred by fanatics who claimed to be acting under orders from God. No, we are not good just because we believe in God. The only way we can be good is to think, speak, and act good in our daily living.

A really good man is always likable, therefore he attracts many friends. Those who know him never overlook an opportunity to be of service to him. Others seem to find great satisfaction in bringing pleasure to a truly good man. The invisible forces of the universe also conspire to work for the good of such a person. They move constantly toward his betterment. Everything and everybody loves a good

man or woman. Here again I wou point out that being good does no mean to be a prude or a moralist, is something far greater and moractical than this.

Perhaps the most accurate definite of the term good as it applies to man character, can be found by interpolating the apostle Paul's definition love to read as follows: "[Good] suffereth long, and is kind; [good] wieth not; [good] vaunteth not itself is not puffed up, doth not behave self unseemly, seeketh not its own not provoked, taketh not account evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousnes but rejoiceth with the truth; beare all things, believeth all things, hope all things, endureth all things."

Can you qualify? If you can, already know that being good big dividends.

Happiness Is a Habit

By Gertrude W. Knights

T ODAY I really grasped the manufacture is become a habit! That by taking the tain steps I can manufacture is will!

This thing works both ways. I han acquaintance who manufactures happiness; she has an "unhappinesti." She manufactures unhappiness by the same process by which she control of the produce happiness; and since definitely do not want an unhappinestic let us profit by turning outention to the thing we do want, wis the habit of happiness!

In industry of all types the facturer uses every means at his mand to train his employees their various jobs with the leas sible time and effort. He even g the trouble and expense of sec an "efficiency expert" to work analysis of the actual motions of manufacturing process. This shows the workers the simples to make each move, and in f ing his directions they form ficiency habit that makes it p for them to turn out the max m amount of product with a min mil of effort, thus preventing was te materials and energy.

Now we can do just this same of thing in manufacturing for selves the happiness habit. Here how I am doing it. My own independent

indwelling Christ is my efficiency expert, my infallible guide to the correct procedure in my production of happiness. The first move is to break the pattern of the old habit of thinking.

My password is happiness. I must be on the alert to challenge every thought that will not prove to be perfect material in producing my desired product, happiness. Criticism, resentment, anger, self-pity, faultfinding, none of these will pass inspection for use and consequently must be chal-

If a challenged thought cannot give the password "happiness" it is immediately turned down as material not to be used in the manufacture of the happiness habit. Right here is an important move. It is not enough just to turn down the defective thought; it must be replaced instantly with a sound, constructive one.

Should the challenged thought appear to refuse to be ousted I have an unfailing resource. I simply turn to my indwelling Christ and affirm, "Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world," and let Him handle it.

This is like calling on the expert in a factory to work out an unmanageable or dangerous situation, with one difference. I of course am calling in the law of love; and it is effective instantly without my waiting for anyone to arrive on the scene or to study out the proper procedure. My indwelling Christ is always here, never leaves for an instant, and can control every situation immediately and correctly, using me as His tool or channel and guiding me according to His perfect knowledge of what is best for all concerned.

I find that as I increase my watchfulness and improve my skill in challenging defective thought material, immediately substituting sturdy, substantial material that has passed inspection and can give the password, my world changes. My life is taking on new form, and happiness is becoming a habit!

Progress toward Peace

When the United Nations conference was held in San Francisco last April, Unity School was represented by Robert Hulbert, leader of the San Francisco Unity center. Mr. Hulbert attended the conference sessions, and while he did not take an active part in the discussions he made many contacts with the delegates, and helped to make the presence of the Christ Spirit felt by the whole body of the conference.

Unity School was invited to send representatives to the recent meeting of the United Nations Organization in London, England. Because it seemed impractical to send anyone from Unity headquarters in Kansas City, the school designated LeRoy Parker Drake and Ruth Hacking, leaders of Unity-London, as its representatives to attend the conference.

Mr. Drake's January 23d report of the meetings has just reached us, and because we believe it will interest all our readers we are publishing excerpts from it herewith:

"Both Miss Hacking and I were able to attend the very first meeting of the United Nations Assembly in London, and have also been able to attend subsequent meetings

with each other. Their habits of thoughts have been formed under vastly differing conditions, but the

walls of separation, 'the partitions of distance' existing since the beginning of time, have been rudely swept away in a few brief years by the airplane and the wireless. As a result nation has got to learn to be neighbors with nation to the ends of the earth. No longer are there nations that 'don't count' in the affairs of the world, nor upsets in one country which are not the concern of all others.

"All these happenings find the world as yet unprepared for what must come. The UNO meetings here in London following the meetings in San Francisco is man's attempt to rise to the occasion.

"You will have been able to follow the work of the assembly from day to day in the daily papers; itself a testimony to the fact that machinery already exists whereby the functioning of central world control for peace is practical.

"Simplicity has characterized the proceedings throughout. The massive fustiness which in the past we have regarded as essential for great political events was noticeable only by its complete absence.

"The delegates got down to the real work of the UNO without other ceremony than a royal banquet on the night before the opening. Actually the delegates are learning to live and work together very much as the nations they represent must do.

"With the exception of the delegation from Saudi Arabia all the delegates wore European clothing; the one exception can be accepted lightly as the exception that proves the rule.

"Oratory was also noticeable by its absence. Men spoke their mind in simple words and gestures. Chairman, secretaries, and interpreters were marvels in efficiency. The splendid work of the preparatory commission was evidenced throughout the meetings. Their foresight was divinely guided, without a doubt.

"How often I wanted to jump to my feet and proclaim the Unity belief that 'no idea is worth contending for.' Nothing short of this can make of the United Nations Organization the unqualified success we all hope it will be. The idea is so obviously inherent in the practical application of the teachings of Jesus Christ, as also in the teachings of the prophets of the other great world religions, all of which are for the first time in world history represented in one organization earnestly seeking the way to peace on earth.

"Often as I looked over the delegates assembled from my seat in the press gallery, I could not help but wonder whether this was at last the way to fulfillment of the ancient prophecy anent the beating of swords into ploughshares, when man is no longer to learn the arts of war and when there shall no longer be killing in 'my holy mountain.'

"There is yet much to be done, much that can only be accomplished with time and the passing of old ideas.

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Things to Be Remembered

By Lowell Fillmore

+ The Weakest Link

REMEMBER that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. A healthy body must have no weak links in the circulatory system of its blood stream. The heart, lungs, arteries, veins, and capillaries are all involved in the circulation process of the blood stream. It is not enough that the blood reaches the heart; it must go out from the heart through the body and back again.

There is another kind of body that also needs a good circulatory system. It is the body of society, which needs a free circulation of good will to keep it healthy, happy, and prosperous.

One of the most serious causes of stoppage in the circulation of good will among men is the practice of unforgiveness. This practice limits the circulation of good will operating between me and my associates as well as the circulation of good will among the members of the larger groups of people known as nations. The wellbeing of each individual depends to a large degree upon how strong a link of good will he makes himself in the endless chain of his social contacts.

Consider your body. If the circulation of blood is cut off from any part of our body by artificial means, that part will suffer a great deal and the rest of the body will suffer in a lesser degree. So with a larger body consisting of you and your fellows and your relationships with one another, when you shut off the free-flowing current of God's good will between you and others you strangle that intangible something called love that keeps you healthy, happy, and prosperous.

Love is the life blood of civilization. It is the greatest builder of health, happiness, and prosperity in the universe. Love not only nourishes the body of society, but it gives happiness and health to the bodies of individuals as well. When you shut off the flow of God's love through you by refusing to forgive somebody you do something hurtful to yourself. This may also hurt others to some degree, but not nearly so much as it hurts you.

You would not shut off the air from

Suggestions for Daily Meditation

Sunday. The forgiving love of Jesus Christ now has its perfect way in me and in my affairs.

Monday. I have no time for grudges because I must be about my heavenly Father's business.

Tuesday. Before I can raise my mind to heights where I may consider God's love as a reality, I must forgive every-

Wednesday. I promote the free circulation of good will in my affairs by filling my mind with love.

Thursday. Divine love finds no hindrance or opposition in me.

Friday. Health, happiness, and prosperity abide in me because I am open and receptive to God's loving will.

Saturday. God first loved me, therefore I will love Him with all my heart. soul, mind, and strength.

your lungs just because someone offended you, would you? That would be a foolish thing to do. Well, it is also a foolish thing to hold a grudge against anybody just because he has offended you. Even if he is in the wrong, you cannot afford, for your own sake, to refuse to forgive him.

Many people are today suffering in body, soul, and pocketbook because they refuse to forgive someone. They may not realize it, but they are actually strangling their good because they will not allow God's love to flow freely into their mind and soul and out into their affairs on a current of good will to others.

Jesus teaches us in the Lord's Prayer to say: "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." This is a simple statement of the law

of the circulation of God's riches through man's co-operation. If wa tighten up the channel through which God's life and love can flow by refusing to let our love go out to others we shut off the return circuit and we cannot therefore receive the inflow of God's love that He would like to send to us. The free, uninterruped circula tion of God's love, life, and power through us promotes our health, hap piness, and prosperity. However we must remember that circulation is not possible unless the channel is kept open at every point by the two balance ing activities called giving and re ceiving.

God first gave us His love, but we can learn the true meaning of His love only as we express it by loving

Him and His children.

A Place of Rest

By Zelia M. Walters

HE soldiers lay on the grass - the shade of overarching trees b the roadside. Their full packs la beside them. They were dusty, trave stained. But they were completely a ease, stretched out on the grass, some napping, some talking quietly. From far ahead came the distant thunder of guns. They were on their way to th battle front. But when the comman came they could fall out, lie down, an rest completely in the time given them Had they refused to rest, and sat then upright, tense, and anxious, the would have been unfitting themselve for the duty ahead.

Can we learn wisdom from these boys? One of the admonitions Scripture that we sometimes miss our hurry to get the job done is have periods of rest. Christ said His disciples, "Come ye yourselve apart into a desert place, and rest while," and He said these words them when their work was harde and most urgent. And Isaiah in e alted vision heard the Holy One sa ing to His wandering people, "In r turning and rest shall ye be saved in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." And David had word when he said to the fretting an troubled people, "Rest in Jehovah, an wait patiently for him."

We hear much urging to work, keep busy, to get on with the day job. This is good. There is much to

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A Message to You: The Inner Light

Blessed Friend:

Would you know and enjoy the full blessing of Truth? Would you always know the right thing to do, at the right time, and in the right way?

Acquaint yourself with your inner light, for the light within you is Spirit. God in you is Spirit. God is your inner light, the light ever shining in you, for you, through you to the world.

"Acquaint now thyself with him,

and be at peace:

Thereby good shall come unto thee." The light within you is always a ight that reveals good. It never reveals evil or error in any form. It unveils the Christ in each and every person. You may look upon a man and see sot, a thief, a criminal. You may roclaim his wickedness. You may threaten him with hell-fire, but you cannot reach the Spirit in the man, you cannot help him rise again unless you employ the light within you, the inner light of Spirit that unveils the good in the man. Then and then only an Christ work freely through you to uplift and redeem him.

Acquaint yourself with your inner ight. It is the selfsame light that shone through Jesus, the selfsame ight that transformed Him into the adiant Christ, the selfsame light that evealed Lazarus to Him not as a decomposing body but as a man alive.

Acquaint yourself with your inner ight. It will enable you to see as God sees, to look upon the world and everything that is therein and behold the good. In the beginning God looked upon the world and saw that it was good. Think of all the work that needed doing! Man has worked with the world and the resources of the world for a long, long time, but he has not even scratched the surface of what can be done.

The light of Spirit within you will eveal all good and helpful things to ou. It is your divine inspiration. It quickens your understanding, and you know the truth.

Have you ever thought how wonderful it is to know the truth about

things? One man sitting in his mother's kitchen watching the steam rising from the kettle saw in it a mighty power. His mother probably saw in it only a cloud of vapor that would deeply and painfully scald her arms unless she kept them out of its reach as she did her cooking. The mother saw only that what her eyes

Daily at 11 a. m., join us in this thought for spiritual illumination:

Holy Spirit guides and illumines me.

At high noon each day concentrate your attention on this thought for prosperity:

My every act is directed by the Spirit of truth, and my prosperity is assured.

At nine each night let us acknowledge the healing power of Spirit with

I accept the guidance of the Spirit of truth promised by Jesus Christ, and my health is restored.

and senses revealed, a danger to be avoided. The son by inspiration beheld in the steam good power exhausted uselessly because it was not understood. So he set to work. He followed his inspiration. His inner light was not dimmed by the scoffing of other people. Let them laugh if they wanted to. There was in their derision no power to harm him or his work, but there was power, mighty power to ease the labor and burdens of men by using steam. Think how different the world would be today if a dreaming boy in his mother's kitchen watching the lift and fall of the kettle lid had not followed the light of the inspiration that came to him.

Think how much would have been lost if another boy who sat by His mother's kitchen table watching her make bread had let die within Him the light that came to Him as He

thought about the work of that bit of leaven that made the whole loaf light.

Can you take a few moments now, dear friend, just quietly to look about you and observe how many outer things bless you today because someone followed the inner light of inspiration?

Can you take a few seconds even to look quietly within you and observe the inner light of Spirit that quickens your understanding and inspires you so that you too can see in every little thing, every smallest opportunity, every difficulty a path of light leading to great and good things?

In the very heart of you, in your innermost soul God is shining. He is Spirit. He is your inner light.

"Acquaint now thyself with him,

and be at peace:

Thereby good shall come unto thee."

Your inner light is designed to dissipate all darkness so that there will be no darkness in your life or your world. You never have been and you never will be without light, for God Himself is light, and He has placed within you His Spirit, the light eternal that nothing can dim.

In the light of indwelling Spirit Jesus looked upon the multitude before Him. What do you suppose you would see if you looked upon just such a gathering? There they were, persons rich and poor, educated and proud, lowly and humble, strong and weak, good and bad, crippled, blind, sick, robust and healthy, discouraged and downtrodden, confident and assured; young people full of life, old people, some of them weary of lifeas many problems as there were people represented there in the multitude that stood before Jesus. What did He see?

Even as the light of the sun shines upon one and all, searching out and revealing the beauty in a thing as tiny as a dewdrop, so the inner light shone from the Spirit of the Son of God to search out the true light within each soul, and Jesus cried out to the people before Him, "Ye are the light of the

"The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

Silent Unity.

If you are in need of spiritual help, Silent Unity will be glad to pray with you for the right adjustment of your problem. Write, giving your full name and address, to

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Someone Prayed

God Is a Strong Power

Dear Unity: On this national day of Thanksgiving, I am moved to send you an expression of my gratitude for all that Unity has meant to me during the years, especially the last five and a half that I spent with my husband in Nazi-occupied Denmark.

Daily periods of study and practice of the silence helped me to achieve a realization of the protecting Presence that actually seemed to insulate us from the evil and

danger all around us.

The 3d of May, 1945, the day before Denmark was liberated, I had an amazing experience of which I should like to tell you. To me it was a wonderful demonstration, a beautiful demonstration, in spite of the horror involved. My husband is a Danish sea captain. On April 9, 1940, when the Nazis entered Denmark, I was with him on his ship in the Danish port of N-, where we had called for minor repairs at the shipyard before sailing in a few days for Siam and Indo-China. Due to the unexpected arrival of our so-called 'protectors' it was five and a half years time my husband and I kept house in his quarters on the bridge of the ship, tied up in that small provincial port.

But in September, 1944, as the danger and tension increased, our ship, together with two other large ships, was moved out into the fjord and anchored there for greater safety. Thus the last nine months of the war we lived on a little island of "dead" ships. It was there, through one of those unfortunate mistakes of war, that the R. A.

F. bombed us.

During all those years we had become so used to planes flying over us, singly and in formations, that the possibility of any personal danger rarely occurred to us. We were only forty miles as the crow flies from Kiel, and most of the planes in the massed raids on that city, as well as on Hamburg, Rostock, and Stettin, flew over us.

But the day before our liberation, the 3d of May, was an unusually busy day in the air over Denmark, and especially over the Great Belt, where German ships were trying for a last minute getaway to Norway. To forestall that the R. A. F. was out in force with orders to bomb anything that could float, from rafts to pleasure yachts. Flyers new to that region were thrown into the battle with orders to prevent any Nazi escape. To them our position might easily have appeared suspicious-three large ships lying much too near the Great Belt, and loaded, perhaps, with troops about to make a dash for Norway!

At any rate, that is how the leader of a squadron of nine planes must have reasoned as he came flying south over the Great Belt at quarter of eight in the evening of that fateful day.

My husband and I stood on the bridge

watching them fly toward a small convoy of ships sailing north. Breathlessly we watched them go into the attack when, to our amazement, they suddenly turned and swung back toward us. They began to fire at a distance of about fifteen hundred meters, dived to a height of one hundred meters and raked us with rockets and machine gun shells. One of the ships sank slowly and all three were burning, but where we lay on the bridge there was not even a piece of shrapnel!

During that eternity of seconds, when hell itself seemed to break loose over us, I kept repeating, "God is my defense and deliverance." Then a strange hush seemed to settle over the ships. For a few seconds we lay still, and suddenly I realized that through it all I had been looking up and that there was a smile on my face.

So on this day, when we all stop for a moment to count our blessings and to give thanks for them, my heart turns with a deep gratitude to Unity School of Christianity and its teachings which have helped to show me the way .-- H. G. B.

Guided through Prayer

Dear Unity: We are no longer living in Alaska. The middle of last July we moved here to O-, after having spent many years in Alaska.

It was very hard at first to decide what was best. I asked the Lord's help constantly for three weeks. One morning I woke up early, and everything was clear and settled. I told my husband we would be moving to the right place and that we would be happy. In one month we sold our home, and I sold my dress shop, both at a very attractive price. We located here and bought another home, such as I have always dreamed of. I recently purchased a beauty parlor as an investment, and am now looking for a location for a dress shop. The right location will come to me, I know, and I am already making plans.

In Alaska I started out with \$450 of borrowed money. I had my shop for seven and one-half years and sold out for \$25,000. During that time I also took care

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of my sister and brother-in-law. I c my shop secretly "God's Store." Not could ever take away from me the cotion that all I have to do when I am fused is to turn to Him and know that

I want to take this opportunity of th ing you from the bottom of my hear the wonderful help and understanding have given me. Bless you and your loworkers always.—J. Y.

All Is Well

Dear Unity: When I receive my WEI UNITY the first page I turn to is Some Prayed. I find the letters both interes and helpful.

I wish to relate a practical demonstrat that came to my husband and myself time ago, which I think is worthy of

As you no doubt know from the papers, things and conditions in this try have been in a constant turmoi some years now.

After the revolution of 1943 when army stepped in and took over the go ment, a new order was issued that

foreign residents had to present the come tax receipts within fifteen days of

up in full again. We had moved just two days pri the upheaval and were about getting se but of course many of our things

still unpacked. Since there was a time limit, we sea feverishly through all important pape the necessary one, but without avail. day my husband would ask if I had the receipt, and I had to answer i negative. The time limit was almost u

One day as I was washing the dissaid silently: "Nothing is lost in Please direct me to the missing rec

As if in answer to my request the a came: "Look in the small suitcase for receipt." No, it was neither amongs first papers nor the last there, but there among important papers, that w stuffed into the suitcase at the last n and locked before leaving for our home. Yes, it was found and pres at the proper time in the proper pla

"Ask, and ye shall receive" is mor than most folks think.

I am indeed grateful for the hear Father's help at all times.—G. (Argentina).

Progress toward Peace

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But there is abundant cause for The decade that lies immediatel fore us can hold more of promis peace than all the preceding centure of time."

Unity prays daily for peace earth, and invites the co-operation everyone in prayer that it now be tablished forevermore.

The High Watch

Meeting the New Age

How to train the oncoming generation to promote peace so that the world will not again be torn by war is a pressing problem. John E. Wade, superintendent of schools in New York City, considers peace a challenge to educators to teach the truth of universal brotherhood. When it is universally taught and universally learned, then indeed we shall have peace that passes the understanding of the present wartrained generation. We quote the New York Times, in which Mr. Wade reviews the responsibility of educators:

The end of the war, the necessity for promoting better understanding among all the peoples of the world for the preservation of peace and the potentialities of atomic energy present immediate problems.

We live in a world that is different from the world of last spring. Then we were engaged in a war of unpredictable duration. The possibility of harnessing atomic energy was a subject of discussion only among scientists and military men. Now all this has changed. The war is over. Atomic energy has been harnessed at least for destruction purposes. Scientists tell us we have entered upon a new age—the age of the atom.

No greater challenge has ever been presented to education, to teach the truth of universal brotherhood. We are confident we

can meet this challenge.

How atomic energy will be used, and to what extent the United Nations will succeed in maintaining world peace through their charter, and by insistence that atomic energy shall not be used for destructive purposes, will be determined by the character and the intellectual integrity of the men in whose hands these rest.

Men of character will administer the United Nations charter with fairness and justice to all countries, large and small, and to all peoples. Men without character will seek to evade its provisions even though this would inevitably bring another war.

We shall use the United Nations charter as study material in our schools this year, stressing the fact that its worth depends entirely upon the character of the men who administer it.

Character building has ever been the chief aim of New York City's public schools. All else is secondary, because without character a man is lost irrespective of how much he may know or what abilities he may have. Character is that which impels one to use his knowledge and ability unselfishly for the advantage of his fellow men rather than selfishly to their disadvantage. Character building will continue to be the chief aim of our schools.

While unforeseeable things have happened and events beyond our imagination have taken place within the past few weeks, we believe we can solve our problems by adherence to basic principles. It may be well ... to restate these principles. They are embodied in what we have set forth as our

To build character, instill a love of country and a love for one's fellow men.

To develop a sound mind and body. To achieve a mastery of the fundamen-

tals—the three R's. To discover and develop individual ap-

To cultivate the habit of critical thinking. To understand and practice desirable school and community relationships.

To appreciate and take part in worthwhile activities in and out of school.

Sharing

Certain bulbous plants teach us a needed lesson. When a bulb is planted in the earth it produces a plant that flowers in season. The blooming period over the bulbs are dug up for the winter, when the original bulb is found to have atrophied or died, leaving in its place from six to a dozen new bulbs tightly crowded and sometimes interlocked. Unless these clusters are separated at replanting time growth and flowering are interfered with and the results are disappoint-

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ing. In like manner those who possess substance must learn to share it with those who lack it if they wish the faith by which they live to flower in Christlike character. The Progressive Farmer is responsible for the following extract entitled "The Gift of

Incidentally the poet Kahlil Gibran, to our minds, supports this viewpoint in these beautiful and compelling lines from his book, "The Prophet":

And a merchant said, Speak to us of Buying and Selling.

And he answered and said:

To you the earth yields her fruit, and you shall not want if you but know how to fill

It is in exchanging the gifts of the earth that you shall find abundance and be satisfied. Yet unless the exchange be in love and kindly justice, it will but lead some to greed and

others to hunger. . . . And before you leave the market place, see that no one has gone away with empty hands. For the Master Spirit of the earth shall not sleep peacefully upon the wind till the needs of the least of you are satisfied. of the least of you are satisfied.

Build castles in the air, then put foundations under them.—Thoreau.

Field Activities

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Church of Christ Truth, Unity, 1162-64 N. St. Andrews Place, announces the following activities: Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., devotional service. Monday,

the following activities: Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., devotional service. Monday, 8 p. m., class in Lessons in Truth. Wednesday, 1:30 p. m., class in Lessons in Truth; 8 p. m., prayer and healing service. Thursday, 11 a. m., class in Both Riches and Honor; 1:30 p. m., class in Christian Healing. Friday, 8 p. m., class in Christian Healing. Friday, 8 p. m., class in Christian Healing. Center open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Rose A. Schneider, leader.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Unity Study Class, 3010 Palm Grove Ave., announces a class in Jesus Christ Heals each Tuesday, at 1:30 p. m., under the direction of Nina V. Fisher.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Unity Temple of Christian Healing, 2120 S. Union Ave., announces a devotional service each Sunday, at 11 a. m. Center open Monday through Friday, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Emma H. Luke, leader.

North Hollywood, Calif.—Christ Memorial Unity Church, now located at 4513 Laurel Grove, announces the following activities: Sunday and Thursday, 8 p. m., devotional service, (These services are held in the First Christian Church, Moorpark and Tujunga Sts. Other services are conducted at the center quarters.) Sunday, 9:30 a. m., youth church. First and third Wednesday of each month, 8 p. m., class for young adults. Friday, 8 p. m., Youth of Unity. Herbert J. Schneider, leader.

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ELIZABETH SAND TURNER, Unity leader, lecturer, and teacher will speak as follows:

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—March 17, at 11 a. m. and March 18, at 8 p. m., at the Unity Church of Truth, Hotel Onondaga.

ITHACA, N. Y.—March 20, at 8 p. m., at the Ithaca Unity Center, 113 S. Cayuga St.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—March 24, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., at the Ballroom, Seneca Hotel, under the auspices of Christ Center, Unity, Seneca Hotel.

FRANCIS J. GABLE, Unity teacher, lecturer,

and writer will speak as follows:

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—March 20 and 21, at 8 p. m., at the Unity Center of Truth, 220 E. Monroe St.

Responsive Service

Sunday, March 17, 1946

Unity Subject-Practical Christianity

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—Religion in Everyday Life.—Ruth 1:8-17

8. And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house: Jehovah deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9. Jehovah grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10. And they said unto her, Nay, but we will return with thee unto thy people.

11. And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

12. Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should even have a husband to-night, and should also bear sons;

13. Would ye therefore tarry till they were grown? would ye therefore stay from having husbands? nay, my daughters, for it grieveth me much for your sakes, for the hand of Jehovah is gone forth against me.

14. And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clave unto her.

in-law, but Ruth clave unto her.

15. And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her god: return thou after thy sister-in-law

16. And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God;

17. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: Jehovah do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.

Lesson Interpretation

In this lesson how is the complex nature of the soul represented?

By the three women Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah. Love, the divine feminine, is represented by Naomi, the love of the natural soul for the things of God by Ruth, and the youthfulness, grace, and activity of the natural soul by Orpah.

Among the expressions of the soul's forces how does duty compare with love?

To do our full duty under circumstances that test and try our soul calls

for high resolve and courage. Nevertheless duty moves the soul less powerfully than love. Voluntarily to go beyond the call of duty calls for love, which is the loftiest expression of the soul.

What calls forth the supreme love of the soul?

Devotion to the ideal. When this spark touches the soul the response is deathless affection.

What is the nature of divine love? It is selfless, concerned only with giving itself to its object. "God so loved the world, that he gave." Love always gives, never seizes anything for itself.

Does the act of giving oneself through love entail hardship or suffering?

No, it is natural and instinctive to give oneself through love. Such expression is spontaneous and effortless. To refrain from giving to those whom one loves requires effort.

In what respect does the story of Ruth and Naomi provide a useful lesson for the youth of today?

It furnishes a lesson in service as the pivotal element in character in contrast with the selfishness of sense consciousness. Lacking love's impulse to serve, a person easily becomes centered in self, with deplorable effects on the life.

Why is it important that the conscious and the subconscious expression of love (Naomi and Ruth) be united in the individual?

When the conscious and the subconscious expression of love are united the result is complete harmony and peace for the individual. The repression of subconscious feelings or emotions sometimes means discord and mental aberration, whereas conscious expression of them leads to a sense of fulfillment.

How is the consciousness of the unity of the soul's forces set forth in this lesson?

In Ruth's pledge of love to Naomi; "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

To Be Held in the Silence

Love leads me to sacrifice self, yet so long as I love I sacrifice nothing. I live.

(The lesson for next Sunday is from I Sam. 7:1-8, 13-15.)

A Place of Rest

(Continued from page 4)

done, and we are God's hands and feet here upon earth. We must no neglect the work he gave us to do. We must get on with the task, working with wisdom and zeal. But the transpood and efficient workman is the who knows how to take his period of real rest. We want to do good works o let us learn how to rest complete.

When we rest it is not enough lie down and close our eyes. If we our mind go racing to and fro tractedly over our problems, if we our spirit waver in doubt and bite ness, we do not know the meaning rest. Those disciples who rested Christ's presence in the desert p had the secret. Can we too rest side Him and use the time when b and mind are at ease to realize that are in His presence? Yes. It is no time for requests or supplications, even for adoration expressed; rather a time of just awareness beloved close beside us.

From such a rest we arise not or refreshed in body and mind but fill with a new strength and wisdom fall the work of the day.

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