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**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY**  
 Bible thoughts memorized, will prove a priceless heritage in after years.

I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.—Ezekial 36:27, 28.

**THE HUMAN MAKEUP**

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By virtue of his threefold nature, body, soul and spirit, a man is endowed with certain faculties with which to operate in life, physical, psychical and spiritual. The body has its appetites, passions and emotions; the soul has its intelligence, feeling and will; the spirit its moral perceptions, discernment between right and wrong, conscience and aspiration after God. Each group of faculties is for use in its particular sphere for the development of its life. Herbert Spencer defines life as consisting in correspondence with environment. As long as this is maintained, life exists and its absence is death. This definition has been extended to show that this correspondence is mutual. An organism corresponds with its environment, and the environment corresponds with the organism with mutual effect, each influencing the other. The more active this mutual correspondence between the organism and environment, the more abundant the life. The athlete gets a great deal more out of physical life than one who leads a sedentary one; the scholar enjoys a more abundant intellectual life than the ignorant peasant; and the same is true in the spiritual life, those who live it derive a greater development, and possession of it in larger measure than those who do not. Faculties then imply their use and an environment in which they can be exercised, otherwise they are meaningless.

By virtue of his personality a man is a responsible being and is held accountable for his actions. This accountability is of a moral nature, being based on the standard of right and wrong. Not being self originating, his life is a gift and a trust, accountable in the last resort to the giver of it, God. Daniel Webster declared that the greatest thought which had ever entered his mind, was his personal responsibility to a personal God. Man is then morally responsible for his life, and what he makes of it. He cannot get around this, and this responsibility extends to the full round of his life. Many men are careful about the development of their physical and intellectual life, but heedless about their spiritual life. This a fatal mistake for it is as essential a part of their natural endowment as either the physical or intellectual. They are given it with its faculties, and they will have to render an account of their use or non-use of it. The parable of the talents in the New Testament teaches that non-use is as condemnatory as wrong use, nay more so, for non-use necessarily entails atrophy, which is death, whereas a wrong use keeps the faculties active and alive, which may be turned to a right use when a man finds out his mistake. A man then must develop according to the complete measure of his nature, by the use of all

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his faculties, and the requisite provision is made for this purpose. Examination of the condition of his nature shows that it is social in character, for he is born into a social environment. Neither physically, intellectually or morally can he develop without respect to his fellow men. The first years of his life are passed in utter dependence on the ministrations of others, without which he would speedily perish.

Human life is social and must be lived accordingly. Thus out of this necessity arise three great institutions for its development, the family, state and church. Wherever groups of human beings are found, these three institutions will likewise be found. They are not arbitrarily devised, but are due to the fundamental fact that life is social, whether physical, psychical or spiritual, and this compels men to come together in organized groups in order that they may live, and move and have their being, according to the law of their common human nature.

**THE OIL SCANDAL**

Just as a drop of oil when it falls on the ground spreads out in extended circumference, so the Teapot Dome oil revelations are extending over a wide spread area. But while probably the oil interests used questionable methods to get hold of the leases, yet it is by no means proved that these leases were not to the advantage of the government. Dr. E. H. Pence, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Portland, and a personal friend of the former Secretary of the Interior, Denby, last Sunday morning in pleading against condemning public officials on mere surmises, said: "The simple fact is that no

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judicial or legislative tribunal has yet determined that the government did not secure an entirely advantageous arrangement in the Teapot Dome deal. Like most oil transactions the element of chance was large; the government had no facilities to tap these oil fountains; the deal was based upon the element of chance, that wells on lower levels might drain the supplies reserved to government use." Secretary Denby evidently considered the deal was justified on this account, and possibly Fall and Daugherty thought likewise.

**STATE MARKET AGENT DEPARTMENT**

BY C. E. SPENCE, MARKET AGT.

What happens to a country, state or private business that buys more than it sells? Anyone can answer this question. Now face this one:

In one year this country sold \$27,336,000 of dairy products and in the same period bought \$36,000,000. We bought of other countries over eight and a half millions of dollars more than we sold. Was there a dollar's worth of this \$36,000,000 stock we bought that could not have been produced at home?

Of hides we sold \$4,805,000 and we bought \$118,917,000, yet the hides the farmer has to sell are hardly worth bringing to market because of the low price, while shoes and all leather goods bring the highest prices.

Eggs, we sell eight and a half million dollars' worth abroad and then buy back six and a half million dollars' worth, and thousands of henneries have been

forced to quit business during the past three years.

And so on, a long schedule could be quoted. What a ridiculous system, what needless waste, work, expense and middle profit—shipping our so-called "surplus stock" to Europe and bringing back about as much of the same stock.

"Over-production," we hear of this condition on every hand. Perhaps it is under-consumption caused by the high expense of joyriding our products to Europe and bringing like ones home again. But be it either, would it not be a good idea to so increase the tariff on these products that importers cannot come in here and take the market away from American farmers?

There is a vast difference between the living and wage standards of the United States and every country of Europe, Asia and Africa. Since the war the differences have increased. This country simply cannot compete with other nations and their low production costs. The present tariff schedules are of little effect in keeping out products that undersell us.

The tariff on beef is three cents per pound. Of what benefit is that to the Oregon stockmen who are going broke every day? The tariff on eggs is eight cents, yet almost \$7,000,000 of Chinese and other foreign products get by and help to put the poultrymen out of business. Suppose that the \$36,000,000 worth of dairy products that are brought in here to compete with American farmers did not come in? Would not there be a market for \$36,000,000 more of the dairy products of America?

The absurdity of shipping millions of dollars worth of our agricultural products abroad each year to get rid of our "surplus" and then bringing back nearly the same amount of like cheap European products, should be apparent to anyone who will study export and import schedules.

What American agriculture needs now is protection against the foreign countries that can beat us in the cost of production, and elimination of much of the legion of middle interests and profiteers between the farm and the retail store. The middle man has no interest in that all crops

are marketed, so that he can use the condition to break the price to the producer. He doesn't want this country to absorb the "over-production", he does want the demand for any commodity exhausted. He plays both ends against both the producer and consumer.

With foreign agricultural products shut out and middlemen squeezed out, both the producer and consumer would greatly benefit.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. To the devout it is a spiritual opportunity and privilege, and to society a chance to let up on the social whirl and get a little rest. Both should welcome it.

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