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When the Bride Says "Yes"



"WILL you have this man to be your wedded husband . . . ?" A good many people this month of June will be charmed and excited over the wedding that is in the family, and will be deeply moved when that moment comes for the bride to say "Yes." And many of us who are older will remember the charmed moment of other years when we were having the same experience.

When the bride says "Yes" at the altar, in response to the clergyman who puts the question, many of us may think that this is the climax of a wonderful series of events—and in one sense that is so. But, the real "Yes" which predetermined this

wedding moment was the one which the bride breathed enchantedly much earlier in the acquaintanceship. The real decision preceded the wedding day by many weeks.

When the bride says "Yes" she has not come to the end of a wonderful enchantment; rather, she has come to the first steps entering upon a new and interesting trail of living—for, what happens beyond that moment is of the greatest consequence for two lives and for their total environment. There will be offspring, it is to be hoped, and sunny days after storms, the constant interweaving of two personalities into one, and the "give and take" which is always

This Month's Thought to Remember . . .

"A true friend is one who knows all about us, and likes us just the same."

—C. W. Tenney

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required for a true union; besides, there will be moments of forgiveness for foolish things as well as for great mistakes — in short, from the moment of the wedding there will be magnificent hours and years of living together.

Also, when there has been a religious ceremony, which this writer always endorses so heartily for its permanent good effects upon all concerned, there is the added consideration of including God in the enterprise of establishing the family.

So it is that when the bride says "Yes" we have TWO great truths all of us need to remember as we set out to live richly and fully: (1) That there is always an interaction between yesterday, today, and tomorrow, and (2) the consciousness that God does matter in our everyday experiences.

Whether we are thinking of weddings, or whether we are busy at some other task of living, it is noteworthy to draw from the past only the highlighted best and then dwell upon it as the stimulus for the present. Were one to pick out of yester-

day only those disappointments which are bound to arise in every life, there would be despair. But, if, as a woman who promptly forgets the pangs of childbirth when she holds in her arms her first-born, we select from yesterday only the best, forgetting the lesser things, we shall have learned one of life's greatest lessons.

Then, to the present we give attention, making the most of each flower, sunny sky, friend, opportunity for growth, democratic liberty, and co-operative neighbor. We ignore brambles and the sordid things of the underside of life as we concentrate upon the good factors which pervade the air we breathe and which are at the heart of every romantic circle in which we move, even when oppressed by circumstances, however foul. We must live richly in the present, let us not forget, so that our sons and daughters will have for themselves later on a "rich past" upon which they can greatly depend.

Beyond this, we will learn to fasten our attention upon our dreams and aspirations as we look to the future. The path winds out and up and over the hills to "far away," and how fortunate we are when we resolve to make the most of every viewpoint, to drink in the wine of every satisfaction, and to build bridges to make it easier for others to follow us in the path of success.

So we are reminded that when the bride says "Yes" there is

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Living Thoughts for Better Living



*"Prayers are heard in heaven very much in proportion to our faith. Little faith will get very great mercies, but great faith still greater."**

1.

IN our previous considerations on the subject of Prayer we said: a) Effective prayer has as its basis a quality of deep and absorbing compassion; b) The spoken word holds special power in making prayers successful.

In all of this the very heart of prayer is faith. We must believe. We must believe not only that there is a Power greater than ourselves, we must have faith that this Power can be reached and utilized by us through prayer.

No better definition of faith has been written than that recorded in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Prayer is a device whereby this faith is taken at face value, believed in and put to work. Prayer is the instrument. Faith is the contract. Prayer is our way of saying, "I believe." Faith is the invisible mooring, the un-

seen bond, the mystical tie. "Prayers are heard in heaven very much in proportion to our faith. Little faith will get very great mercies, but great faith still greater."

2.

Modern psychology stresses the importance of believing in oneself. We must have confidence in ourselves if we wish to succeed and we must believe in ourselves if we expect to meet the challenge of the times.

Modern religious leaders emphasize the importance of believing in God. We must have the confidence, FAITH, that God can be communicated with, petitioned, praised, called upon.

Where religion meets psychology is in its emphasis that the greatest manifestation of God is in man. This is the common ground. Know thyself and thou shalt better know God.

Think of the unlimited potential if we prayed in the faith that God and man are intimately

*Spurgeon

Faith and My Friends

is the title of a brand new book by Dr. Marcus Bach, professor of religion at Iowa State University. *Faith and My Friends*, published by the Bobbs-Merrill Co., joins three other best-selling books on religion by Marcus Bach: *They Have Found a Faith*, *Report to Protestants*, and *Dream Gate*, and promises to bring many hours of pleasant reading.

The lesser-known religious groups which are described in *Faith and My Friends* are: the Mormons, the Penitentes, the Trappists, the Hutterites, the Swedenborgians, and the Vedantists. This latest book by Marcus Bach may be obtained by writing direct to him, c/o School of Religion, Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa. Price: \$3.

united in the phenomenon of human life! What a revelation that would be. It is not new. It is as old as the teaching of Jesus, but it is still revolutionary.

What an era of brotherhood that would usher into the world! For we find ourselves at oneness with creature and Creator. What a period of spiritual achievement that would produce! And that is exactly what we modern people are challenged to do. We are asked to take the outreach of what science has learned about man and unite it with what religious adventurers have learned about God. This coincides perfectly with the teachings of the mystics of all ages who through the prayer of faith discovered within themselves the Fatherhood of God and found in the realm of Spirit a consciousness of the universal Brotherhood of Man.

3.

The modern relationship between the prayer of faith and our daily needs is clear. It is the same as that taught by Jesus. It takes literally the words, "Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you."

It believes that if a man prays for health he will be healthy. If he prays for goodness he will be good. If he prays in faith for help in anything he will be helped.

But where shall we draw the line? We all know that many prayers are not answered. Shall we say it is a matter of faith? Yes, it is a matter of faith. Little faith, little results. Great faith, great results. But true faith always implies a deepening of the spiritual life. It undergirds belief with an intensified dedication of loyalty to God. There is a definite correlation between the value received and the personal value of the receiver. When you ask God for a great gift be sure to ask also for the humility to rightly use it.

4.

Your faith will be strengthened if you remember that God is a Friend. When you talk with Him you are talking with a Friend. The closest Friend. The best Friend. Sometimes you pour out your heart to Him. Sometimes you have a quiet talk with Him asking counsel and advice. Sometimes you throw the full weight of your desires and need upon Him. He will answer you as a Friend beyond the high-

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pamela dawn asks . . .

Can't We Emulate the Lilies?



THE auto nosed leisurely along the highway north from San Francisco that beautiful April day. Four of us—our host and hostess, my husband and I were enjoying a day of sunshine, beauty — and rest. Although there is never a season in California when flowers are not blooming, on this particular Lenten day the Calla lilies were unusually profuse.

What a sight to behold! Sentinelled in all their regal waxen whiteness against green verdure and a riot of vari-colored blooms along the way.

"Looks like these gorgeous lilies are outdoing themselves to welcome the celebration of His resurrection," I remarked to our friend, Mrs. Powers.

"I am sure I have never before seen such purity personified," she responded. "And to think, they toil not, neither do they spin, yet no millionaire with all his fortune has ever been arrayed like one of these!"

"Why can't we be clothed as easily and becomingly as these gorgeous lilies, Carter?" she asked her husband.

"We could — and would — if we lived as trustingly as they do," Carter replied.

"Do you mean to tell us that if we emulated the ways of the

lily and their toil-lessness, that we would be clothed in such beauty and simplicity?" Mrs. Powers countered.

"No," Carter said, "not if you prayed and tried to imitate them with the idea of GETTING MATERIAL THINGS thereby."

"Then just WHAT do you mean?"

"The best way I can explain is this: The lily does not fret or fume over adverse outer conditions. It just unfolds naturally and effortlessly from WITHIN, according to God's pattern for it. His pattern is stored inside the bulb from which the lily springs, just as our pattern is cached in the core of our being."

"Why, how could lilies have anything disagreeable to contend with? They are created just for beauty!"

"So are we, only we don't realize it!" Mr. Powers retorted.

We all laughed at their good natured argument. Then our conversation drifted to other topics as new sights attracted our attention. However, my mind kept reverting to the challenge voiced by Mr. Powers.

A couple of hours later we proceeded slowly through a swampy area on the outskirts of a small town. On one side of the road was an unsightly trash dump. On the other hand a

dank, smelly slough ran parallel to the highway, with clouds of insects swarming about.

Mr. Powers stopped the car with a jerk. "Look at that will you?" he said, pointing animatingly toward the gutter.

We started in unison! Rearranging a tall straight stem out of that miry muck, was the most gorgeously perfect lily we had even seen. No one spoke a word. A few minutes later only the soft whirl of the motor broke into our reverie as we again moved along.

Whereas in the past it had seemed sort of far-fetched to "consider the lilies" when some sordid situation confronted me, it now began to dawn upon me that that was the very time when I SHOULD DO SO.

"Have I ever gained anything in my entire life by looking anxiously at my NEEDS?" I meditated. "Have I ever acquired the beautiful raiment I long for, the honey-moon fresh place I would love to live in, and dozens of other luxuries, by BEING everlastingly ANXIOUS about them?"

"No! No! NO!" my consciousness conceded.

All right then. Just what can you and I do NOW, right where we are to heed this powerful admonition? How can we let this great morsel of wisdom help us on to the right spiritual track so that we can emulate the lilies?

Perhaps this illustration will help to clarify the idea. For I have witnessed the fulfillment of this Bible verse over and over in the life of a very sincere Metaphysical teacher and healer. For many years she has completely dedicated herself to God and His plan for her to help others grow spiritually. And in seeking out and following that "pattern" within she no longer takes any thought for material needs. Her sole aim is to teach the Truth; to heal and bless.

And I simply marvel at the way her needs are met. Students and friends, from far and near, present her with lovely new things. Nylons, handbags, dresses, scarves, coats, hats, etc. seemingly gravitate to her. Although one person never knows

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An Unusual Opportunity!

Since YOUR GOD-POWER will be coming up for reprinting and revision sometime this year, we want to distribute the remaining copies to our members so as to make more room here for the incoming shipment. Therefore, you may, until June 30, 1951, obtain Dr. Robinson's dynamic book, YOUR GOD-POWER (which contains 20 lessons by Dr. Robinson) for the very special price of \$7.00 POST PAID! But you'd better hurry as we cannot extend this unusual offer.

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.)

Can I use two affirmations at one time, or is it better to use only one?

DR. Robinson cautioned his students to use only one affirmation at a time. This is the reason he gives one affirmation only with each of his lessons.

For instance, if a student has a domestic problem he wants solved, plus another need filled, he should always decide which desire is the stronger, and then use an affirmation for the desired results. But the decision as to which desire is the stronger is the problem to be cleared up first. When that has been accomplished, then the solution of the secondary need or problem can be sought.

Using two affirmations simultaneously can be compared to a "jack-of-all-trades": he can do many things which would get by, but he can do none of them well.



What is the correct pronunciation of "Psychiana"?

Psychiana, when pronounced correctly, sounds like this:

SY - KEY - ANN' UH



Letters

FROM MEMBERS

Texas
April 13, 1951

Dear Psychiana,

I should like to take this method of thanking you for bringing these remarkable teachings to my attention. I admit that I was very skeptical at first, but I decided to try Psy-

chiana as a last resort because I thought that if it were just another hoax, then it wouldn't matter too much. I would accept it as just another one of my many disappointments. But I'm truly happy to say that I have been genuinely benefitted and pleasantly surprised since I've stud-

ied these 20 very revealing and thought - provoking lessons by Dr. Robinson.

I'm a Baptist, and I've been one from my early childhood, but I can truthfully say that I was never able to see God as a personality. I simply couldn't understand how a person could live up in the sky for thousands of years and yet know what every human being here on earth is doing all the time. But I certainly can understand how a God-Law can operate with such precision.

I began my lessons a year ago this month, and I have experi-

enced wonderful changes in my life, all of them very desirable ones. What is more important, I now have the faith and courage to pursue my goals believing in my ultimate victory.

I'll not go into detail with my accomplishments I've made since embracing Psychiana, but suffice it to say I'll always be grateful that I gave it a chance to help me. Some remarkable, unbelievable things have actually happened to me.

God bless you in your splendid work.

Sincerely,

M. B.

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merged all of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Which brings us to the greatest discovery of all: the secret of successful living. This reality is not within the area of man's own original thought, but it is the range of God-consciousness or God-Spirit which is available to everyone in the world. God is all around us; His Spirit is ready to help if we but ask for it and depend upon it, basking constantly in the assurance of sunlit power.

One reason why some marriages go "on the rocks" is that God is omitted from the scheme of things. There is no daily devotion to higher things, no thought of "otherness" in daily duties, no reflection upon the "Almighty" to perform. This is a serious omission, because God is the author of all life and of

all good; besides, it is through Him that there is in the world forgiveness and longsuffering and mercy, whereby living is renewed from time to time.

Since God is "from everlasting to everlasting," it is really He who binds yesterday, today, and tomorrow into a unity; it is He who gives power to sustain life at all times and under all circumstances; it is He who makes of living "one grand sweet song"; for He wills only good and furnishes the power to experience it.

*"Lord of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and
star;
Center and soul of every
sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how
near."*

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Frank B. Robinson. . .

God and You!



WHAT is God's main attribute? Invisible life. Then invisible Power. Then invisible love. Then perfect health. Then, an abundance of all things needed, and for everyone. New creations in the life day by day. But, more important than all, a knowledge of the Power of God grows as the day goes by. The desire for more knowledge grows until it becomes, I almost said, an obsession. It is a happy day in one's life when that happens. For they who hunger and thirst after God, shall inevitably, at some time or other, be satisfied. The length of time it takes depends upon the degree of anxiety and desire for God. God grant that you find this Power without the years of struggle I had. But then, if I had not have had such a struggle, you would not be reading these Truths of God. So then, God, the Infinite wisdom which is God, knows best how to reveal the Realm of the Spirit of God to human beings.

The closer you get to God, the less you will love the things of this world. The closer you get to God the more will God attract

you. You've seen a magnet, haven't you? Well, to look at it, there seems to be no power in it. You can't see Power there, and you can't feel Power there. It looks like a piece of iron or steel—nothing more. But place a few iron filings near the magnet and gently push them toward it and see what happens.

First, the tiniest pieces of iron filings will fly to the poles of the magnet. Then the larger ones. As you bring the filings within range of the magnetic power in that magnet, you find it draws them to it. These particles cover both, and they are drawn there by the invisible, silent power in that magnet. That's how the Power of God works in human lives. When they get within range of the Power of God, it draws them. And the closer they get, the more the Power which draws them increases. You are already within range of all the Power of the Realm of the Spirit of God. Just the slightest move towards that Power is all you need to cover you with it. Once you know who and what God really is, you will never want to leave that Power.

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the gifts of others, yet these articles when assembled become her, and harmonize as if selected for one perfect whole.

During World War II she had to move from the home she had known many years, upon the passing of her beloved husband. It was during those trying housing days when even ordinary and indifferent quarters were at a premium. But the "right person" came into her audience at the crucial moment, who lovingly directed her to the daintiest, most charming pent-house apartment. She has ever since referred to this sanctuary as a "heaven on earth."

Must she travel somewhere? Someone "senses" the need and happens along at the appointed time to give her a lift.

With her days so filled with God's PLAN for her that she had no time for marketing, a cube of butter, fresh fruits, cookies, other delicacies — even entire chicken dinners—miraculously found their way to her door.

In depicting this incident, it is not inferred that we should all drop whatever we are doing, and start out into the ministry. But it does mean that RIGHT WHERE WE ARE we should prayerfully search for our own unique pattern within. Then through the expression thereof, with all our soul and with all our might, we will lift ourselves up with our "spiritual boot straps" so to speak, and all these outer "necessaries" will begin to be added.

In striving to emulate the

lilies, we are expected to adapt ourselves as wholly to our element as they do to theirs. And that "element" is the presence of God, or the "I AM" moving into a constant stream of expression, *within each one of us.*

Think and breathe into your environment: I LIVE, MOVE AND HAVE MY BEING IN GOD! It will help you to lift your soul in all its purity above all that is unlike our God-self. "Take no thought" for if you take thought, it will be of fear or limitation.

But SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD and HIS PATTERN within you. And then you, too, will rise regally above the miry muck of outer circumstances.

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est concept of friendship that you can imagine. Of Him you will always be able confidently to say, "I have faith in this Friend. He will never let me down."

And this we should also remember. When we pray for health we already have the substance of health in our mind or we could not pray for it. When we pray for others we already have the substance in our heart for helping them. When we pray for riches we are already rich in spirit. When we pray for goodness the essence of the prayer has already helped us to be good.

It shall be given to us and done for us in accordance with our degree of faith. "Little faith will get great mercies, but great faith still greater."

Dr. Robinson's Phonograph Records To Be Available!



Yes, June 20 is the date we will begin filling orders for Dr. Robinson's recordings. There are four records to the set, and no single records will be available at the present time as there is a shortage of records and we don't want to break up the sets of records.

On one side of each record is a talk by Dr. Robinson, and on the reverse side is one of his favorite organ selections. Here are the titles of each record:

Record No. 1 A talk titled "Spiritual Truths"
At Dawning, an organ number.

Record No. 2 A talk titled "Spiritual Truths"
Serenade Mignone, an organ number.

Record No. 3 A talk titled "The Law of Financial Success"
When You and I Were Young, Maggie, an organ number.

Record No. 4 A talk titled "The Law of Perfect Health"
Smilin' Thru, an organ number.

The price of all four ten-inch regular size records is \$5.00
POST PAID! Better order your set today!



Those who walk with God

THIS lovely month of June brings to mind many pleasant memories. I remember, when I was in grade school, how the coming of June always meant a summertime of play,

and doing what we wanted. We always felt very important and independent when our mothers gave us permission to take our lunches on our bikes and ride out of town to one of the little creeks

along a not-too-often used road. We would pick our "lunch-spot" and then explore the surrounding area, turning over large stones just to see the beetles and other bugs run in protest for another dark corner.

But the creek was the main thrill. This time of year the water is always high in the creeks, and as clear as a polished diamond. As small as we were, it gave us a thrill then, and it still gives me a thrill to be near a clear, cool, sparkling stream of water. The only audible sound is that of the water rolling over the rocks in the stream-bed, and an occasional cricket chirping.

Many millions of gallons of water have come down from the mountains and run off through the streams that we as youngsters used to patronize so often. Much rich top-soil has been carried by these streams to far-away resting places. And our little group of young boys has grown up, each to seek his own on this giant earth of ours.

But the peaceful streams are still flowing, and still catering to

young boys who have, contained within them, the exuberance and spirit of youth. Those little slivers of water which pass over and through the countryside are like a source of great power, to which youth is attracted and from which is gained an undefinable "something" — maybe a closer tie with Nature. Because youth is really close to the heart of life. Youth has no preconceived notions, and life is vital and most interesting. Life and living are taken for granted, and it is thrilling to be doing that which is most desired.

But as youth arrives at manhood he is influenced by learning and people. Sometimes influenced by progressive forces, and sometimes in the opposite direction.

If we could but recapture that feeling of "vital living" — that feeling of being close to something which is forever the same, then we would never fear the coming of manhood and old age. Our anchor would rest deep in a source of strength and agelessness, from which our faith could always be renewed.

A look at next month's bulletin . . .



The Wayfarer explores an interesting subject by asking "What Pattern Do You Want?" . . . "Meditation and Communion with God" is interestingly featured in Those Who Walk With God . . . "Don't You Know God is Here?" asks Pamela Dawn. She then answers her own question. . . .