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'The Signs of Heaven'

Written for The Christian Science Monitor
It may seem that comparatively few of the desires which motivate a person's prayers and actions during his human journey are ever attained. But almost anyone can look back across the years and wonder what would have become of him, and where he would be now, if some of his intense desires had actually come to pass.

The prophet Jeremiah recorded God's warning against material ways which sometimes occasion disappointments, seeming defeats, and frustrations. "Thus saith the Lord," he wrote (Jeremiah 10:2), "Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them."
Not until the writer had been studying Christian Science for some years did she begin, in the light of its teachings, to recognize "the way of the heathen," the solid walls which rose up repeatedly to block a certain line of procedure that she deemed good and desirable. One day, after a particularly disappointing setback, she opened the Bible for comfort, and her attention was arrested by the verse from Jeremiah already quoted. In a flash of spiritual revelation she saw that "heathen" can be defined as material thought. Such thinking knows nothing of God, but looks to matter for evidence of both good and evil, arriving at all conclusions and evaluating all reality by what the material senses present. Obviously, this mortal state of thought will cause dismay, because it cannot possibly understand the workings of divine Mind or recognize the operation of divine Principle.

One soon learns that outward experience is the product of his thinking. Therefore, instead of being dismayed over seeming defeats, he should take a keener inward look. Are his motives spotless? Is his purpose big and unselfish? Is he willing to see others succeed? Does the solution he desires mean so much to him that no other outcome is acceptable? Honest answers to these questions may reveal the reason behind many unhappy situations.

In the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes (p. 30), "We cannot choose for ourselves, but must work out our salvation in the way Jesus taught." Jesus' way of deliverance from all that is earthly and mortal is contained in his familiar words (John 5:30), "I can of mine own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." The secret of unshakable peace of mind lies in this complete surrender of any attempt to be something or to do something apart from God.

In "Miscellaneous Writings" Mrs. Eddy writes (p. 10): "The good cannot lose their God, their help in times of trouble. If they mistake the divine command, they will recover it, countermand their order, retrace their steps, and reinstate His orders, more assured to press on safely."

Let us never be dismayed at "the signs of heaven"—whatever seems to be defeat. God is never defeated, and His expression, man, cannot be. A better cleansing of our motives, a holier purpose, a more steadfast trust that God will place us where He needs us most, can open unsuspected doors upon vistas of true happiness.

Friendship

By Eva Mae Davis

One of the most precious of life possessions is a good friend. Find a person WITHOUT friends and you have found a person who is MISERABLE. Man cannot live ALONE because he is a SOCIAL animal who cannot live without friends and cannot exist without friends.

Thus, one of man's PRINCIPLE objectives in life should be the discovery and CULTIVATION of friends. "Chance," De Lille said, "makes our parents, but choice makes our friends." Since friendship should be LASTING, care should be exercised in the CHOICE of friends because changing them is often PAINFUL. Ecclesiastes IX, 10 says, "For-sake not an OLD friend, for the new is not comparable unto him. A new friend is as new wine, when it is old thou shalt drink it with PLEASURE."

There is considerable DIFFERENCE between mere acquaintances and real friends. An acquaintance is one whom you LIKE to associate with while a friend is someone whom you LOVE, and who loves you sufficiently to help you in time of need and stand by you in ADVERSITY. Get broke, get sick, or get into trouble and your FRIENDS flock to the rescue, making real sacrifices to HELP you under such circumstances it is often DIFFICULT to find mere acquaintances.

The old English proverb is so RIGHT in stating: "A friend in need is a friend indeed." Back in 1733 George Washington wrote: "TRUE friendship is a plant of slow growth and must undergo and with stand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation." Friendship, of course, is NEVER a one-way street, and one cannot

expect to RECEIVE evidences of friendship without any RETURN.

"A friend must never be IN-JURED," said Syrus, "even in jest." But that does not mean that you must always AGREE with a friend or condone or APPROVE all he says and does, because he MIGHT be very wrong. Those who are REAL friends will try to PROTECT you from harm and keep you from injurious ERROR, but they will also DEFEND you to the very end. "A man that hath friends," says Proverbs XV 11 24, must SHOW himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh CLOSER than a brother."

ANOTHER thing to remember, always, is that the opinions, feelings, and actions of a real friend must be RESPECTED. A person is very FOOLISH who thinks that he can trample on the feelings of a friend, and still RETAIN his friendship. Do NOT misunderstand a friend or surely he will misunderstand YOU. Misunderstanding DESTROYS more friendships than anything else that can happen, so strive always to interpret CAREFULLY the words and actions of a friend, and be prepared to YIELD your position when his feelings are ruffled.

A true friend is too VALUABLE to lose over a silly difference of opinion or a matter of taste. NONE of us is perfect, all are imperfect; so be tolerant of imperfections in others if you would expect THEM to do likewise. Aristotle observed that "A TRUE friend is one soul in two bodies." He MEANT that friends should see eye-to-eye, have mutual views and tastes, and share a common LOYALTY.

To those who crave wealth let it be said that there is none superior to friendship because money MAY lose its value, but friendship NEVER. The WEALTHIEST man is not he who possesses great lands

From Around Nebraska

A teen aged Ord girl has received a slashed hand which required six stitches when she was struck by a knife in the hands of a teen age boy.
The Ord youths have been playing a version of Russian Roulette. They wear inflated rubber balloons fastened to their shirts and slash at them with open knives in an effort to puncture the balloon of their opponent.
It was during one of these contests that the girl was slashed. Ord Police have issued orders to stop the "game" and the Ord Mayor and school officials have asked parents of high school boys to also clamp down on the practice. It has been pointed out that jabs from the sharp knives could be fatal under certain circumstances.

The United-Hagie hybrid seed corn company has leased 1000 acres of irrigated land near Seward for the purpose of raising seed corn this year, the Seward County Independent revealed last week.

The crop, which pays a high cash dividend, will affect a dozen farmers in the area.

At Ogallala there are nearly 300 persons who work in the town but live elsewhere. They commute daily to Ogallala because there is no housing available there.

The Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to each of these persons, asking them the size of house they need, the amount of rent they would be willing to pay, whether they are interested in buying and about what price they feel they could afford.
The data will be compiled and a community-wide effort will be made to provide housing for those who need it, the Keith County News indicated last week.

Some ladies at Loup City lost a valuable collection of African Violet plants last week during the cold snap, the Sherman County Times revealed.

They had left their home for the week-end and during a wind-storm, the back door of the house blew open. Their 200 African violet plants, representing over 120 different varieties were frozen, making the loss of the plants complete. The collection represented several years' work.

Schuyler's Memorial Hospital has taken third place in a nationwide contest to select the "Modern Hospital of the Year," according to the Schuyler Sun. The Schuyler institution was in competition with 266 other hospitals across the nation. Omaha's Bishop Clarkson Hospital ranked first in the contest, a Methodist hospital at Lubbock, Texas second and an Ingelwood, California hospital fourth.

Fairbury has just completed a poll of its trade territory in regards to Saturday night closing. The Fairbury Journal reported the results last week which showed that 9 favored closing Saturday nights and 482 were against closing. Some of the Fairbury merchants favored Saturday night closing but others were opposed to it.

The Lyons High School band combined with the band of the Wayne State Teachers College last Monday evening to present a concert at Lyons. The combined bands made 120 pieces with sufficient volume and diversification to present a very impressive concert.

Chadron merchants staged "White Elephant" days last week at which time they spread out a lot of hard-to-sell merchandise, put the prices down really low and let the shoppers do the rest. Even farm machinery and used cars was moved to a spot in the business section where it would be convenient for everyone to inspect the offerings.

The Chadron Record reported the idea as one which "really clicked" and one of the most successful promotions in years.

Crete is struggling with the problem of disbanding a "cat club" which a group of juvenile boys have formed. The purpose of the organization is to kill cats—alley cats, house cats, just anybody's cat. One youth admitted killing nine cats. "If you kill the cats with a witness you don't have to cut off their tails and ears" one boy told Crete police. Otherwise the club requires the presentation of the appendages to prove eligibility for the club. Homeowners who have cats for pets are up in arms over the group's activities.

The First National Bank at Hooper has announced that it will close at noon on Saturdays effective immediately.

An implement dealer at Atkinson has scoured the country and found an old steam threshing rig which is being overhauled and put in readiness for use in the Atkinson Hay Days parade next summer. The outfit had not been used for years and was slated for the scrap heap, according to the Atkinson Graphic.

This is a most striking example of the evil power of rumor. And I'm sure that when you read this unusual article in PICTURE WEEK, you'll agree with me to think twice before believing any word-of-mouth stories.

and properties, but he whose FRIENDS number legion. And when he has passed on he will enjoy immortality in the memories of those whom he LOVED and who loved him in turn.
With this our Easter season we should give this a lot of thought.

Rumors Have Far-Reaching Evils

Rumor can be one of the most damaging of all human failings. It can ruin reputations, cause panic, and even start riots I've just finished reading a very disturbing article in the current issue of PICTURE WEEK Magazine, which showed how a terrible race riot was touched off by rumor.

It began as a traffic jam on a Detroit bridge, when two cars locked bumpers. One contained a white couple, the other a Negro couple and their baby. All four passengers got out to argue and the people in other cars craned their necks to see what was going on. But because it was a bright glarey day, the drivers of autos facing one direction saw a different scene than those facing the other way. From one line of cars, according to PICTURE WEEK, it looked like a Negro facing a white man and woman. From the second line, it appeared as if a white man was arguing with a Negro attacking the white man's wife. Some said the man was armed with a knife and, a little later, people were saying that there was a wave of knife-wielding Negroes attacking whites. From the other direction, the rumors involved the white man and the Negro baby. Some passed the word that he had thrown the child off the bridge and that police had arrived and were siding with the white man. By the time the rumor had reached the Negro section of town, it included an alleged reign of terror on the Negro population. A riot was under way, and when it was over, 34 were dead and hundreds more injured.

Alphonso Sampson

Alphonso Bernard Sampson, age 7 years, of 2630 Blondo St. expired Wednesday evening, February 14, 1956 at a local hospital.

He was a life-long resident of Omaha and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sampson; three sisters Jeannette, Lois Lee and Dorothea Sampson; brother, Earl Sampson, Jr.; two grandfathers, Neal Sampson of Omaha and Thomas A. Robinson of Waterloo, Ia.; two grandmothers, Mrs. Hazel Sampson and Mrs. Hattie Robinson, both of Omaha; three uncles, Rev. Alphonso Benjamin, Jerome Benjamin and Charles Adams, all of Omaha; four aunts, Mrs. Yvonne Gilmore, Mrs. Dorothy Reed Mrs. Josephine Benjamin, all of Omaha, Miss Anna Robinson of Los Angeles, Calif.; two great-aunts, Mrs. Anna Hubbard and Mrs. Cora Benjamin both of Omaha.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 17, 1956 at 10:00 A.M. from the Myers Brothers Funeral Chapel with Rev. Robert C. Sherman officiating assisted by Elder Jessie Hall Bowers. Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Hansie Smith

Mrs. Hansie Smith, age 60 years, of 3237 Erskine St. expired Thursday afternoon, March 8, 1956 at a local hospital.

She was an Omaha resident two years and was a member of the Deaconess Board of the Philadelphia Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, James Smith of Forrest City, Ark.; six sons, Tommie Smith of Omaha, Albert of St. Louis, Mo., Frank of Gary, Ind., Rogers, William and

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Funeral services were held Thursday, March 15, 1956 at 2:00 P.M. from the Philadelphia Baptist Church with Rev. C. W. Walker officiating assisted by Rev. C. Petties. Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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