

## MEDITATIONS FROM APRIL 2014 SUNDAY BULLETINS

### APPLYING THE TRUTH

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We live in a world of darkness but there is a Great Light that shines on and lives in this world for each and every one of us to experience. This Great Light is the Christ, the only begotten Son of God. This Light indwells us and is ever waiting patiently for us to leave the shadow of darkness and embrace it full on.

What keeps us in the darkness when the Light is right where we are day in and day out? It is the belief in a power other than the One Power, God, which keeps us bound to the shadows of life. It is the belief that our material possessions, our professions, and our personalities are powerful and enriching. In truth these earthly things are our false gods and they keep us from experiencing Life in its fullness.

Let us apply the truth we know. Let us reach beyond the appearances which bind us to the earth. Let us reach for the Light. For in the Light of Christ we experience all of what we are. We are filled with the Light of Peace, Love, Joy, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, and Wholeness.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

*(No Meditations for April 13 and 20, 2014 since special holiday bulletins were used.)*

### PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

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Scripture tells us, “Therefore become perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48. What does it mean to be “perfect” just as your Father in heaven is perfect? To be “perfect” is to have attained the highest degree of excellence. In the context of Divine Science we are aspiring to regain the highest awareness of God, the One Presence, the One Power and the One Intelligence, which lives, moves and has Its Being within us. To become “perfect” we must change the way we think and feel about Life and we must set aside all the human opinions, biases, misconceptions, defective thinking, and ego driven activities that have held us back from receiving the fullness of the Spirit.

Change is not something that comes easily to any of us. Changing from one kind of behavior to another or letting go of our long held opinions and ideas that are contrary to Truth is not an easy task. It is a life- long endeavor that requires discipline and constant practice.

Jaime Buckley wrote, “There comes a moment in every life when the Universe presents you with an opportunity to rise to your potential. An open door that only requires the heart to walk through, seize it and hang on. The choice is never simple. It is never easy. It is not supposed to be. But those who travel this path have always looked back and realized that the test was always about the heart...the rest is just practice.”

Choose this moment which master you will serve. Will it be God or the man whose breath is in his nostrils?