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Trust in the LORD, and
do good; so shalt thou
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verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the
LORD; and He shall give
thee the desires of thine
heart.

Commit thy way unto the
LORD; trust also in Him;
and He shall bring it to
pass. (Ps. 37:3-5)

“Love not the world, neither the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of GOD abides forever.”

(1 John 2:15-17)

Wisdom From The Past

You [the church] lay down the rule that this faith has its solemnities appointed by either the Scriptures or the tradition of the forefathers, and that no further addition in the way of observance must be added, because innovation is unlawful.

Tertullian (c. 213, W), ANF 4.111

from: *A Dictionary of Early Christian Beliefs*. David Bercot, Editor. Hendrickson Publishers.

Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

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JESUS said,
“If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”
(John 8:31-32)

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DOCTRINE OF TRUTH

from the
IMITATION OF CHRIST

By Thomas a'Kempus

HAPPY is he to whom truth manifests itself, not in signs and words that fade, but as it actually is. Our opinions, our senses often deceive us and we discern very little.

What good is much discussion of involved and obscure matters when our ignorance of them will not be held against us on Judgment Day? Neglect of things which are profitable and necessary, and undue concern with those which are irrelevant and harmful, are great folly. We have eyes and do not see. What therefore have we to do with questions of philosophy? He to whom the Eternal Word speaks is free from theorizing. For from this Word are all things and of Him all things speak -- the Beginning who also speaks to us. Without this Word no man understands or judges aright. O GOD, You who are the truth, make me one with You in love everlasting. I am often wearied by the many things I hear and read, but in You is all that I long for. Let the learned be still, let all creatures be silent before You; You alone speak to me. The more recollected a man is, and the more simple of heart he becomes, the easier he understands sublime things, for he receives the light of knowledge from above. The pure, simple, and steadfast spirit is not distracted by many labors, for he does them all for the honor of God. And since he enjoys interior peace he seeks no selfish end in anything. What, indeed, gives more trouble and affliction than uncontrolled desires of the heart?

Every perfection in this life has some imperfection mixed with it and no learning of ours is without some darkness. Humble knowledge of self is a surer path to GOD than the ardent pursuit of learning. Not that learning is to be considered evil, or knowledge, which is good in itself and so ordained by GOD; but a clean conscience and virtuous life ought always to be preferred. Many often err and accomplish little or nothing because they try to become learned rather than to live well.

If men used as much care in uprooting vices and implanting virtues as they do in discussing problems, there would not be so much evil and scandal in the world, or such laxity in religious organization. On the day of judgment, surely, we shall not be asked what we have read but what we have done; not how well we have spoken but how well we have lived.

It was translated from a Hebrew Old Testament text-type that is older than the Masoretic text, from which most Old Testaments are translated today. This is sad, for the apostles had access to both the Septuagint and to the proto-Masoretic text that was in existence in their time. Yet they chose to quote from the Septuagint---not the proto-Masoretic text. This hardback, well-bound English translation of the Septuagint was translated by L. Brenton, using King James English---so that the language would be familiar to readers of the King James Translation. It includes the pre-Masoretic Scriptures commonly known as the "Apocrypha," which were part of the Septuagintal canon. It also includes the Greek text. Hard cover. 1365 pages.

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Tell me, where now are all the masters and teachers whom you knew so well in life and who were famous for their learning? Others have already taken their places and I know not whether they ever think of their predecessors. During life they seemed to be something; now they are seldom remembered. How quickly the glory of the world passes away! If only their lives had kept pace with their learning, then their study and reading would have been worth while.

How many there are who perish because of vain worldly knowledge and too little care for serving GOD. They became vain in their own conceits because they chose to be great rather than humble.

He is truly great who has great charity. He is truly great who is little in his own eyes and makes nothing of the highest honor. He is truly wise who looks upon all earthly things as folly that he may gain CHRIST. He who does GOD's will and renounces his own is truly very learned.

Dear Editor,

My name is Mila Mavaeao Muliagatele. I am writing from Moamoa Theological College in Samoa, with my wife and children. This is our first year in the Ministry Program.

I just received my first edition of Early Church Today; and for that, thank you very much. I read the newsletter with great interest, especially that part entitled, "Those who mock GOD."

Isn't it great that with the modern worlds renewed efforts in the fight against Christianity, we see GOD still manifesting His mighty hand on those who sacrifice themselves, labouring for His Kingdom? In a world where so many religious beliefs are lingering like gold waiting to be mined, the prospect of doing one's own "thing" is so high.

Regards,
Mila