

Readings for 12/6/2017

Hymns 84, 269, 135

The Bible

1. Gen. 1:26 God (to :), 27

- 26 God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
- 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

2. John 10:27-30

- 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
- 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.
- 29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.
- 30 I and *my* Father are one.

3. Ps. 46:1-7 (to ;)

- 1 GOD *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.
- 4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High.
- 5 God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.
- 6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.
- 7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us;

4. Rev. 22:1-10

- 1 AND he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.
- 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:
- 4 And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.
- 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.
- 6 And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

- 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
- 8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.
- 9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it* not: for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.
- 10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

5. Mark 16:9-11, 14-20

- 9 ¶ Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
- 10 *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.
- 11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.
- 14 ¶ Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.
- 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
- 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
- 19 ¶ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.
- 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

6. I John 3:1-3

- 1 BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Science and Health With Key To The Scriptures

1. SH 162:9-11

The effect of this Science is

to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind.

2. SH 468:8-15

Question. — What is the scientific statement of being?

- 9 *Answer.* — There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal
12 Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore
15 man is not material; he is spiritual.

3. SH 492:3-13

- 3 For right reasoning there should be but one fact before the thought, namely, spiritual existence. In reality there is no other existence, since Life cannot be united to its
6 unlikeness, mortality.

- Being is holiness, harmony, immortality. It is already proved that a knowledge of this, even in small degree,
9 will uplift the physical and moral standard of mortals, will increase longevity, will purify and elevate character. Thus progress will finally destroy
12 all error, and bring immortality to light. We know that a statement proved to be good must be correct.

Mind one and all

4. SH 586:15-17

- 15 **FIRMAMENT.** Spiritual understanding; the scientific line of demarcation between Truth and error, between Spirit and so-called matter.

5. SH 289:25-2

- The spiritual fact and the material belief of things are contradictions; but the spiritual is true, and therefore the
27 material must be untrue. Life is not in matter.

- Therefore it cannot be said to pass out of matter. Matter and death are mortal illusions. Spirit and
30 all things spiritual are the real and eternal.

- Man is not the offspring of flesh, but of Spirit, — of Life, not of matter. Because Life is God, Life must be
290:1 eternal, self-existent. Life is the everlasting I AM, the Being who was and is and shall be, whom nothing can erase.

Spiritual
offspring

6. SH 129:1

- So in Christian Science there are no discords nor contradictions, because its logic is as
3 harmonious as the reasoning of an accurately stated syllogism or of a properly computed sum in arithmetic.
Truth is ever truthful, and can tolerate no error in
6 premise or conclusion.

7. SH 282:3-21

3 The real Life, or Mind, and its opposite, the so-called
material life and mind, are figured by two geometrical
symbols, a circle or sphere and a straight
6 line. The circle represents the infinite with-
out beginning or end; the straight line represents the
finite, which has both beginning and end. The sphere
9 represents good, the self-existent and eternal individuality
or Mind; the straight line represents evil, a belief in
a self-made and temporary material existence. Eternal
12 Mind and temporary material existence never unite in
figure or in fact.

Figures of being

A straight line finds no abiding-place in a curve, and a
15 curve finds no adjustment to a straight line. Similarly,
matter has no place in Spirit, and Spirit has
no place in matter. Truth has no home in
18 error, and error has no foothold in Truth. Mind cannot
pass into non-intelligence and matter, nor can non-intel-
ligence become Soul. At no point can these opposites
21 mingle or unite.

Opposite
symbols

8. SH 113:26-11

The divine metaphysics of Christian Science, like the
27 method in mathematics, proves the rule by inversion.
For example: There is no pain in Truth, and
no truth in pain; no nerve in Mind, and no
30 mind in nerve; no matter in Mind, and no mind in mat-
ter; no matter in Life, and no life in matter; no matter
in good, and no good in matter.

Metaphysical
inversions

114:1 Usage classes both evil and good together as *mind*;
therefore, to be understood, the author calls sick and sin-
3 ful humanity *mortal mind*, — meaning by this
term the flesh opposed to Spirit, the human
mind and evil in contradistinction to the divine Mind, or
6 Truth and good. The spiritually unscientific definition
of mind is based on the evidence of the physical senses,
which makes minds many and calls *mind* both human and
9 divine.

Definition of
mortal mind

In Science, Mind is *one*, including noumenon and phe-
nomena, God and His thoughts.

9. SH 109:4

Christian Science reveals incontrovertibly that Mind
is All-in-all, that the only realities are the divine Mind
6 and idea. This great fact is not, however, seen
to be supported by sensible evidence, until its
divine Principle is demonstrated by healing the sick and
9 thus proved absolute and divine. This proof once seen,
no other conclusion can be reached.

Scientific
evidence

10. SH 318:28

The governor is not subjected to the governed. In Science man is governed by God, divine Principle, as numbers are controlled and proved by His laws. Intelligence does not originate in numbers, but is manifested through them. The body does not include soul, but manifests mortality, a false sense of soul. The delusion that there is life in matter has no kinship with the Life supernal.

11. SH 418:5

Stick to the truth of being in contradistinction to the error that life, substance, or intelligence can be in matter. Plead with an honest conviction of truth and a clear perception of the unchanging, unerring, and certain effect of divine Science. Then, if your fidelity is half equal to the truth of your plea, you will heal the sick.

Christian
pleading

12. SH 428:22

The great spiritual fact must be brought out that man *is*, not *shall be*, perfect and immortal. We must hold forever the consciousness of existence, and sooner or later, through Christ and Christian Science, we must master sin and death. The evidence of man's immortality will become more apparent, as material beliefs are given up and the immortal facts of being are admitted.

The present
immortality

13. SH 505:20

Spiritual sense is the discernment of spiritual good. Understanding is the line of demarcation between the real and unreal. Spiritual understanding unfolds Mind, — Life, Truth, and Love, — and demonstrates the divine sense, giving the spiritual proof of the universe in Christian Science.

14. SH 151:26

All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal. The straight and narrow way is to see and acknowledge this fact, yield to this power, and follow the leadings of truth.