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# Living Thoughts for Better Living



*"The earth is one country, and mankind its citizens."*

..... Baha'u'llah

1.  
IT IS clear to every student of Psychiana that the Robinson teachings are not limited by cultural lines or restricted by zones of influence. When the founder of this movement launched his work it bore the stamp of universal appeal. It is no secret that a man in faraway Egypt was one of the first to substantially assist Dr. Robinson

in the promotion of the early plans.

All great religious concepts have the common quality of universality. The genuineness of a movement can be tested by the degree in which it lends itself to all people everywhere in their individual quest for God. In one of the ancient Hindu scriptures there is a saying that God is in

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## **This Month's Thought to Remember . . .**

*"Do you wish men to speak well of you? Then never speak well of yourself."*

—Pascal

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every religion "like a thread running through a string of pearls."

When Jesus was asked, "Who is my neighbor?" he answered with the familiar parable about the man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves. Neither the priest nor the Levite rescued him. It remained for a despised Samaritan to demonstrate the meaning of neighborliness. In the graphic story Jesus made clear that true religion knows no social lines, no nationalistic or racial barriers. It is faith and love and a recognition of the concept that "God has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth."

A Persian prophet, Baha'u'llah, gave us a truly magnificent quotable line in this connection when he said, "The earth is one country, and mankind its citizens."

Baha'u'llah had every reason to think differently. When he announced himself in 1863 as a special envoy of God he was ridi-

culed, despised and persecuted. He was imprisoned and tortured and he might well have died as a disillusioned and bitter man. Such was not the case. For thirty years following his commitment to discipleship he held fast to his basic idea stated in the nine pertinent words. Moslem, Christian, Jew questioned his motives. Moslem, Christian, Jew came to believe that he was sincere. His name and his words are now enshrined in a million dollar temple on Sheridan Road in Wilmette, Illinois.

## 2.

Every true and sincere spokesman for the thoughts of God wants his concepts carved, not in stone or steel, but in the heart and life of man. And the truth is that these thoughts always lead us into a realm of better living.

We desperately need to learn to live together. In fact, we must learn to live together or we won't live. The overcoming of prejudices and preconceived ideas requires work. It also requires a philosophy. Try to make your philosophy a universal one in relationship with your fellowman and see what happens. You will realize that you can learn something from everyone with whom you brush shoulders. You will begin to see that God is expressed in the prism of life in a thousand manifestly wonderful ways and every glimpse of a new culture is an enriching experience.

The application of the words

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# Frank B. Robinson...

## *Your Spiritual Being*



**Y**OU have come far enough along the trail which leads to God to know that as long as you live you will know the beauties and joys which accompany the life which is hidden from the world in the Power of the Spirit of God. I mean that deep abiding Power, silent, noiseless, emotionless, peaceful Power. And, as you discover It, and when you recognize Its ever-abiding presence in you, your life becomes a life that is hidden with God.

You don't look any different to the world, but the world looks a lot different to you. You see the reality of everything unseen. As a physical being, you live surcharged with the Power of God, and that Power, being solely and completely spiritual, shows material things up in their real light, which is quite secondary to the spiritual realm of reality in you. It is quite possible to get so close to God that

the material world around you seems but a dream. Living for so many generations, as we have, without the God-consciousness, and solely considering the material, there comes to us, when we know God, the true sense of values between the spiritual and the material.

That sense of values brings with it the absolute consciousness of the fact that when the spiritual life ascends over the material, or when the spiritual life becomes what it should be, the overwhelmingly more important part of your existence on this planet, then you begin to see things in their proper perspective. Old things pass away. All things become new. Whereas, heretofore, you considered this physical life about all there was to look after, you now give practically all of your time, not taking care of the physical but trying to get closer to the spiritual.



## pamela dawn asks . . .

# Did You Experience A Resurrection This Easter ?

**DOES** this thought surprise— or perhaps shock you? It need not for 'resurrection' does not refer solely to a rising again from the dead, but concerns **ANY RISING AGAIN, or RE-NEWAL, or RESTORATION.**

The masses consider the annual Easter observance as commemorating the resurrection of Jesus only. Whereas in Truth it is symbolical of the Spiritual resurrections occurring within humans every where yesterday. And today.

**EVERY TIME** one of us steps out of some imperfection of body or affairs "**WE HAVE RISEN.**" **WE HAVE RISEN** because our Christ consciousness steps forth from the dark tomb of negation into a new dawn.

**EVERY TIME** you or I stand openly and fearlessly for the highest Truth we know, a stone rolls away from our door.

"Christ" is not a proper name. It is a title. And every child of God is eligible to that title, for *the Christ* is the spiritual part of man — the divine image and likeness. While "Jesus" was the personal name given to that

great Way Shower by his parents, 2000 years ago.

Therefore, when you and I realize the Spiritual Truth about any problem we are lifting up the Christ within and a healing of the situation follows. Jesus demonstrated the Christ in his own person and life. You and I are expected to do the same.

Crosses seem numerous and varied for humanity. We burden ourselves with crosses of our own making — crosses of mistakes, prejudice, hate, jealousy, fear — only to find ourselves suffering some self-imposed agony in our own Gethsemane.

So **EVERY DAY** — not just at Easter — is a good time to give expression to our Christ self, and to come forth from our personal tombs of doubt and worry. Easter is a reminder of that historical resurrection of a Son of God — even as you and I are sons of God. Jesus did not claim to be God's favorite son. He said his powers were not unique; that *they were developed* rather than bestowed. And he insisted that there was **NO MONOPOLY** on this develop-

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# the wayfarer . . .

## *At God's Council Table*

**I**F GOD has "made man a little lower than God" (like in kind but unlike in quantity) it stands to reason that He had a greater destiny for him than to be a weak worm of the dust. Indeed, he has put "all things under his feet", thereby clothing him with responsibility which cannot be denied him by any theology or by any political party. Man is lifted up in concept thereby; he is a diamond, however rough and in need of polishing; he is a fountain of water, fed by God's limitless spring.

I protest the idea of man's impotence, as if he were to shrivel under the blasting heat of some critic's desert wind. I lay siege to the entrenched citadel that isolates man from his society by declaring him to be "of the earth, earthy without any spark of divinity within him." I have yet to find any person who is so depraved that he is not touched by the thoughts of goodness when they are presented to him; I have never found anyone but what could be challenged by an appeal to the noble that lies within him, however dormant.

In his book, "The Mature Mind," Dr. Overstreet says a truth which will bear further emphasis: "Religions that insist upon the permanent child-like dependence of man upon an all-powerful and all-commanding Deity have no conception of man as a creature of inherent dignity". And Rabbi Liebman, in his book "Peace of Mind", strikes me as right when he says: "There is a chance here in America for the creation of a new idea of God; a God reflected in the brave creations of self-reliant social pioneers; a religion based not upon surrender or submission, but on a new birth of confidence in life and in the God of life". At his best, man has goodness overflowing in his nature; and at his worst, even, there are rivulets that can be seen flowing among the rocks.

Now then, this is not a brief in favor of the thesis that man is totally good and that he never errs; rather, it admits of mistakes in his struggling and of gross misdeeds performed when not in his best moments. The fact that men grieve over such misconduct, and the fact that

men desire to move away from such trends in their character, is evidence that something more deep-seated characterizes them—namely, the sense of inherent good within. Would it not be better, therefore, and much in keeping with what Psychiana has taught and still teaches, to hold that man, being made in the image of God, has the capacity of being seated at the council table of the Almighty? It seems to me that God is everywhere asking men of all races and ethnic origins, men of all capacities and abilities, to join Him at the council table where the great plans for the good of the world are to be plotted. I hold that God has his agents, men, at every table where decisions are being made for the furtherance of the gospel of peace and of good will around the world. Those agents of God are men like you and like me—humble persons who have seen something of the possibilities of God's way with things and who desperately are trying to bring His way about in a stubborn and an unhealthful social order. Indeed, God has not left himself without a witness in this or in any century. Even that master Teacher, Jesus, said these astonishing words: "No longer do I call you servants (slaves), but I have called you friends".

And what I like about this idea of sitting at God's council table more than anything else is a twofold assurance: first, that none who sits there feels himself arrogant in that place of high destiny, and (second) that God will see to it that a man who sits

there will grow and grow in everything. As human friends grow to be more like each other from their common fellowship as they plan for others and for themselves, so God and men will grow more like God Himself as they share in God's supreme purpose and plans for the future of the world of men.

Nor should we be concerned about the channel which God's friendliness takes as He deals with friends of His—men will listen. Let me illustrate: Yesterday I was on a hillside where water fed by some springs was coming out of the earth. I would not have been greatly attracted to this water had I not seen that the volume was greater than the deep-cut channel was carrying. This interested me so that I made some investigation. I went to the spot where the water was coming from the earth, and I found that a good share of the abundant supply was beginning a new channel for itself as it broke away in a different lateral direction from the rest of the flow. Then, I followed downhill to a point where that newly-formed stream again joined the other in the main channel, from which point all flowed together toward the river. How stubborn is that mind which does not allow any "new stream" to take its course, as long as it originates from the great Source common to the old and the new!

The Spirit of God strives with all men, works when and where and how He will. He is not limited to man's jurisdictions, nor by human barriers, nor by the

tiny arc of light that finite minds assign to Him. God is supreme, the Almighty, the great God who invites every man to come and sit at His council table to join Him in making plans for the world.

This is spring, and in May when we are interested in sowing seeds and in transplanting shrubs. It is a time of new life, a period of the year when hope springs anew within our hearts. Do you feel downcast? Or bur-

dened? Or desolated? Or forgotten? Or inferior? Then begin to think of yourself as important to God in the completion of His plan for His world; then find yourself at His table to help Him make plans; and, suddenly, you will find yourself the thrill of achievement and of pioneering with Him for His promotion of the abundant life. Nothing then but the weariness of the flesh will hold you back from the triumph you will have as you work with God.

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## Questions & Answers

*(This section is devoted to questions which have been sent to us by our students. If you have a question, the answer to which you feel would be of interest to other students as well as yourself, send it in to us. We reserve the right to choose those questions which are published.)*

*Did Dr. Robinson have any  
any brothers or sisters? If  
so, are any of them living?*


Dr. Robinson had three brothers, Leonard, who was killed in World War I, Sidney, who died about 7 or 8 years ago in Montreal, and Arthur who, the

last we heard, was a member of the crew of a freight boat. Of the four boys, Dr. Robinson was the eldest and Leonard was the youngest.


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It is interesting to note that in 1936 Dr. Robinson took a trip to Europe and England, and was hoping to see his father, whom he had not seen for many years. However, when he called his father's house and informed him that it was his son Frank talking, his father said, "You must be mistaken. I have no son named Frank." This from a minister, too.

We do not know if the father still lives. He would be in his late nineties if he was. We sincerely hope that the feelings of this bitter father changed in his later days, and that he came to admit the existence of a son called Frank B. Robinson.



# Those who walk with God



A MONTH or so ago I was reading the morning paper while eating breakfast, and I came across a very interesting feature article about a man who gave up a \$10,000 a year job because he was getting ulcers from the high-pressure work he was doing. He and his wife decided that life was too short to spend working on a job which was health-breaking as well as none too interesting. This couple looked around to find an opportunity to do work in which they were interested — not work which was a chore. To make a long story short, they ended up in a coast town in New Jersey, running an antique shop. The article closed with the husband's remark: "I gave up a \$10,000 a year job for a \$10 a day job — but I'm happy at last!"

Maybe circumstances don't always permit us to do exactly what we want, but we should try to come as close to it as possible. Life is much too short to spend doing what we don't want

to do, because money without happiness is nothing. Maybe it can command others and bring to the owner *more* money, but it can't buy peace of mind and happiness.

Life has a definite meaning for each one of us, and in order to best express our innermost feelings and vitality of living, we must be encouraged to do so by our daily living habits and actions. Consequently our work and our job must necessarily contribute much to the expression within us which must come out. If we are burdened by unpleasant tasks, we cannot do our best. Nor can we always smile and say to ourselves, "You must take the good with the bad."

But whatever you do, try to bring to the fore the things which will help you to be a well-rounded, happy individual. And if your work holds you back, you must endeavor to either live with it, or find that labor in which you will be happier.







# Letters

## FROM MEMBERS

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Dear Sirs:

. . . . Psychiana has meant much to me. I think of it and Dr. Robinson as very dear friends. In fact, I think you are doing a great work in bringing them to the common people, the

“man on the street” so to speak. So many writers neglect these people and are only interested in showing how many big words they know, and otherwise showing plainly that their aim is to expand their own egos while making a pretense at helping others . . . .

Cordially yours,

Hal B. ....

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ment of the Christ consciousness.

A certain lady whom I know well, seemed almost crushed by the unhappiness, illnesses and stringencies imposed upon her by her family. It began to affect her own health. Although she believed in the Power of God, there were dark days when she wondered if she would survive it all and ever be at peace again. It was at such crisis that a beautiful friend wrote her thus:

“When you have passed through this season of suffer-

ing and stand beyond it, there will be a new light in your eyes, a new glow in your face, a new gentleness in your touch, a new sweetness in your voice, a new hope in your heart, and a **NEW CONSECRATION IN YOUR LIFE.**

“Keep your eyes upward, loving the **UNSEEN CHRIST WITHIN.** And you will rise out of those shadows of sorrow **RADIANT WITH THE LIGHT OF VICTORY AND PEACE.**”

Almost immediately, that woman began to experience a feeling of uplift, right there in the

midst of her garden of Gethsemane. Because she caught the vision of her resurrected self as portrayed through the pen of her friend.

The first evidence of uplift in her surroundings was such a small incident that many would not have considered it as a "tiny stone rolling away." However it gave this lady the first real chuckle in weeks. An antique picture of a deceased relative (whom she had never seen) which was neither ornamental nor inspiring, had marred her living room for years. Then just at this juncture, one of the family suddenly packed the picture and shipped it to another heir, with never a hint from her!

Fast on the heels of that, a new spring coat and flower decked hat (which she had yearned for through many Easters) suddenly sprang into her possession.

Oh no! Matters did not clear up in that home at once. There are still many problems to be healed. But the lady is walking through it now with more serenity than ever before. And almost daily she is RECOGNIZING and GIVING THANKS for each 'pebble' and 'stone' that rolls away.

We are admonished to 'AWAKE' — to 'ARISE' to a higher level. And the glorious part of it all is that when you do 'arise' to a NEW degree of expression, you take nothing of the old degree with you. The former things are passed away as far as you are concerned.

Begin now to 'arise' from your particular level of grief or trouble, by affirming — MY LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD. You may seem to do this mechanically at first, but one cannot long remain in the dumps when that Truth begins to permeate their being.

GOD IS THE ONLY PRESENCE AND POWER IN YOUR LIFE. Do you believe it? His strength is your strength. His peace is your peace. Get quiet and FEEL His presence within and about you.

Every time we lift ourselves spiritually above some sordid condition we experience a resurrection. That huge stone in front of the 'tomb of our progress' represents material obstacles. And THAT STONE WILL BE ROLLED AWAY, not by physical strength but *by the Power of God within us.*

Let us get up and out of the grave clothes of unhappiness and limitation in which we bind our bodies. Let us get up and out of all death-like existence. That is what the resurrection means in *daily life* — to you and me. The Christ within stands forth and says:

"I come that you may have *complete* life and LIVE THAT LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY."

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of Baha'u'llah are self-rewarding. When you see the world as one country you immediately be-

come a world citizen. And where does this consciousness begin? How does it work? It does not mean that you must be a world traveler. Many people have tramped through foreign lands and strange-sounding places without ever catching the spirit of this prophet's words. For the force of the thought is in a spiritual consciousness. There is an old proverb which says, "He who would bring home the wealth of the Indies, must carry the wealth of the Indies with him."

Take a quick inventory of your friends and acquaintances. How many different cultural expressions, how many languages, how many different backgrounds do they represent? You need hardly go out of your local scene to begin your adventure in world citizenship. How many churches are there in your hometown? You will immediately say, "Too many!" and you may be right. But here, again, in the very variety of expressions you will find that studying them is like taking a trip. You need not agree with the views of these people. Very likely they will not agree with you! Some may even "despise and persecute you," but in the degree that you put yourself in the other fellow's place, so you will grow in understanding and in a broadening concept of the wonder of life.

### 3.

"The earth is one country, and mankind its citizens." Long before Baha'u'llah wrote these words — in fact, way back in the

7th century, a mystic named Dorotheus compared the world to a circle. He put God exactly in the middle and asked his followers to imagine that God's life-giving radii went out from the center to all parts of the circle. He said, "The farther these radii go from the center, the more divergent and remote from one another they become. On the other hand, the nearer they approach to the center, the more they come together among themselves."

Then he made a wonderful comparison. He compared the radii to the paths of the life of men. The nearer they approached the center, that is the closer they came to God, the closer together they came to one another. In other words, when men draw near to God along their many paths, they draw nearer to each other. He concluded, "If we truly love God, then to the extent that we approach to Him through love of Him, do we unite in love with our neighbors; and the closer our union with our neighbors, the closer is our union with God also."

Yes, that is the way it works and when enough people catch this vision there will be no more talk of barriers and boundaries and denominational lines and cultural restrictions. In fact, when enough men on both sides of this divided world of ours get this big idea there will be no more 38th parallels. Then they will know that "The earth is one country, and mankind its citizens."

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## A look at next month's bulletin . . .



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