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"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—I Nephi 3:187.

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The Cross

by

Janice Hansen

Upon the Cross, our Lord was nailed,
At a place called Calvary;
Upon the Cross, our Lord found death,
That men might find eternity.

Upon the Cross, He took man's sins,
And carried them to the grave;
Upon the Cross, our Lord knew pain,
That in the end, man might be saved.

Upon the Cross, our Lord was put,
And though came death, life was not lost;
But gained for all eternally,
Christ's soul could not be stilled by the Cross.

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Editorial

Charity

Charity is a word used in various ways and in various terms. These ways and terms are used by the world and because of the definitions placed on the word, it has become repulsive to many, especially if applying to them. We many times hear the expression, "I am not going to receive charity." Others express the desire to be relieved from receiving charity.

There are many charitable organizations. They have their organization set up where all are to a great degree, subject to a written law or rule. Our thought is not to find fault with the good they do but we want to examine this word "Charity" to some extent and see if there is something in the Scripture which will give us some definition of its use by the inspired writers of old.

First, we will notice the words of Christ: ". . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Second, we will notice the words of Peter: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature."

Third, we will notice the words of Moroni. They seem to follow our thought and give the sum of what charity is: ". . . But charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth for ever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with them."

We can see that charity is a very desirable nature to be possessed of: the pure love of Christ. The question comes into our minds: "How do we acquire this? What are the steps or the road we must travel for it to be a part of our nature?"

To begin with we must have faith. We are not talking about blind faith in some man or set of men. We are talking of faith in God. That kind of faith which requires a knowledge on our part of Him and what He is capable of doing. If we have this kind of knowledge of Him it will give us hope which is the foundation of faith.

To this faith we must add knowledge. Knowledge is not gained all together in reading. We must have an experience with God. Some experience that will make our lives where we not only can say, "I believe", but where we can say in part at least, "I know."

In order to gain knowledge from God, it is necessary to first add virtue to our lives. The virtue we are speaking of is "purity". There must be purity in our hearts. One of the sayings of Christ bore on this personal condition wherein He stated, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." If we are qualified to see God, then we must be qualified to hear from Him.

When we have acquired virtue and knowledge, we must add temperance. Temperance is to prevent over indulgence or should we say, refrain from over indulgence. Over indulgence is not good whether it be in matters pertaining to food, play, work, talk, reading, etc. The Lord desires that we have a well-balanced life and it takes wisdom on our part to accomplish it.

We must as well, have patience. When we are expecting something to happen and it is delayed it seems, our patience may run thin. Maybe we are being tried. Many times we lose our patience with ourselves or others because of things which we or they do. If we lose our patience, we must gain it back again if we would gain our goal.

The next step outlined by Peter is that kind of life which is called a walk of godliness. If we possess this kind of life, it will show its light to others both in the Church and out. This can only be gained through a life of righteousness.

The next step is similar to the time when Christ was asked what the great commandment was. He replied, "... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Then He gave them the next great commandment, "... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This fits in with the expression of Peter wherein he writes, "And to godliness brotherly kindness;"

Brotherly kindness will bring about brotherly love and brotherly love will bring about the pure love of Christ which is charity. It takes effort on our part to bring about these conditions in our lives. They are not gifts but are the results of our efforts.

We cannot think of the pure love of Christ being in our lives and at the same time mistreat our fellowman. We are living in a time when there are strong controversies going on in this nation and in all the world. There are those on each side of these controversies who carry their positions to the extreme. The pure love of Christ does not inspire this way of life.

Charity causes a person to be kind to all people. We want to emphasize that word, "All". If our life is of charity, it will not cause that we envy another; it will cause us to live a life of righteousness whether we be at home or near home or far from home.

If we have charity, we will not be selfish in our thoughts, our conversations or our possessions; we will not give way to our temper but will bridle our words and our deeds; we will not lend our tongues to untruth, talebearing or scandal.

If we have charity, we will search and find truth and hold fast to it, but will not try to force our position on another; we will try to gain a deepseated hope, that our faith may be built up.

If we have charity, we will not fight back but will suffer the sneers, scoffs, and insults of others. This will be difficult to do but we find that example set by our Master during His ministry here on earth.

If we have charity, we will not boast of giving whether it be great or small; we will not boast of the Spiritual gifts we have received whether they be the Gift of Faith, the Gift of Knowledge, the Gift of Understanding Mysteries, the Gift of Prophecy, the Gift of Tongues, or what ever gift we may have received. These gifts come from God and He has the power to personally make them void to us.

We can see that charity is a very desirable type of love to possess. We can see that the thought of not

wanting charity for others is brought about by not understanding what charity really is. We can see that it cannot be organized. It is a personal qualification and cannot be brought about by laws or rules. The unrestrained application of charity will bring about that condition looked forward to by so many, and that condition is called, All Things Common.

A. F. B.

Conference To Convene April 2, This Year

Following the instructions of the 1966 Referendum, the annual conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot shall begin Sunday, April 2. Business sessions, however, shall start at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 3.

Officers and committees, as noted on page 47, should see that their reports are filed with the conference secretary as early as possible. Persons needing a place to stay should contact the Housing and Reception Committee. Those wishing to donate food or money to the conference should contact the Dining Hall Committee.

May we all come together willing to do the Lord's will and not to try to push forward our own personal desires, even though we may think we are right.

James A. Hedrick, Secretary

DINING HALL NOTE

In a few short weeks it will be time to assemble for our General Conference. Your Dining Hall Committee wishes to announce that free meals will be served to those attending. This is made possible by contributions of money, food and service. Remembering your cooperation in the past, we approach this year's activities with pleasureable anticipation. If you find it possible to contact members of the committee concerning the foods you will be donating, it will assist us in our planning and shopping. We sincerely thank you for the help we know will be forthcoming.

Louise McIndoo, Preston, Mo.
Irene Shaw, Louisburg, Mo.
Minnie Smith, Ava, Mo.

NOTICE

At the coming Ministers' Conference to convene in April, 1967, the following proposal will be offered:

Rescind the current Rules of Jurisprudence adopted by a referendum bill of 1941, and substitute therefore the proposed set of rules to be offered by the undersigned.

Robert H. Jensen

Humility is the solid foundation of all the human virtues.

When you are good to others, you are best to yourself.

LOCAL NEWS

OREGON

February 13, 1967

Dear Readers of the Advocate:

We wish to visit with all of you by letter, and so shorten the seeming distance between us and the rest of you.

We surely have enjoyed the letters which have been printed in the Advocate; the one especially interested us in which was mentioned the ministry of the tape recorder and of tapes being "voices from the dust". If we could only convey to you how much enjoyment and ministry we receive, and also give, through this medium of communication, we are sure that many of you would be enthusiastic for a tape recorder also. It is indeed the answer to isolated ones.

It perhaps, might keep us challenged to study more thoroughly, as those sending tapes express opinions on the gospel. Several of the Apostles may be ministering in far away Yucatan and around the Church headquarters but they also are preaching and teaching to a small group every week here in Oregon by way of tape recorder.

Just conversational type tapes are almost like having a good gabfest on the Gospel, over the kitchen table—just being happy in the fellowship of the spirit. We can't help but wish there were enough members owning tape recorders that we could tapesond with one another throughout the various areas of the Church.

We are having lovely spring weather here in Oregon—lawns being mowed and crocus in bloom. We realize it would be nice to gather toward the Center Place, nearer others of the faith; but we do feel that Oregon weather and employment makes it a good place to live. We welcome any who might be passing through, to stop and viist us here. You may want to stay.

We are thinking of and praying for the forthcoming April Conference. We hope that God's mellowing Spirit shall be over all, and that decisions made shall result in renewed missionary effort among all and in considering and perhaps trying new and different approaches in spreading of this wonderful Gospel.

We hope to help in any way we can, here in Oregon, though we are few in numbers. We have experienced an increasing hope and faith in promises of the Lord contained in the Scriptures, and pass our testimony on to you that God is at work with gifts and blessing of the Spirit.

When we are weak we are humbled and lean harder on God. "In times like these", as the song goes, "we need a Savior".

And so with you, we join hearts across the miles to pray for our Apostle Yates in Yucatan at this time and for others in their missionary fields. Our hearts and prayers go out to each and every one, though some of you we have never met.

May we express our desire to read more reports from the Apostles in their fields; also reports from small groups and large groups, telling of their experiences and

efforts in this great Gospel of Christ. Several have told us that they especially like such letters; they like the personal items. This indicates the need of human communication. Personal testimonies of experiences with God, lifts the hearts of many or all in assembled prayer meetings. It also lifts and strengthens the heart of a lone members who perhaps, never has the opportunity of meeting in a group.

We wish to offer a word of thanks to the Phoenix, Arizona group for their little paper, "The Hand of Fellowship". We think they have given their paper a very appropriate name.

We look forward to being able to attend the Colorado Reunion, if possible this year. We hope vacation time co-incides with reunion time so we can bring others there with us.

May we thank you one and all for accepting us into this Church of Christ and the Household of Faith. Please pray for us that we may not fail to ever be mindful of our obligations to our Lord, and to each of you for the hope and faith that lives within our hearts each day.

Sincerely,

Salem, Oregon Reporters

ATTENTION!

In Minnesota, June 25 through 27, there is a marvelous thing happening. All the young people of Minnesota are having a **Wake-Up Camp**. We wish to invite all the young people from all over.

Young People? Correction! I mean everyone that is Young at Heart.

This experience, that will never be forgotten, will take place at Bemidji, Minnesota. Where? In Bemidji, Minnesota. Where else but at George and Lovita Reed's beautiful resort, "Reed's Retreat," that overlooks the best swimming and fishing in Minnesota, Turtle Lake.

How does that sound? GREAT! of course!

I was there last year and we had a wonderful time spiritually as well as having loads of fun with everybody else. All we needed last year was more people. But with your presence this year, nothing will be lacking. Now wouldn't you like to be a part of it? I surely would and I will be.

Say, why don't you tell your friends about our Church of Christ Wake-Up Camp? They may like to be included in this memorable occasion, too. Try them and see.

A welcoming committee will greet you starting Saturday afternoon. Meetings will begin Sunday. Occasionally throughout your stay you will **have** to go swimming, go on hayrides, and participate in any other activity that is dreamed up. Of course, if you don't want to participate in any of this you don't have to come. But I know you would not want to miss an experience like this, would you? Of course not!

Bye now, thank you for your attention and don't forget the dates—June 25-27. See you there.

Bonnie E. Gill

Wake-Up Camp

Place: Reed's Retreat, Bemidji, Minnesota.

Date: July 2, 3, 4, 1966.

Occasion: A rather informal get together called WAKE-UP CAMP.

Purpose: Designed basically as the name implies to wake us up to our duties as followers of Christ.

On Saturday, July 2, we started our schedule by having a round-table discussion outdoors, centered around the topic "How do I explain my religion and the Book of Mormon to my friends?" We had a very nice discussion, with many questions being asked and answered.

Following this everyone decided to go for a swim since it was a rather warm day. In the evening we enjoyed a hayride which was followed by more swimming to wash off the hay, and then some watermelon.

Before breakfast Sunday morning, we gathered for a prayer meeting which was indeed inspirational.

Following breakfast we attended church services at the Bemidji Church of Christ.

In the afternoon, following an enormous Sunday dinner, we gathered again for a round-table discussion centering around our ideas on dating and what we should look for in a boy or girl.

Sunday evening we attended church services again at the Bemidji local, Church of Christ, where Brother Leslie Case was our speaker. To all of us who had never heard him as well as those who had it was quite a treat.

Monday our day began with another early prayer service. This proved to be almost a duplicate of Sunday's meeting in that it was truly filled with the spirit.

It seems to be the opinion of all that the prayer meetings were the highlight of the camp.

After a hearty breakfast we continued with an informal preaching service. Our speaker, Glenn Gill, did a very fine job of summing up the theme of our camp and how important it is to be awake. Following this we had a business meeting in which we voted officially to have "WAKE-UP CAMP" next year and Bemidji extended their invitation to host the camp. The committee elected for next year's camp is: George and Lovita Reed and Gloria Gould.

With this meeting the camp officially ended.

There was an exceptionally good turn out at this our first WAKE-UP CAMP. We had an attendance of forty-one people. There were representatives from Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Minneapolis as well as our group from Bemidji. We hope, next year we will see representatives from many other states.

In behalf of the Bemidji Young People group I would like to thank all the people who came and helped to make it such a wonderful time. I would like to thank the originators of the camp idea. Also John Gill for the effort he made in publicizing the camp. And of course the kitchen committee who worked so laboriously preparing the meals. Last but not least I wish to thank

George and Lovita Reed for housing the group and helping every way to make it a wonderful time for all.

The Bemidji Young Peoples Group wish to submit as a suggested time for next year's camp to be June 25, 26 and 27; Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of the third week in June. We urge you to send any suggestions and reservations to the WAKE-UP CAMP Committee:

c/o George Reed
Route One
Bemidji, Minnesota
56601

Hoping to see you in June,
Sandy Gould, Reporter

(Note: Due to the resignation of Gloria Gould, Sandy Gould was elected to fill her vacancy.)

'Tis Midnight Now

by

Janice Hansen

'Tis midnight now, Christ is alone,
God gently watches from His Throne;
While prayer is offered by the One,
Thus uniting the Father and Son.

'Tis midnight now and though most sleep,
The Master is silent, in thought deep;
Signs of sorrow are on His face,
Prayer is comfort to His taste.

'Tis midnight now, this soul must bleed,
"My Father's Will" is His creed;
Anguished eyes look to Heaven above,
On His face is tender love.

'Tis midnight now and though death came,
Life was won for all again;
'Tis midnight and His face knows peace,
Physical pain has now ceased.

'Tis midnight now and the world must know,
Before Ye reap, Ye first must sow;
Christ sowed seeds of love and saw
That He reaped life anew for all.

'Tis midnight now and I shall pray,
To sow good seeds all my day;
'Tis midnight and I look e'er on,
For a brighter, better dawn.

THE PEACE OF GOD

by

Lula Winters

The peace of God can be ours
If we come to Him and pray,
For the thoughts we think and deeds we do,
He'll give strength and comfort every day.

Children's Hour . . .

Families Who Moved for God

9. Church of Christ

A little over 100 years ago, in about the middle of the United States, there lived a group of families that wanted to do as God would have them do. They claimed His name and tried to live as He would want them to. And then asked Him what He wanted them to do.

Now, He did have something He wanted done. About 400 or 425 miles from where they lived was a piece of land that had been dedicated to God for a very special purpose. God wanted that land kept for Himself and He wanted that purpose remembered even if His people were scattered all over the world. So He told a man named Granville Hedrick that in a little over two years they should be ready to move to this land that had been set aside for God.

Just suppose you were there that spring Sunday in 1864 when Granville Hedrick told these families what God had told him. We'll pretend that it was a sunny day because if God spoke to us it would seem like a sunny day no matter how thick the clouds were.

You'd have to start from home pretty early to get to church on time because you'd go in a wagon pulled by horses. As you Dad drove along the road you could see the little lambs playing in the pastures, and colts and calves and all kinds of new things. Birds would be building their nest or rushing around after worms and bugs. Maybe trees would be blooming along the creek. It would be just a pretty fine day to be alive.

When you got to the place where you held church you likely wouldn't want to go inside, but of course, your mother and dad told you that you had to. And you had to sit still, too! They would be right because there would be lots of other spring days to sit in the sun and watch things, but what you hear in church sometimes only happens once.

This was one of the times. Probably by the time they finished singing the second song you would be glad enough to be there. You would feel as nice as you do when you're real tired and your mother tucks you in bed—all wrapped up, and safe, and loved. After awhile this man, who might be your uncle or your dad's best friend, or the father of your best friend—after awhile he'd stand up and tell the other people what God had told him.

Probably you wouldn't understand too well what he was saying. But maybe you had never really thought about it before, that God would talk to people you knew just as He had talked to Noah and Moses and Lehi.

On the way home you'd begin to get an idea of what this message from God was going to mean to you and your family. Probably everybody would be quiet for

quite awhile as you started home. Maybe after you had gone a ways your mother would say, "This means we'll be moving to Missouri?" and you could hardly tell if she was saying it as a question or if she already knew it was so.

"A little over two years," your dad would tell her.

Everyone would think about that for a bit. The things they'd have to leave. The things they'd have to do. Pretty soon your mother would ask, "We'll have to sell the farm?"

"We'll get this crop and two more off of it," your dad would answer, and she'd know what he meant.

"What if we get a buyer before then?"

"I'll find work in town."

"There isn't an awful lot of work to be had in town now."

"There will be something. Remember when the Lord sent Nephi and his brothers back after the records? Nephi said the Lord never gave a commandment unless He provided a way that it could be done. He will provide a way for us, too. All we have to do is find it."

"How will we move?" someone asked.

And your dad answered, "By wagon, I suppose."

You whispered to yourself, "Goody! Goody!" Because you had seen others load up to move in wagons and you thought it would be one big long picnic.

The two and a half years went by and you probably weren't too concerned with the grownup's problems in selling their property or wondering what waited for them in Missouri. As the time came closer for you to leave, though, you began to wonder a bit about that picnic-every-day wagon trip. For one thing it was beginning to be too cold for picnics. When you woke up in the morning sometimes you could see your breath in your room. And when you finally managed to work up nerve enough to get out of your warm bed, you'd grab your clothes and run downstairs to dress by the fire in the kitchen.

Then as the grownups talked more and more of "the sale" you began to know that you weren't going to be able to take things along just like you had lived in Illinois. Finally the sale day came and you really knew things were going to be different. Along with the grownup's things, they took your bed to be sold. You asked your mother where you would sleep now, and she told you very cheerfully that you would sleep on the floor. That would get you ready for sleeping in the wagon while you traveled.

After the sale everything was pointing toward the trip. The women finished making extra bedding. Your mother packed everything she could into trunks. Your dad went over the wagons from front to back. And the men talked things over several last times. You told your friends good bye. Some of them would be along later and you'd see them next year, but some of them hadn't been asked to make this special trip for God so they would be staying behind.

That trip was no picnic. They went in the winter-time, and across Illinois and northern Missouri the

winds blew strong and cold then. Snow stings like needles and it piles up too deep to be waded through. Then there would be warm days when the snow melted and got slushy and wet. Mud would show up, slick as ice and a lot more trouble for the wagons. Then it would freeze and the roads would be all bumpy so that it was easier to walk than to bounce along in the wagon. But slowly and surely they made their way. They dug through snow drifts and helped get the wagons out of mud holes. They went up hill and down hill, across rivers and prairie. They crossed the Mississippi River and still had a long way to go.

There were days and days of pushing on through snow or rain or mud. One afternoon after another they must look for a good camping place where the wind would be broken a little and where they could find water and wood. Then the children would have to carry wood and water or snow to be melted. They'd have to help feed and water the animals they were taking with them. Someone would have to milk the cows. Night after night the mothers and big girls would hurry and get supper. Time after time there would be wagon wheels to grease with cold, stiff hands and warmed grease that soon got stiff and cold as the man's hands. Night after night there would be mittens and britches to mend and harness to check over and mend. But they had set out to do something the Lord asked them to do so day by tired day, and night by cold night they went on doing it.

They were almost within sight of the land they were heading for when their last trouble hit them. The Missouri river was frozen over and covered with snow and slush. If there was slush in the snow they knew it had been warm enough to thaw a short time before. The question was, how strong was the ice under the snow and slush? Had it started to thaw too? Would it be strong enough to hold up a loaded wagon? Or would the wagon and all the things in it fall through the ice and maybe someone be killed? Some of them worried about these things.

But Brother George Frisbey reminded them that the Lord had said He would prepare the way. While the others watched and prayed, he drove his heavy wagon out onto the ice. The wheels cut deep into the ice and snow, but this way prepared on ice was as strong as it needed to be and he drove across safely.

A great cheer of relief and thanksgiving was shouted from those who were still waiting. Then, one at a time, they all came across, each one being careful not to let his wheels cut the ice where it had been cut before. As you can see, one thing was different here. Where other families who moved for God had waited to build an altar or to wade ashore before they knelt to thank God, these families thanked Him as they stood there, before all of them were even across. This was faith and trust and thanksgiving all rolled up in one. They thanked Him for safety before they really knew they were all safe.

Family Worship and Study

March 19, 1967

"Who Crucified The Lord"

Affirmation: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16)

"Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with . . . unwashed hands, they found fault." (Mark 7: 1, 2)

"Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiphas, and consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty and kill him". (Matthew 26:3,4.)

"The one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you! And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that he sought opportunity to betray him." (Matthew 26:14-16) "Then entered Satan into Judas . . . Iscariot . . ." (Luke 22:3)

"Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man, others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people." (John 7:11, 12)

"Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witnesses against Jesus, to put him to death; but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses." (Matthew 26:59-60)

"And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? . . . And he came and found them asleep again. . ." (Matthew 26:40-43)

"Now Peter sat without the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest . . . And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man . . . Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man . . . And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly." (Matthew 26:69-75)

"Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and sayeth unto them, I find in him no fault at all . . . The Jews answered him, we have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid." (John 18:38; 19:7, 8)

"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers . . . And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots . . . And sitting down they watched him there." (Matthew 27:27, 35, 36)

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the great sin of the Pharisees and Scribes? (entire Chapter 23 of Matthew)
2. What is the warning in Matthew 5:20 which applies to all of Christ's true disciples?
3. Satan entered into Judas and caused him to betray Christ for money. What is the warning in I Timothy 6:10 which might be the reason the Lord's work is hampered?
4. The disciples were asleep at a critical time. What is the lesson in the parable of the ten virgins?
5. Peter was ashamed to admit this discipleship but later was given the power to follow Christ faithfully. Do we say by word or action, "I know not the man?"
6. "Sitting down they watched him there". Are we guilty of crucifying our Lord by sitting down on the job of witnessing, of paying tithes, of giving ministry, of helping the poor and needy?
7. What is the meaning of Hebrews 6:4-6?

LESSON PURPOSE:

To examine some of the human traits that contributed to the crucifixion of Jesus and which also are still found in the hearts of people today.

To acknowledge our weaknesses and seek repentance.

March 26, 1967

"The Risen Christ"

I Corinthians 15:17-20

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, ye yet in your sins. They they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and because of the first fruits of them that slept."

1. First appearance: to Mary Magdalene

At first she did not recognize Jesus. When He spoke to her in a personal way, calling her by name, she immediately knew it was the voice of Jesus and bore testimony she had seen the Lord. (John 20:14-18)

2. Second appearance: to the women in the garden. Jesus told them, "Be not afraid: go tell my brethren". (Matthew 28:9, 10)

3. Third appearance: on the way to Emmaus. This was to Cleopas and another disciple as they were discussing the events of the past few days; the empty tomb and

the story they had heard of the Risen Christ. They did not recognize Jesus until after he had walked and talked with them, expounding the scriptures, and had broken bread with them. Then their eyes were opened, and they knew him. Then they remembered how their hearts had burned within them, while he opened unto them the scriptures. (Luke 24:13-32)

4. Fourth appearance: to Peter

Of this appearance we have the reports of the disciples in Luke 24:34 and of Paul in I Corinthians 15:5; but there seems to be no particulars as to time or place of the circumstances.

5. Fifth appearance: to the disciples gathered at Jerusalem; Thomas being absent.

Jesus assured that He was more than just a spirit, that He indeed had flesh and bones. They felt of Him and He ate with them. He gave them the commission, "As my Father hath sent me, even so I send you". This was the earnest of the special gifts which was given in fuller measure at Pentecost. (John 20)

6. Sixth appearance: to the eleven disciples. (John 26:26)

Here the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them. Jesus gave him the same assurance the others had previously. Thomas, upon fully ascertaining the fact of Jesus' resurrected body exclaimed "my Lord and my God"! (John 20:19, 29)

7. Seventh appearance: to seven disciples at the Sea of Tiberius.

This was when the disciples were fishing at Peter's invitation. At first they did not recognize Jesus when He told them to cast their nets on the other side. Jesus gave the special commission to Peter to "feed my sheep". Three times He repeated this admonition of feeding the lamps and sheep, as proof of real love for the Lord. (John 21:14-17)

8. Eighth appearance: to the Apostles

This was the occasion of the Great Commission when Christ told them to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." (Matthew 28: 19, 20)

9. Ninth appearance: to James, the Lord's brother. This incident is only reported by Paul in I Corinthians 15:7.

10. Tenth appearance: to the eleven Apostles in Jerusalem. He again expounded the scriptures and then promised the Holy Spirit to come to them but to tarry in the city until they be clothed with this power from on high. Jesus then led the Apostles out of Jerusalem until they came to Bethany. Here He lifted up His hands and blessed them and ascended to Heaven. Two angels then appeared and promised the disciples that "this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven,

shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven". The disciples returned with joy to Jerusalem to await the Day of Pentecost for the promised endowment of the Spirit. (Luke 24:36-51, Acts 1:10, 11)

QUESTIONS:

1. How long was the Risen Christ among the disciples and what was the burden of his teachings? (Acts 1:3 and Luke 24:27)
2. Which is better: to see and believe or not see and believe? (John 20:27-29 and Alma 16:138)
3. What is the implication recorded in Acts 10:40-41. Does this agree with the ten appearances noted in this lesson?
4. What, in your estimation, is the greatest proof of the resurrection of Christ?

LESSON PURPOSE: I Corinthians 15:13-22

To centralize the facts of the resurrection as the basic fundamental fact upon which all other teachings of the gospel rests.

Meditation: John 20:31

April 2, 1967

"Signs of Christ's Coming"

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: for such turn away." (II Timothy 3:1-5)

"For nations shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places". (Matthew 24:7)

"Immediately after the tribulations of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of the trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matthew 24:29-31)

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered. . . . ye have heaped treasures together for the last days . . . Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord . . ." (James 5:1-7)

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation' . . . but the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (II Peter 3:3-10)

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." (Isaiah 13:9)

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." (Joel 3:14)

"Yea, it shall come in a day when the power of God shall be denied, and the churches become defiled, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts; yea, even when the leaders of churches, and teachers, in the pride of their hearts, even to the envying of them who belong to their churches . . . there shall be heard of fires, and tempests, and vapors of smoke in foreign lands; and there shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and earthquakes in divers places; . . . there shall be murders and robbing, and lying, and deceivings and whoredoms, and all manner of abominations, when there shall be many who will say, Do this, or do that, and it mattereth not, for the Lord will uphold such at the last day . . . For behold, ye do love money, and your substance, and your fine apparel, and the adorning of your churches, more than ye love the poor and needy, the sick and afflicted. . . . Yea, in that great day when ye shall be brought to stand before the Lamb of God, then will ye say that there is no God?" (Mormon 4:36-59)

". . . What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, . . . Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." (II Peter 3:11, 12, 14.)

QUESTIONS:

1. How many news items can you find in today's newspaper that fits the description in II Timothy 3:1-5?
2. What do we find in Revelations 6:12-17, Isaiah 13:6-10 and Amos 8: 9, 10 that agrees with Joel 2:10, 11 and Matthew 24:29, 30.
3. What is the reason that tribulations shall come upon the earth until "few men be left"? (Isaiah 24:5)
4. Is Christ's coming dependent upon the spiritual preparation of His people; or is there an appointed time for His coming regardless of the condition of His people? (Matthew 24:42-51)

LESSON PURPOSE:

To study some of the signs of the times, strengthening our faith in the fulfillment of prophecy and to awaken ourselves and others to the warning of scripture that the hour is late on the time clock of the Lord.

To fit ourselves into the category of "Children of light" mentioned in I Thessalonians 5:1-23 by heeding the teachings of the Christ whose coming we await.

April 9, 1967

"The Remnant Church"

Affirmation: A special angel message is to be proclaimed in the latter days by a minority group, having the spirit of prophecy and gathering the elect under the protection of the Gospel of Christ.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." (Revelation 14:6, 7)

Testimony of Joseph Smith, latter day prophet, of a spiritual experience on September 21, 1923:

"While I was in the act of calling upon God, I discovered a light appearing in my room, which continued to increase until the room was lighter than at noon day, when immediately a personage appeared at my bedside . . . not only with his robe exceeding white, but his whole person was glorious beyond description, and his countenance truly like lightning. When I first looked upon him I was afraid; but the fear soon left me. He called me by name, and said that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God to me . . . that God had a work for me to do; and that my name would be had for good and evil among all nations, kindred, and tongues . . ."

(This was the beginning of fulfillment of Revelation 14:6, 7).

"Wherefore I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph, and spoke unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments; and also gave commandments to others, that they should proclaim these things unto the world, and all this that it might be fulfilled, which was written by the prophets: the weak things of the world should come forth and break down the mighty and strong ones; that man should not counsel his fellow-man, neither trust in the arm of flesh, but that every man might speak in the name of God, the Lord, even the Savior of the world . . . that faith also might increase . . . that mine everlasting covenant might be established; that the fulness of my gospel

might be proclaimed by the weak and the simple, unto the ends of the world; and before Kings and rulers."

(Revelation given to the Church November 1, 1831)

Promise of Joel 2:32

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call".

Promise of Zephaniah 3:8-12

"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; . . . for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent . . . I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord."

"And it came to pass that I beheld the church of the Lamb of God, and its numbers were few, . . . And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory". (I Nephi 3:226-230)

"Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway, gather out the stones; life up a standard for the people . . . And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord; and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken." (Isaiah 62:10-12)

"And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." (Isaiah 58:12)

"And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first." (Matthew 19:29, 30)

QUESTIONS:

1. According to Amos 3:7, if the Lord had a special work to do, to whom does He first reveal it? What might be the method of revelation according to Hebrews 1:13, 14 and Moroni 7:31-34?
2. What do you conclude concerning the Lord's methods from study of I Corinthians 1:25-31?
3. Think on the meaning of the word "remnant".
4. What is the purpose of the calling of a remnant into the pure gospel of Christ in the Latter Days? (Micah 4:1-7)

Threat of Communism

by

Roland Sarratt

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." (II Thessalonians 2:11)

There is no greater lie in existence in the world today than that of the ideology of communism. Of all of Satan's misrepresentations of the truth in opposing true Christianity, communism is by far the most threatening. It can well be recognized as his masterpiece of work among mankind.

The program of communism includes the conquering of the world and the destruction of all that oppose it. This conquest includes the destruction of all governments, religions, and all classes of people that is in any way degenerate, individualistic or independent of communism. The motivation of this conquest comes through a scientific theory to change the nature of the human kind into the proletarian class which they consider a superior class. This program includes the elimination of all environments that bring about the other classes. With this fantastic dream of regenerating all mankind into a new and superior existence, the communists have reasoned that the end justifies the means in their promotion of communism. In their reasoning, there is no act that is immoral when performed in the service of communism whether it be a lie, or the taking of someone's life.

The great power, that is known as the communist regime in the world today, has swallowed up at least one-third of the world in about fifty years. Such progress is a threat to all the remaining free nations and peoples. The communist program of conquering the world is not merely to bring people into subjection to communism or to convert them but, rather, to eliminate them. This is the greatest program of planned human destruction in existence in the world today.

The entire ideology and morality of communism is developed through science. This science has three basic laws. The first one is that there is no God. With the denial of God, all His virtues are destroyed. A true communist frees his conscience of all moral laws and all standards of truth and righteousness. In his atheistic reasoning, he is free to set new standards as he feels are needed in the promotion of communism.

The second law of the science of communism is that man is a material machine with no soul, no spirit, no life after death, and no individual value. This science claims man to be nothing more than a body that can be completely described in terms of chemistry and physics. It is reasoned that man is an evolutionary product that can be transformed through animal husbandry.

This atheistic theme is continued into the third law which is economic determinism. Communism teaches that man is a determined economic being, which means

that he is nothing more than a product of the environment in which he is raised. The individual personality of a person is not in any way considered to be original in that person. His entire make-up is completely dependent upon the effect of the environment in which he lives.

Using these scientific laws as a basis for their reasoning, the Communists have declared the capitalists as their most avid enemy. According to their great plan of regenerating the world, they must first conquer and utterly destroy the capitalistic environment. They consider capitalism a degenerate environment which creates degenerate people. They consider it responsible for individual evil, crime, and greed. In their reasoning, the individual is not personally or morally responsible for the evils he does, but it is the influence of the capitalistic environment.

Their plan is to replace capitalism with socialism which will build into the character of man unselfishness, co-operation, and service. With the absence of capitalism, it is their reasoning that all anger, lust, greed, envy, malice, strife, pestilence, and war will cease and their great goal of companionable and co-operative brotherhood will become a reality.

The bloodshed and deceit that are so evidently a part of the program of the communist regimes today can hardly seem consistent with the dream of their magnificent goal. It is, however, very much consistent inasmuch as their program progresses communism in the world. From a materialistic point of view, any act that fulfills their plans and is in tune with their theory is justified by the hope of their goal. Taking the lives of the adults of classes other than their so-called proletarian class, is justified by the fact that there is little hope that they could so completely convert the adults that there would be no remnant of their upbringing to influence them. Therefore, they have no alternative but to eliminate the adults.

The practice of communism in the world today is completely in tune with the theory of communism. This can only be understood through the re-definition of terms and the re-evaluation of morals that have been made by Marx. For instance, the taking of lives in the interest of communism is not considered murder, as murder is defined as killing for bad reasons. As long as it is in the interest of communism, their deliberate and aggressive killings are good and they haven't even a twinge of conscience as a result. The liquidation of people in the interest of communism is considered no more immoral to the communist than the slaughtering of animals for our food supply is to us. This can be understood from their reasoning that man is of no individual value.

Proletarian morality is altered to suit the theoretical concept of universal class war. The class-conscious proletarian considers the class war as a state of being which he wages as his duty, having no other standard by which to judge the right or wrong of his actions. The communist party which is the brain of the proletarian class uses as its basis the existence of the class war.

This brings us to their re-definition of peace. Peace is their hoped for goal when communism has conquered the world. Therefore, any successful act that helps their conquest is considered peaceful and good regardless of how many lives are taken and how great the battle. As one individual put it, "they take a peaceful gun, containing a peaceful bullet, and kill you peacefully and put you in a peaceful grave."

To many non-communists, the communist's behavior in fulfilling their program has not only seemed inconsistent with their goal, but in many occasions has been hypocritical. This is because the communists have lost reality to the point that they are more convinced of their theoretical concepts than the evidence of facts. This self-deception combined with a deep dedication has created within the communistic movement an insanity which has become a powerful and evil instrument against the free world.

It is utterly impossible to negotiate true peace with a people so drunken with such a mental illness and trust them to keep their promise. Their never-wearying devotion to the Communistic cause would not allow them to feel obligated to any other. Any negotiation with them must favor their program of conquest and therefore be to the disadvantage of their enemy. At any time it would no longer be in their favor, they would not hesitate to break their promise.

It is apparent that as communism regenerates mankind, it destroys the more developed standard of right and wrong that has been known throughout the history of man in his more civilized state. This regeneration brings about a complete change in man's conscience as he is taught this materialistic science.

Dr. Frederick Charles Schwarz from whose testimony I have obtained the information for this article has this to say: "The tragedy of communism is not simply that it murders, but it transforms murder into a moral and righteous act. When a person does evil and he is conscious he is doing evil, you have a basis of approach; but when evil becomes good, you have no starting point, you have nothing about which to argue. The great evil rests in the philosophic, basic concepts of communism when it rejects God, when it materializes and bestializes man, and when it denies the inherent dignity and value of human personality and individuality. Upon that ruthless, amoral, materialistic basis it builds an edifice which destroy evermore civilized, moral, ethical, and spiritual value."

It is almost unbelievable that such an insane reasoning could be so appealing and so satisfying to man in his concept of his own self. We must realize, however, that this materialistic science of communism is extremely appealing to many young students of science. This can be understood through the fact that it appears to be the fulfillment of the basic science that we have learned in school. The theory of evolution is the very basis of the science of communism, yet it has been taught in most of our schools for a number of years, even in our elementary schools. With this background, the minds of

our young people are already tuned to the theoretical science of communism.

The student intellectuals are the very means by which communism has so progressed. Communism builds in them an ideological pride which makes them feel more intelligent than the average person. It also satisfies their religious nature to serve in a worthwhile purpose and appeases their carnal desires toward things of physical value at the same time. By setting them up as elite and chosen individuals, they become immuned even to human logic, as well as to things of spiritual value. Although they do not realize it, they are captivated by a power of reasoning that is not their own or to their welfare. They have not chosen freedom but captivity.

The communists use the student intellectuals to bear the brunt of their great class war by means of deceiving and exploiting. Their aim is to gain strategic positions in governments and organizations, to upset and overthrow them through means of deception. They very cleverly hide their communist identity and often cast suspicion on the innocent.

This nation, being probably the most developed in capitalism, makes it the number one target of the Communists. This is described in a statement of Lenin's which said something to the effect that they would encircle the United States and it would fall into the hands of the communists like an over-ripened fruit.

The great appeal that communism has to the peoples of the world is becoming more popular within our own nation because of its sad economical condition. The fact that this nation's wealth is more equally distributed among the middle-class of the nation does not remove the fact that the government is very deeply in debt, and that there is very little hope of reconciling this indebtedness when we are going progressively in the opposite direction.

Under the present system of national economics, our nation has risen to a great height of inflation that is bound to be terminated with a financial crash which has been prolonged to the point of bringing about this climatic condition. Our government's system of control depends upon the strength of the all-mighty dollar, and if and when our monetary standard should fail, this nation will crumble within itself. It is not my intention to in any way discredit the original value of democracy that our nation has established but to merely point out that we have been a victim of our own greed and selfish desires.

"The communists claim victory is certain for the following reasons: They say it is inevitable, because we are

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the product of our own environment which has created us so intellectually dishonest, so unwilling to face the evidence, so selfish, so greedy, and so intoxicated with entertainment that we will never have the honesty, the intelligence, the courage, or the dedication necessary to do what must be done if we are to survive." (Dr. Schwarz)

The only means of counteracting communism effectively is through the true doctrine of Christ. As Communists recruit individuals to dedicate themselves to the cause of communism, in turn, we individually must dedicate ourselves to the true gospel of Christ to meet their opposing force. Like communists, Christians must give of themselves willingly to an unselfish attitude. Unlike communists, Christians are given the assurance that they are doing the right thing through the peace and courage that comes with the Holy Spirit.

The greater responsibility lies in our personal development in Christian morality by putting into practice what the gospel of Christ has instructed. The principles of truth contained within the gospel can become factual to us only through application. Only through this means can we prove their worth. As we learn these principles, we learn that the ultimate of truth is in God and that His will was manifested in Christ. As His divine will is unfolded to us, we are exposed to the positiveness of His righteousness and the negativeness of all those who reason against Him. Our only hope, therefore, lies within our personal subjection to His will over and above our own. Here again, we find the need to pray for the Holy Spirit to accompany us in our efforts as the scripture tells us ". . . to be carnally minded, is death, and to be spiritually minded, is life eternal." (II Nephi 6:74)

Communism in increasing in numbers and in power in the world today, but its entire motivation is suspended by the thread of theory which opposes the great plan of God. His plan is positively factual, but only to those who are spiritually minded enough to exercise faith in Christ. The responsibility depends upon individual development in Christ and as this comes about, a unity in Christ becomes a reality.

As we close, we challenge any fear with this question: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

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EMOTIONAL DISASTER

by

J. S. Hinson

In the white heat of hate,
Strong steel of reason melts;
Molten emotions flow
Indiscriminately,
Destroying friend and foe
Leaving charred contentment.

They Miss One Provision

by

Harry Slocum Tordoff

I'm just getting over another bout
With that thing they call "The Virus";
At first they couldn't figure out
"Was it that or appendicitis?"

The thing hit low in the abdomen
And what a time it gave me;
Gradually got worse and then
It really floored me Sunday.

Etna called the doctor Monday
When the pains did not subside,
And he sent a surgeon to me
The real culprit to decide.

After an examination
'Twas decided then and there
That the cause of my prostration
Was a private germ warfare.

I have taken all the little pills
That he candidly prescribed,
Saying they'd cure all my ills
And that truth can't be denied.

But, they miss one provision
When they prescribe their pills;
It's God makes the decision
About curing of our ills.

The Bible tells in olden days
The sick had administration;
Prayed in many and sundry ways
For sacred vindication.

Well, our Pastor did just that for me
And we all sincerely prayed
That God take over exclusively
And the virus advance be stayed.

It didn't take so very long
Before we could ascertain
That I would soon be well and strong
And on the road again.

Thanks to a merciful God on high
Once again I have been cured;
Just one more proof as time goes by
That His loved has endured.

No greater evil can befall man than to become haters
of reason.

The thing for us to fear today is not the atom, but
the nature of man.

When We Get To Heaven

by
William L. Riggs

When get to Heaven above
We'll live in harmony and love,
We will all live in one accord
According to the Holy word.

Jesus will meet us at the door
And welcome us forevermore;
He will be our Heavenly King
And we'll never need for any thing.

There'll never be any sickness there
We'll always have the best of care,
There'll never be an argument,
For we'll be peaceful and content.

We'll not be tempted anymore
For satan can't enter the door;
Our spiritual life will never end,
So let's all seek this place my friend.

Beauty

by
Ruth Dodge

I stand by my kitchen window;
Gaze out upon the land;
See the hills in the distance
Painted by an artist's hand.
Green as emerald in the summer;
Topaz and ruby in the fall;
White ermine wrapped in winter
Awaiting spring's soft call.

Our house may need some shingles;
The lawn may need some grass,
But the beauty in the distance
Would be mighty hard to pass.
So! I count my many blessings
For God's been good to me.
My humble heart rejoices
With the beauty that I see.

IN GRATITUDE

by
Jessica M. P. Francis

The loveliest sight—no matter where—
Is a little child who kneels in prayer.
If it be dusk and very still,
If rain be beating on the sill;
And if the child is warm and sweet,
And kneeling trustfully at my feet,
I shall not ask for gifts divine,
Especially since the child is mine.

This Is Reality

by
Donna Moser

The year is young; the story's old.
They say its dormant. We are bold.
We say, "Not so." God can revive.
He wrote the plot; the story's live!
This . . . is reality.

Isaiah knew; he heard the Voice.
Young Joseph looked, and made his choice.
Jared's brother saw flesh and bone.
Paul waited, to know as he was known.
This . . . is reality.

Nephi held tight the iron rod.
It linked his hand with that of God.
In the year of our Lord—1967—
He speaks to us—direct—from Heaven.
This . . . is reality.

He'll Walk Along

by
Helen Sanderson Imler

Pensively, I would reflect
Alone with thoughts to ponder:
Just what there is, I yet must bear
As I scan the horizon yonder.
I tremble, then, He grips my hand,
And as I feel Him near,
My weak and aging frame grows strong,
And He takes away all fear.
My heart sinks wearily at times,
As with careful step I tread,
O'er stony ground or chasm deep;
But, I know His wings o'erspread.
Though sometimes faltering on my way,
My soul rejoices strong:
That He will ne'er let go my hand,
With me He'll walk along.

CONSOLATION

by
Florence A. Mudge

You cannot go out walking
To a rainbow in the sky;
You cannot do the twinkling
Of a star before you die;
You cannot do the shining
Of the sun on high afar,
But you can be a sunbeam
In the spot just where you are.

The function of fear is to warn us of danger, not to
make us afraid to face it.

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Hymn of the Mountains

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To the everlasting mountains
 To the hills I lift my eyes.
 By their vast heights I am silenced.
 The still small Voice to faith replies.
 "Be now still, and you shall know,
 I am God. Man is no toy.
 Adam fell that men might be.
 Man is that he might have joy.
 In all My holy mountain
 None shall hurt and none destroy."

In the cloud's cool shadow drifting
 O'er the mountain's rocky dome,
 Rests my heart in patient waiting;
 Earth is sweet, but Heav'n is home.
 I can feel the Love around me.
 Now I know, this is the sign!
 Speaks His Voice then, "If you love Me
 You will love all these of Mine."
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Keep your fears to yourself, but share with others
 your courage.

(Robert Louis Stevenson)