

# WEEKLY UNITY

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

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*"An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support."*

INVISIBLE means of support!" We are familiar enough with the concept of visible means of support. It signifies something solid, tangible—property, a home, money in the bank, a good job with a fixed income. Many contemplate these with a feeling of security. There is no nonsense about them. They are not dreams or imagination or an essay into that unknown world of faith. They are sure, and we must have sure foundations.

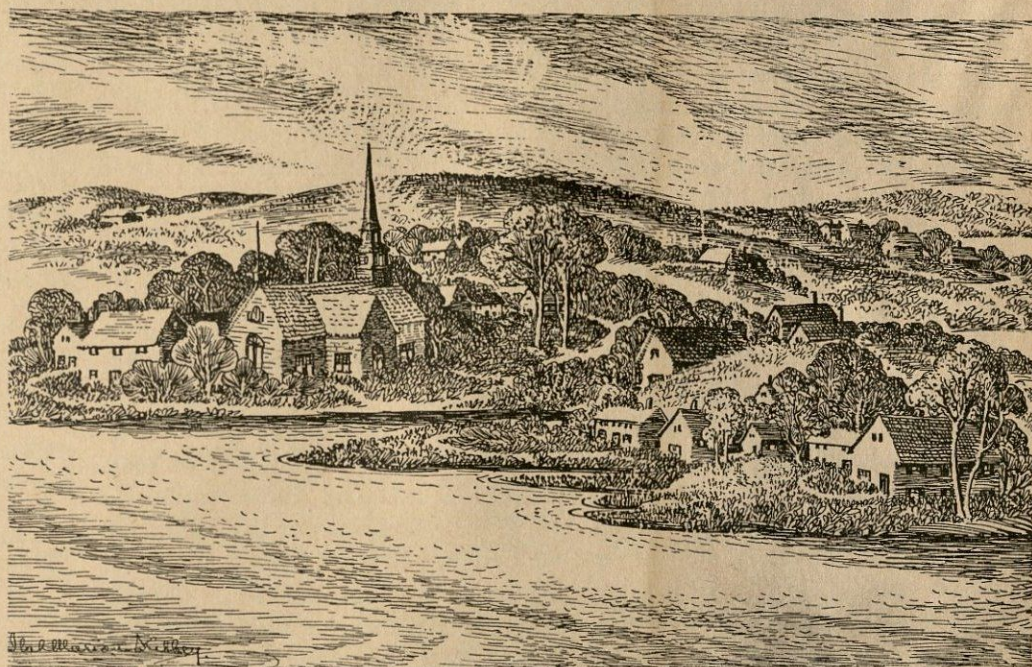
If we are buying a house we look to the foundations with especial care. No matter how attractive the building, if the foundations are poor we do not want it. So we inspect the masonry, the supporting joists and rafters. What a pity if a fine house is set on poor foundations.

An indigent, one who is classed as a charge on society, has none of these visible means of support. But neither has he the invisible ones.

As we follow the thought of foundations we soon perceive that the strongest, most enduring ones are invisible. The very planet on which we live is swung out in the void, held up by eternal forces, invisible chains that keep it in its place in the universe.

If a person is starting a business he puts good foundations under it. He needs a suitable building and some capital, both of which are visible and may be appraised. But the real support of his business is invisible. The man himself must have a character made up of honor, industry, thrift, courage, and the will to serve. There must be the loyalty of employees, the good will of customers, and the determination to make the product of the very best of its kind. Without these supporting factors the finest building and largest capital will be

## What Foundations?



of little value. How long could the largest business continue if public confidence in it were suddenly destroyed? And the confidence is not in the buildings, but in something invisible.

The invisible supports! We might like to list them, as we sometimes list our material assets. Then we could make sure if any of them are lacking and set about securing them.

The supports that uphold our individual lives and the entire universe are the unchanging laws of God, who is also our Father. Jesus Christ taught us that His other name is love. So the laws are not obscure and terrifying. They are simple, natural, easily understood, and all good. Jesus Christ taught us about them, and His own life of transcendent power was supported by them. They kept Him unshaken through all the storms that swirled about Him. Yes, even to that last test of death he was still supported by the invisible, and death could not conquer Him.

*By Zelia M. Walters*

He told us of two commandments on which all others depend: love God and love your neighbor. That support of love stands firm when to all human vision there is no possible security.

Jesus talked much of faith. He bade us pray believing that what we ask is already ours: "Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." There it is in plain words. The foundation is indeed invisible, but not tenuous, unsubstantial. Whatsoever we desire is there, already standing firm upon it, and it is ours as soon as we come into unity with this law. If we have love and faith as our foundations what we build in our own life, in our homes, in our business, in our nation will stand firm, upheld by the power of God.

Our nation, which has grown so good and great, rests upon these in-





## A Neighborhood

By Clarence E. Flynn

I KNOW a little neighborhood  
Where lovely gardens grow,  
And pleasant little homes are stood  
All in a friendly row;  
Where happy children romp and play,  
And kind hearts understand,  
And each is ready any day  
To lend a helping hand.  
Suspicion mars no friendship there,  
And falsehoods spread no gall.  
Sorrow and joy both are shared;  
And each keeps faith with all.  
Now if one little neighborhood  
Such blessedness can claim,  
Why in the name of all that's good  
Can't the whole world do the same?

visible supports. Our founding fathers named them over in their earliest plans, and solemnly affirmed their reliance upon God.

Our prayers go out for the coming brotherhood of nations, and again we think of foundations. This time, we say, we must be sure. Then the politicians and economists cry out that we must not be visionary but practical, and that certain things must be done. An ancient prophet met some of these people. And with the wisdom he received from God he summed the matter up, saying, "Where *there is* no vision, the people perish."

Let us remember this when we hear the theories. International currency, cries one; a just economic system, says another; disarmament, international policing, social security, education—all the various voices shout their warnings. Yes, we do need all these aids. But all of them together will collapse unless we see to the invisible foundations. This shining new world we hope to build is the "city which hath the foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Let us see that it is erected on Truth itself, so that all the blood and tears shall not have been in vain. There is a responsibility upon us as individuals to remember this daily in affirmative prayer. That is our part in bringing the universal peace and brotherhood.

We can see at length, after much

trial and error, that the national and international structures must be built in accordance with the eternal laws. Even the material-minded person will give assent to this. All our leaders warn us against hate and vengeance. But now we come down to your life and mine, all these individual little souls that, wisely or blindly, are trying to work out their problems in this world. What is it that will make the integrated, effective life? We must have foundations so that life can be freed of fear and insecurity. So we plan. If every man has a job and can live in decent surroundings, then all will be well. But where this has been done we know all is not well. Man is still confused, self-centered.

Jesus Christ knew that man could not live by bread alone, but some social and political planners seem not to know it. Man in a good job and with good pay still may not be a serviceable member of his community. He must still put down his invisible foundations.

They are made of the promises of the Christ, Son of God, son of man. Have we accepted these promises? Have we fashioned our life as though we believed they were solid supports? Scattered through the four Gospels they are like beacon lights. In effect Jesus Christ says that he who believes in the Christ shall know life eternal here and now, that he shall be freed of the bonds of sin, that he need not fear failure or defeat, that all the resources of the Father's house are his when he asks for them, that he shall have access to the divine wisdom and power so that he may lead a conquering life.

One of the old hymns had as its refrain, "Step out on the promise." It was sung with fervor. Christians agreed that it was good religious doctrine, to be meditated upon each Sunday. But how many were ready to do it? Dared we step out into the void where there were no visible means of support? Those weak in faith shrank back from that step. They wanted something solid under their feet: education, social advantage, influential friends, money, prestige, rank, authority. With these one could step out, but it was just visionary to trust such unsubstantial things as the old promise "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" or "Seek ye first his kingdom,

and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

But even our finite "practical" wisdom shows us by this time that the old promises are the only substantial things in the universe. We have seen the visible supports perish; empires fall; leaders vanish, plans crumble, riches sink into the void, but the man who walks with God goes on his way sure-footed, along a shining path amid the world's wreckage.

## "Nazareth Was a Little Place"

By Jeanne Bradford

THE AUTHOR of this bit of inspirational verse is unknown, but when I get to thinking that what I can do in this world does not amount to anything, that there is really no place for me; when sometimes in a forlorn moment I start comparing my life with that of some of the people in "big" places in the world, I always hunt this little poem out and read it and reread it:

"Father, where shall I work today?"  
And my love flowed warm and free;  
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot  
And said, "Tend that for me."  
I answered quickly: "Oh, no! not that!  
Why, no one would ever see,  
No matter how well my work was done—  
Not that little place for me!"  
And the word He spoke, it was not stem.  
He answered me tenderly:  
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine  
Art thou working for them or Me?  
Nazareth was a little place,  
And so was Galilee!"

In this day of constant rush we are tempted to forget that the little things are important, that the little ways of being thoughtful and kind are as necessary as they ever were. Not everyone who needs a cup of cold water is stretching out his hand and calling for it. The little pauses we make by the way are not wasted time. Any friendly act or word that helps to make an hour move more swiftly, more pleasantly, yes, even more bearably for another is worth while.

Many of the acts of our Lord's sojourn upon this earth are recorded as miracles, but He also did many small deeds of kindness for those whom He met along the way—and perhaps He was even best loved for these. It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without also helping himself.



# A Sparkling Jewel

By Ralph E. Michaud

**D**URING the years just preceding World War I, when travel in Europe was unrestricted, an American tourist visited a French stonecutter in his small basement shop. The room where he worked was dingy and dark, lighted only by one sidewalk-level window, with cobwebs and dust everywhere.

She asked the craftsman to show her the most beautiful stone he had, and from a recess in the rear of the shop he brought forth a tiny box containing a lovely topaz pendant on a chain. Taking the jewel, he suspended it from a peg above the window where it caught the light of a single ray of the morning sun shining through. Instantly the tiny shop became a mass of changing colors, as the reflections from the facets of the swaying gem danced in fantastic abandon about the room.

Fascinated by the beauty, the woman exclaimed admiringly, "I only wish I could afford to buy it."

To her surprise he replied, "Madame, I am happy that you cannot, for though I need money much, I need beauty more. When I am disheartened and discouraged, I hang this topaz in the window. The sunlight shines through it and plays upon my bench, the walls, the floor, and makes the whole room beautiful. Then I can make things more beautiful."

This story was told me recently by the chaplain of one of the nation's large prisons. His work is with men whose lives and outlook are much like the tiny shop of the stonecutter in the story, dark, dingy, and littered with the cobwebs and dust of hatreds, envyings, doubts, and fears. But this has not seemed to have affected his spirit, and as I glanced up I saw that his eyes were shining with a kindly, understanding light that transformed his features, took away the years, and added beauty to his slow smile.

In the days that followed I found the story of the sparkling topaz coming to mind again and again. As I pondered upon it the truth it contained dawned upon me. If I consciously held my thoughts, my words, and my deeds up for the light of God's love to shine through them, I would not

only beautify and gladden the lives of those around me but I myself would be gladdened and beautified.

How go about it? The answer came even as I sought it. To love the things I did and the people for whom I did them. Frequently I say to myself as I go about my work: "I do this for you because I understand and love you. I realize that you too are a child of God, and doing this thing for you makes me glow with happiness." Often I find myself smiling from the pure joy of doing the deed.

I love to sing, and in the past I have sung many times for people who have been kind and appreciative. Many times my songs came through straining throat and tensed lips as I thought only of the impression I was trying to make upon my listeners. Now I have a different idea, and the tones come easier and clearer as I tell myself that I am passing on some of the joy and peace that dwell within my soul. I am relaxed, thrilled by the smiles that are reflected back to me from the upturned faces before me.

My writing is a comparatively new spare-time occupation, but as I sit at my typewriter tonight I have the feeling that if by the words I am putting on paper I can bring just a bit of the consciousness of God's love to only one person who reads them, I am holding up my talent where the light of God can shine through it to beautify that person's life.

I do not have to let God's love shine through me. Along with that spark of Himself which He implanted in me, He also gave me a will that enables me to accept or reject His blessings. If I accept His love for myself, I cannot confine it within the limits of my own being for my exclusive use; I shall not want to.

Some time ago I came across this affirmation in a monthly Unity magazine: "God is love, and I am love expressing itself. This love scintillates within me, radiating out from me like sunshine, making me joyous and happy and magnetic to the good in everything and everybody. This forgiving radiation dissolves every false sense (pain, doubt, fear, hate, greed, and the like) and sets me free in mind, body, and affairs! Father, I thank Thee." This affirmation has helped me immeasurably, and it will help you too. Repeat it, memorize it, believe in its truth.

God, help me make my life a sparkling gem  
That, held up in the sunlight of Thy life,  
Scintillates reflections from each shimmering facet  
And manifests, Thy beauty to a world in strife.  
Lord, may Thy Spirit dwell within my breast,  
Not selfishly confined but shining free  
So all may bask in its great life-giving effulgence  
And looking at its light, may learn of Thee.

## The Progress of the Unity Temple

The home Temple of the Unity movement now being erected in the beautiful Plaza district of Kansas City, Missouri, is lovingly fostered by Unity students in all parts of the world.

Costing over half a million dollars, the Unity Temple will stand out as a structure of architectural beauty and also as a stronghold of Truth of which Unity students the world over may be proud. The blessings that accompany each contribution to the Temple Fund give us assurance that the foundations of the Temple are being laid in Spirit and that it shall serve perpetually the Truth it represents.

It is the earnest prayer of Unity students everywhere that this building be paid for as it is erected. That this prayer is in divine order is being proved by the offerings that are now coming from Unity students all over the world who wish to be recorded as participants in the building of the Temple. Already ten thousand persons have contributed nearly half the amount needed.

It is in a spirit of thanksgiving and prayer that we go forward to the completion of this temple, which is dedicated to Truth seekers everywhere.



# Things to Be Remembered

By Lowell Fillmore

## + The Truth That Makes You Free

REMEMBER that it is written: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Remember that the law governing the freeing power of Truth operates in the common affairs of men even to the words they speak, as well as in the realm of absolute principle. A man is held accountable for his lightest word.

God created a good and beautiful universe by His true word. Man is creating his version of God's universe by his word in his own manifest world. If man's words fall short of Truth his world will fall short of God's perfect creation. When a man speaks Truth and lives it he will enjoy the benefits of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

When a man speaks with spiritual understanding in accord with the mighty Truth of God he must speak truly concerning things in his relations with his fellow men as well as concerning the absolute verities of divine principles. The law of Truth will not make him free who uses a mere absolute statement of Truth to hide behind while he deceives his neighbor. A person who sincerely declares the truth that God made only that which is good will not use this declaration to back him up in the practice of deceiving, defrauding, or misleading his fellow men.

For example, if a would-be Truth student finds a lost article, and says to himself, "God has sent this in answer to my prayer," and proceeds to devote it to his own use before trying diligently to find the rightful owner, he will not be acting in harmony with the freeing law of Truth, for he binds himself with chains of deceit.

God's Truth principles cannot be contrary to ordinary honesty and jus-

tice. How can a person be free from fear and suspicion when he misrepresents his merchandise to a buyer?

No one can be free indeed unless he operates under the law of righteousness and truth. But someone will say, "If I feel sick and I say that I am well, because God did not make sickness, would I not be deceiving my friends?" This affirmation is for the purpose of convincing the affirmer himself of the Truth of God and need not be spoken aloud in the presence of those who would not understand.

There is no need to deceive any person about this. If the case demands that you tell someone your condition, say: "Though I seem to have a cold I know that in Truth and in the sight of God I am all right, because God did not make sickness. I will manifest His perfection just as soon as my faith in His healing power overcomes my fear and belief in the reality of what seems to be."

### Suggestions for Daily Meditation

(Beginning Sunday, June 2)

Sunday. *The freeing power of divine Truth is setting my mind, body, and affairs free from all bondage.*

Monday. *God is Spirit. Therefore I worship Him in spirit and in truth, and I am free indeed.*

Tuesday. *I am willing to know the truth and be made free.*

Wednesday. *Christ in me is saying: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."*

Thursday. *"Remove from me the way of falsehood;*

*And grant me thy law graciously. I have chosen the way of faithfulness:*

*Thine ordinances have I set before me."*

Friday. *"Guide me in thy truth, and teach me; For thou art the God of my salvation."*

Saturday. *"Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me."*

Jesus tells us not to judge by appearances. The man who always tells the truth in his dealings with his fellow men is free from the stabs of his conscience and from the necessity of fabricating other falsehoods to justify the first one.

When you speak the truth about God and His goodness you will free yourself from worry, discord, lies, sickness, poverty, misunderstanding, sadness, and the like. You will enter into the joy of the Lord. You will find that God truly did make a perfect world that you can enjoy just where you are. Therefore rejoice in the freeing power of Truth.

### The Purpose of Unity

The purpose of Unity School is not to found another sect, but to show all men their common aim and their common brotherhood; not to separate them or to emphasize their differences, but to bind them together more closely. Through helping churchgoers to apply to their daily living the principles taught by Jesus Christ, Unity makes any church affiliation even more practical.

Unity School spreads its teachings largely by means of its literature, which interprets the Scriptures mentally, physically and explains the action of the mind—the connecting link between God and man. How the mind affects the body, producing discord or harmony, sickness or health, here and now, is made clear in the Unity publications.

Unity centers and study classes are places of religious research for all people, regardless of creed; and places where helpful instruction in Christian living may be received.

### Our Great Opportunity

I am convinced that, left alone, people would not hate each other. If they were not stirred into hating each other they would live amicably together; especially now, since science and intelligence have conquered most of the diseases and have made it possible for everyone to live in plenty and in happiness and health. This era should be the era of paradise on earth. Mankind has never had the possibilities of happiness it has now.—Albert Einstein.

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# THE SOCIETY OF SILENT UNITY

THE HEALING DEPARTMENT OF UNITY SCHOOL

## A Message to You: Children's Day

Dear Friends:

Many churches observe the first Sunday in June as Children's Day, while others observe the second Sunday of the month. It is one of the most poignantly precious days in the whole year if we consider the definition of children the Psalmist gave: "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD."

During the war and since we have heard a great deal about delinquent children. It is well to think of David's idea of children when we are inclined to call them bad or to associate them with such terms as delinquency. "Children are an heritage of the LORD." This heritage has been intrusted to us, shared with us to give us the full measure of joy and trust, love and beauty that children provide.

The children had to shift for themselves more than was good during the years of war. Boys and girls not under the discipline of a Christian home were likely to be found in the streets, indulging in mischief to satisfy the longing for happiness and good times that is the rightful inheritance of every child heart, while their parents worked night and day to meet the demands of war.

War is something dreadful, foreign to the hearts of God's people. It is especially hard on children, who were designed by the infinite Father for tenderness, understanding, patience, and happiness. "Happiness is the atmosphere in which all good affections grow—the wholesome warmth necessary to make the heart blood circulate healthily and freely; unhappiness—the chilling pressure which produces here an inflammation, there an excrescence, and worst of all, 'the mind's green and yellow sickness'—ill temper."

Overworked parents were tired, critical, impatient, cross. Under these conditions home lost its atmosphere of happy comradeship. What had once been to the children a sure haven of rest and recreation became a place of darkened rooms, unaccustomed disorder, and frequent loneliness. Naturally the children turned to other

fields for entertainment, for fun and laughter. War was destructive. It smashed and broke great cities with crashing noise. Many children caught the spirit of it and flung rocks through windows and street lights, anything that would make a big crash. Was the wickedness in the children, "the heritage of the LORD," or was it in those

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

The light of Spirit illumines me, and my understanding is made perfect.

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

God's all-providing substance is now coming into manifestation, and I am divinely prospered.

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

The healing power of God, through Christ, is now doing its perfect work in me, and I am made whole.

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who built up the pattern for war and permitted it to occur?

What do you suppose Jesus Christ would do about the children if He were here in person today? What did He do on that busy day in the wilderness when the children crowded round Him? The disciples did not approve of what they felt was rudeness. The crowd murmured even as crowds murmur today when the speech of a great man is interrupted by children. Can you not almost hear the disapproving comments? Can you not almost see the glad light in the eyes of Jesus Christ as He called, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God." Can you not almost feel, and do you not cherish the thought of the tenderness of His arms as He gathered the children to Him and blessed them?

Surely here was the usual run of children that mingle with great multitudes. There were well-trained, well-behaved children; there were unkempt, poorly trained ones. Yet those arms of Jesus, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." It is quite possible that some of the children who found shelter in His arms were in their teens. We know those arms are open to all children today.

Have you ever wondered what sort of child our Lord chose from those gathered about Him, the one whom he took and set "in the midst of them: and taking him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me." Was he the cherub of the crowd or was he just a betousled mischievous little boy with grimy face, stubby fingers, dusty feet? Was he a perfect little boy or might some have thought him "delinquent"? Children are not like puppies, something to be toyed with, laughed at, cuddled one minute, neglected and scolded the next. Children are the planting of the Father in the earth, choicest of all His works. They are intrusted to us for training, for guidance, for the revealing of the pattern of the Christ. Christ is a model for them to grow by, even as we should be, and as we become better models, more like the Christ the word "delinquent" will die out, for children have far greater need of a model than of a critic.

So let us with one voice, one heart, one understanding bless all children on Children's Day. Let us open heart, home, and understanding to the children, and seek so to live by the grace of Jesus Christ that the unhappy effects of the war upon the boys and girls will totally disappear.

Jesus Christ likened children to the kingdom of God.

James Russell Lowell called them "God's apostles."

Of the children Charles Dickens said, "I love these little people; and it is not a slight thing when they who are so fresh from God love us."

And Kate Douglas Wiggin really turned the revealing light of heaven on them when she wrote, "Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever-fresh and radiant possibility."

God bless the children, every one of them, now and always!

*Silent Unity.*



## Someone Prayed

### God Works in All

Dear Unity: On December 13 I wrote you: "Send your powerful thoughts for good to everyone connected in any way with this company. That and my own conviction that God works in and through each one of us will be my Christmas gift to my co-workers."

When I wrote that letter, I forgot that I too was included in that order. Then the blessings started pouring in on me—a wonderful plane trip to New York—unexpected contacts with interesting people—some small honors—and a great, great many happy daily experiences that made me say, "Thank God and Unity!"

So please keep my request in your prayer room, for your prayers are proving most effective, and especially during this period of reconversion. All the world needs prayers, and I cannot take this help away from the good people of this company now. I have been able to introduce several friends in the company to Unity by passing on my copies.

Too, I must add a word of congratulation to the editors of WEEKLY UNITY for the recent article on psychosomatic medicine and for taking atomic power in their editorial stride. More power to your broad-minded, open-minded staff!

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.—D. S.

### The Source of Help

Dear Unity: Slowly, very slowly I am learning ideas. Truths that others seem to "get" at once, it takes me a long time to absorb. My *Daily Word* and I do mean my very own *Daily Word* is the best help I have ever had. I am learning to feel sincerely thankful for blessings before they are received. Life takes on meaning as my understanding increases.

I am learning too that prayer is not just a formal set of words. At the market one day recently the girl looked pale and worried as she packed my groceries. She told me of pain she was having. Through my mind flashed the thought God can help. The next time I saw her she said, "You remember how bad I felt last time you were here? Well, the strangest thing happened; by the time I went home the pain was entirely gone." Yes, God can and does help.—A. R.

### True Security

Dear Unity: I wish to thank you for your prayers for me during my army career. I assure you that there have been times when I do not believe that I could have continued on without the help of God. My life in the army has taught me one thing. There is no material security. The only security in this world is faith in God. Again I wish to thank you.—C. M. W.

### A Few Moments with God

Dear Unity: The little "Butter Song" in WEEKLY UNITY must have been catching. One noon when our butter (substitute) was mighty low, I sang it to my daughter just in fun. I was not sure of either the tune or the words, but that afternoon I found some oleomargarine in the second store I tried. The week before that I had gone to ten stores, and the week before that to six and had not been able to find either oleomargarine or butter. I have found that a few moments with God before shopping saves endless running around.—I. M. W.

### In Appreciation

Dear Unity: This morning you asked that people drop you a line to let you know that they listen and like your daily radio program.

I know that unless people do write that they listen you have no way of knowing, and so few write of the many who listen and read.

If only those who do write could know the help and encouragement and real joy that their letters give, they would write oftener. I always answer every letter that comes to me and often the writer of the first letter answers and a long-distance but very real friendship evolves that adds much to my life.

Some day soon I hope to write a story on letters and what they mean to one on the radio, the writer, the musician, the artist, to everyone.

You would be surprised if you could know even the number of people I know, right here in this town, that will let nothing interfere with their hearing your program each morning, yet they do not write. I know, for I have asked them.—M. W.

## PROGRESS

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The way you live from day to day, your associations with others, how you occupy your leisure time, all contribute to your happiness.

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## Notes and News

### Unity Training School

☛ The third term of the Unity Training School begins July 8 and ends August 12. Classes will be offered for beginners and for advanced students. The schedule of classes and teachers is as follows: Center Ministry and Ideals, Rose Emery; Bible Interpretation, Elizabeth Sand Turner; The Word That Heals, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fillmore; Principles and Practice, Norma Knight Jones; Prayer, Osla Sehr Jones; Spiritual Clinic, Francis J. Gable; Speech and Correct English, Louise Abney; Bible The Living Book, Richard Lynch.

The fourth term will begin August 12 and continue through September 6. The fifth and last term of the 1946 season will open September 16 and close October 12. Outstanding teachers will conduct classes just as in the preceding terms.

For further information about enrollment and living accommodations you are invited to write to the Unity Training School, Lee's Summit, Mo.

### The Seventh Commandment

☛ "The seventh commandment [Thou shalt not commit adultery] has to do with purity," declares Georgiana Tree West in her book *Prosperity's Ten Commandments*. She explains that the word "adultery" applies to the defiling of the mind with impure thoughts as well as to the debasing of the body by sensual uses. It is imperative then to keep pure and unadulterated our every thought about God as the one source of our health, our happiness, and our prosperity. *Prosperity's Ten Commandments* is the book being used for study in Unity's Prosperity Program during May and June.

### Daily Word in Braille Guides Friend in Australia

☛ "It has been my pleasure to receive *Daily Word* in Braille since its inception. This magazine has been of especial value to me. I writes a blind friend in Australia, who continues: "*Daily Word* is a daily guide, a daily inspiration. It invariably 'hits the nail on the head.' It has awakened within me the realization that in God is the solution to all my problems. It has brought sunshine into my life as well as a recognition of good in my every experience. Thank you for sending *Daily Word* in Braille without interruption."

In addition to *Daily Word* for adults, Unity publishes *Wee Wisdom* in Braille (Grade 1½) for children. These magazines bring light and joy to hundreds each month. Unity is assisted in the distribution of the Unity message in Braille by loyal friends who send love offerings for this purpose.



## Responsive Service

Sunday, June 2, 1946

Unity Subject—*Resurrection Life*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Expressing Our Friendship for Christ.*—Mark 14:3-9; Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-3; 12:1-3

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3. And while he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster cruse of ointment of pure nard very costly; and she brake the cruse, and poured it over his head.

4. But there were some that had indignation among themselves, saying, To what purpose hath this waste of the ointment been made?

5. For this ointment might have been sold for above three hundred shillings, and given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

6. But Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7. For ye have the poor always with you, and whensoever ye will ye can do them good: but me ye have not always.

8. She hath done what she could; she hath anointed my body beforehand for the burying.

9. And verily I say unto you, Whosoever the gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

38. Now as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word.

40. But Martha was cumbered about much serving; and she came up to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41. But the Lord answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things:

42. But one thing is needful: for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

1. Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, of the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2. And it was that Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3. The sisters therefore sent unto him,

saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

1. Jesus therefore six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead.

2. So they made him a supper there: and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at meat with him.

3. Mary therefore took a pound of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

### Lesson Interpretation

*What forms of service is the soul of man capable of rendering?*

Service to the external man, such as Martha rendered when she prepared a meal for Jesus, and service to the inner man, such as Mary rendered when she sat at His feet and heard His word.

*Why was Mary's ointment not wasted when it was used so lavishly?*

Because it was offered as an act of devotion, thus becoming a symbol of the precious healing balm of divine love rendered by the soul. Divine love is never wasted.

*Which form of service, that to the outer man or that to the inner, is more essential?*

Service to the inner man has greater value and is therefore more essential than service to the physical man alone. Divine love is the highest service, for it enables us to embrace a new and higher conception of life for the body.

*What faculty links us with eternal life?*

Love. As we express the love of the Christ in our relations with others we become conscious of eternal values.

*Have we within ourselves the power of resurrection?*

Potentially we have. Innate in every child of God is the deathless essence of Spirit, the divine idea of eternal life, the Christ. When we individually

understand our divinity to the extent that Jesus did, we can overcome death and resurrect our body as He did.

*How do we gain the capacity to see and live ideally?*

By developing love in ourselves. Love puts us in touch with the ideal realm and enriches all the life that we know.

*Is the self brought under control through love?*

It is. Love in the heart acts as a solvent of selfishness, allowing it to disappear as a trait of character.

*When we see ourselves as expressions of the universal life what effect has that seeing on us?*

We learn to see ourselves in others and to serve them with joy and satisfaction. As we share in the life universal we find our place in the scheme of things and realize fulfillment of life's purpose.

### To Be Held in the Silence

*My life is deepened and enriched by the love of the Christ that comes forth from my heart.*

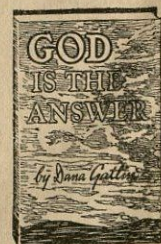
(The lesson for next Sunday is from Mark 6:7-13; Luke 10:1; 14:25-27.)

### The Power We Use

Not until we begin to live reposefully do we begin to experience the benefits of our powers. Each of us starts with a certain amount of power. That power is sufficient to carry us through life in health, strength, and happiness, with abundant liberty to do good, and profit by experience. Right here and now we have sufficient power to live sanely if we would but possess it, acquire poise, and use our power wisely. The waste of energy in the average human machine is enormous. —Dresser.

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## The High Watch

### Diversities of Gifts

That all are created equal is not a statement that applies to our capacities or endowments. These vary with the individual heritage, but we are equally free to appraise our gifts and make the best of what we have. Not only are we free to do this; it is our duty thus to accept ourselves and make the most of our one talent or five, as the case may be. The Rt. Rev. Thomas N. Carruthers, in *Southern Agriculturist*, emphasizes the necessity of self-acceptance. We quote:

One of the most significant lessons one must learn if he is to live victoriously is self-acceptance. Not of course in any self-satisfied, complacent fashion. Not in an attitude of resignation. Not like the little old lady in Boston who refused to travel, saying, "Why should I travel? I'm here already." What we mean is acceptance in

the sense of acquiescence in the conditions of our life. As if we said: "Being what I am, with all the handicaps and limitations that I have, I'll not waste time envying other people—this man's art or that man's scope. But I'll say, after all, this is my stunt; I'll roll up my sleeves and sail in."

Some people are panic-stricken the moment they discover that they are in any way different. Why should I be blue and depressed because I am not exactly like my next-door neighbor? Why should I quit because I do not have the gifts of the man down the street? "One star differeth from another star in glory." But each one is a star, and each one is beautiful, and each one has some light to give. Every blade of grass is different from every other blade. No two leaves on a tree are exactly alike. No human being is ever the exact duplicate of any other human being.

This is the glory of life. You are you, and I am I. Our talents vary, our capacities are different, and the work God expects of us is different. "Diversities of gifts, but the same spirit!" Differences of operation, but the same God working in all to achieve His great purpose.

It is heartening to remember that God has need of people of ordinary abilities just as He has need of people of genius. There is of course something splendid in the con-

tributions which people of genius have made to humanity—the poems of Wordsworth, the paintings of Raphael, the inventions of Edison. But is there not also something splendid in the contributions of these lesser men and women, like ourselves, who have accepted their limitations and made the most of their opportunities? I like those brave words of Edward Everett Hale: "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something, and I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do." When a man accepts himself in that heroic fashion, he is on the road to usefulness.

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