

# THINK ON THESE THINGS

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There are two invariable signs of genius in a person,—one is the serious note, and the other is the picturesque serious thinking. Men of talent represent serious thinging. Men of genius create emblems, parables, and pictures. Measured in terms of genius, the parables of Jesus are the greatest literary achievements in history. What educates is the idea, and not the half dozen names of things without an idea. The important thing how many mouths to the pump.

Ours is a world where we crucify the Saviour in Jerusalem, where we poison Socrates in Athens, where we exile Dante in Italy, and burn Savonarola in Florence, and starve Cervantes in Madrid, and Jail Bunyan in Bedford,—for the greatest manhood is always rewarded with martyrdom.

When a nation prospers and grows rich, religion always languishes. When nations enter upon a disaster and peril, the people return to God. Abundance enervates. Morals always sink to a low level when men's eyes stand out in fatness. When the people are richest, God's kingdom is poorest. When men are poor, God's kingdom is richest.

Every man has at sometime in his life fallen. Many have fallen many times; few few times. And the more a man knows his life, and watches its critical flow from day to day, the larger seems to grow the number of these falls. And every sin that was done demands a bitter penitence. If there is little emotion in a man's religion, it is because there is little introspection. Religion without emotion is religion without reflection.

The first work of Christ may be called the "Year of Public Favor." On the whole it was a year of triumph. The world received Him for a time. Vast crowds followed Him. John's audience left him and gathered around the new voice. Palestine rang with the name of Jesus. Noblemen and rulers vied with each other in entertaining. The next year is called the "Year of Opposition." The applause is over. The crowds thinned. He was obstructed on every hand. The Saducees and Pharisees left Him. The great mass of people

gave Him up. His path was narrowing. The third period marks the end. Only twelve were left to Him when the last act of the drama opens. They are on the stage the last time. One of the disciples goes out. Eleven are left to Him. Another soon follows. There are but ten. One by one they all leave the stage, till all forsook Him and fled, and He is left to die alone.

Christ has at this time many lovers of his heavenly kingdom, but few bearers of the cross. He has many desirous of consolation, but few of tribulation. He finds many companions of his table, but few of his abstinence. All desire to rejoice with him, but few to endure anything for him. Many follow him unto the breaking of bread; but few unto drinking the cup of his passion. Many reverence his miracles, but few follow the ignominy of the cross. Many love him so long as no adversities befall them. Many praise and bless him so long as they get any consolation from him. Where is one to be found who is willing to serve God for nought?

The wise man of the Bible said, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." But do you understand what he meant? It is vanity to seek after perishing riches, and to trust in them. It is vanity to strive after honors, and to climb to high degree. It is vanity to follow the desires of the flesh, and labor for that which we must afterwards suffer grievous punishment. It is vanity to desire to live long, and not to care to live well. It is vanity to mind only this present life, and not to make provision for the things which are to come. It is vanity to love that which will soon pass away, and not to hasten thither where everlasting joy awaits you.

This world is held together not by the few, who think they are chosen, but by the great mass of honest folk who do their daily grind and tend their own spot in the world. By those who have an abiding faith that right will come to its own at last. These people believe that right motives are the key to right methods and hence to right conditions.

Our own opinion and our own sense do often deceive us, and they discern but little. A humble knowledge of thyself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning. Men choose to be great rather than humble, therefore they become vain in their imaginations. He is truly great who has great love. He is truly great that is little in himself, and that makes no account of

any height of honor. He is truly wise that accounteth all things as nothing, that he may win the truth. And he is truly wise and learned, that doeth the will of God and forsakes his own will. The more humble a man is in himself, and the more subject to the divine will, the more wise and peaceful shall he be in all things.

Human sympathy is man's greatest power. God himself attests it, and all god men proclaim it. No cool, calculating attitude will take the place of it. All the great advances which have moved nations forward to better things are due to human sympathy. We use this great motive force to too small ends, for we are too feeble in mind to see where sympathy should be applied until direct objectives present themselves. If human sympathy prompts us to feed the hungry, why should it not give a much greater prompting toward making hunger impossible?

The cheapest and easiest and most despicable thing in the world is authority. Any man or any people may show his or their authority till doomsday and make people fear it. But they can never make people respect it.

If a thing is old it is a sure sign that it is fit to live. Old families, old customs, and old styles survive because they are fit to survive. Submerge the good in a flood of the new, and the good will come back to join the good which the new brings with it. Old fashioned kindness, old fashioned brotherly love, and old fashioned politeness and hospitality and honor all had qualities of survival. They will also come back again.

Here is the secret of success; there is no secret of success. Every individual is different. Every temperament is particular. Every mind works its own way and every individual background in life creates a new combination of character. The individual is the distinctive song. Elements of character form the notes. Their arrangement is different in each individual and creates the individual. The same problem is met by different temperaments in different ways. Certain threads of similarity run through the lives of all successful people. The object of education is not to fill a man's mind with facts; it is to teach him how to use his mind in thinking.

It is as natural for the human soul to drift downward as it is for a stone to fall to the ground. But here is more in salvation than there is in forgiveness. Forgiveness is a very little part of religion, and such an idea is a fallacy. If not, it would be of little use to us. Men's sins are their destruction. And sins are natural things. Nothing in the world works without friction. A hurricane eaves a thousand fallen witnesses hind to mark its track. The great river of sin leaves a pile of ruins here and there as melancholy monuments to show where it has been. Everything in nature has its reaction at some time. History is an undying monument of human sin. The history of the world has, for the most part, been written in the world's blood. And all the reigns of emperors and kings will one day be lost in one absorbing record of one great sign,—the long reign of sin. The surface of society is white with leprosy. Take away the power of sin and error tomorrow, and the stain of

sin remains. Nothing can efface it. It is this stain of error and sin that troubles the world's conscience. Society cares nothing for you, and it is not wise enough to see the power of sin, or religious enough to see the guilt of sin; but it cannot help seeing the stain and effects of sin, because it must. And that is what troubles society. So this is what society does: it builds a prison, a madhouse, a hospital, and a graveyard. These are built to hide the stain of sin.

The most pathetic life in all history is the life of Christ. Those who study it find out every day, a fresh sorrow. It was foretold that he would be acquainted with grief, but not one conceived the darkness of that reality. His life began with the bitterest kind of sorrow—the sorrow of enforced silence. For 30 years He saw, but dared not speak. He saw about Him all the very wrongs which He had come to redress. The flimsiest religion ever known—a mere piece of acting—was being palmed off around Him on all sides as the religion of the living God. He saw the poor trodden upon, the sick untended, the widow unavenged, the whole world filled with corruption and violence, and His Father's people scattered. He saw all this and knew how to cure it, but He could not open His mouth. Then came His public life. The temptation, the contradiction, the insults of the Pharisees, the attempts on His life, the dullness of His disciples, the Jews' rejection of Him, the apparent failure of His cause, Gethsemane and Calvary—all these He saw and realized. Never was any life on earth so filled with sorrows.

Ineffable is the union of man and God in every act of the soul. The simplest person who in his integrity

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By RUTH BRITAIN

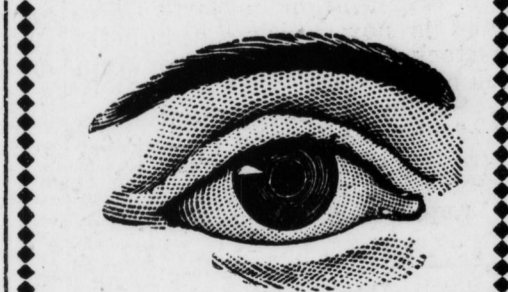


Much of the nervousness in older children can be traced to the overstimulation during infancy, caused by regarding baby as a sort of animated toy for the amusement of parents, relatives and friends. Baby may be played with, but not for more than a quarter of an hour to an hour daily. Beyond that, being handled, tickled, caused to laugh or even scream, will sometimes result in vomiting, and invariably causes irritability, crying or sleeplessness. Fretfulness, crying and sleeplessness from this cause can easily be avoided by treating baby with more consideration, but when you just can't see what is making baby restless or upset, better give him a few drops of pure, harmless Castoria. It's amazing to see how quickly it calms baby's nerves and soothes him to sleep; yet it contains no drugs or opiates. It is purely vegetable—the recipe is on the wrapper. Leading physicians prescribe it for colic, cholera, diarrhea, constipation, gas on stomach and bowels, feverishness, loss of sleep and all other "upsets" of babyhood. Over 25 million bottles used a year shows its overwhelming popularity. With each bottle of Castoria, you get a book on Motherhood, worth its weight in gold. Look for Chas. H. Fletcher's signature on the package so you'll get genuine Castoria. There are many imitations.

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