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Wisdom and Understanding in Christian Science

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

- The Bible

Prov. 1:1-3; 2:1-9, 20; 3:1-8, 13, 15-26

- 1 THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

- 1 MY son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
- 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;
- 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;
- 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;
- 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.
- 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
- 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
- 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; *yea*, every good path.
- 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.

- 1 MY son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments;
- 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.
- 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
- 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
- 5 ¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
- 7 ¶ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
- 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.
- 13 ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding.

- 15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
- 16 Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.
- 17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.
- 18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.
- 19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.
- 20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.
- 21 ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:
- 22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.
- 23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.
- 24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
- 25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.
- 26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Matt. 4:23, 25 (to people)

- 23 ¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
- 25 And there followed him great multitudes of people

Matt. 5:1-10, 13-16

- 1 AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- 13 ¶ Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
- 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matt. 7:13, 14, 24-29

- 13 ¶ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
- 14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
- 24 ¶ Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
- 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
- 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.
- 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:
- 29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

Matt. 10:1, 5 (to 3rd), 8

- 1 AND when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.
- 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying,
- 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

- Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

SH 341:8-4, 16-28

Jesus

- 9 said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" [Truth].

- 12 In Christian Science mere opinion is valueless. Proof is essential to a due estimate of this subject. Sneers at the application of the word *Science* to Christianity cannot prevent that from being scientific which is based on divine Principle, demonstrated ac-
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ording to a divine given rule, and subjected to proof.
The facts are so absolute and numerous in support of
18 Christian Science, that misrepresentation and denuncia-
342:1 tion cannot overthrow it. Paul alludes to “doubtful dis-
3 putations.” The hour has struck when proof and demon-
stration, instead of opinion and dogma, are summoned to
the support of Christianity, “making wise the simple.”

If Christianity is not scientific, and Science is not of
18 God, then there is no invariable law, and truth becomes
an accident. Shall it be denied that a system
which works according to the Scriptures has
Scriptural authority?

Christianity
scientific

21 Christian Science awakens the sinner, reclaims the
infidel, and raises from the couch of pain the helpless
invalid. It speaks to the dumb the words of
24 Truth, and they answer with rejoicing. It
causes the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, and the blind
to see. Who would be the first to disown the Christli-
27 ness of good works, when our Master says, “By their
fruits ye shall know them”?

Argument of
good works

SH 343:4

James said: “Show me thy faith without thy works, and
I will show thee my faith by my works.”

SH 367:17-27

18 A Christian Scientist occupies the place at this period
of which Jesus spoke to his disciples, when he said: “Ye
are the salt of the earth.” “Ye are the light
of the world. A city that is set on an hill can-
21 not be hid.” Let us watch, work, and pray that this salt
lose not its saltness, and that this light be not hid, but
radiate and glow into noontide glory.

The salt of the
earth

24 The infinite Truth of the Christ-cure has come to this
age through a “still, small voice,” through silent utter-
ances and divine anointing which quicken and increase
27 the beneficial effects of Christianity.

SH 323:28-5

The effects of Christian Science are not so much seen
as felt. It is the “still, small voice” of Truth
30 uttering itself. We are either turning away
from this utterance, or we are listening to it and going
up higher. Willingness to become as a little child and
324:1 to leave the old for the new, renders thought receptive of
the advanced idea. Gladness to leave the false landmarks
3 and joy to see them disappear, — this disposition helps

Childlike
receptivity

to precipitate the ultimate harmony. The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress.

SH 451:8

Students of Christian Science, who start with its letter
9 and think to succeed without the spirit, will either make
shipwreck of their faith or be turned sadly
awry. They must not only seek, but strive,
12 to enter the narrow path of Life, for “wide is the gate,
and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and
many there be which go in thereat.” Man walks in the
15 direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure
is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affec-
tions are spiritual, they come from above, not from be-
18 neath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

Treasure in
heaven

SH 14:12-22, 25

12 Become conscious for a single moment that Life and
intelligence are purely spiritual, — neither in nor of
matter, — and the body will then utter no
15 complaints. If suffering from a belief in
sickness, you will find yourself suddenly well. Sorrow
is turned into joy when the body is controlled by spir-
18 itual Life, Truth, and Love. Hence the hope of the
promise Jesus bestows: “He that believeth on me,
the works that I do shall he do also; . . . because I
21 go unto my Father,” — [because the Ego is absent from
the body, and present with Truth and Love.]

Spiritualized
consciousness

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of mate-
rial living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual under-
27 standing and the consciousness of man’s dominion
over the whole earth. This understanding casts out
error and heals the sick, and with it you can speak
30 “as one having authority.”

SH 37:16

When will Jesus’ professed followers learn to emulate
him in *all* his ways and to imitate his mighty works?
18 Those who procured the martyrdom of that
righteous man would gladly have turned his
sacred career into a mutilated doctrinal platform. May
21 the Christians of to-day take up the more practical im-
port of that career! It is possible, — yea, it is the duty
and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow
24 in some degree the example of the Master by the demon-
stration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness. Chris-
tians claim to be his followers, but do they follow him in

Complete
emulation

27 the way that he commanded? Hear these imperative com-
mands : “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father
which is in heaven is perfect!” “Go ye into all the world,
30 and preach the gospel to every creature!” “*Heal the
sick!*”

SH 337:29-2 Subject

Subject sickness, sin, and death to the rule
30 of health and holiness in Christian Science,
and you ascertain that this Science is demon-
strably true, for it heals the sick and sinning as no
338:1 other system can. Christian Science, rightly under-
stood, leads to eternal harmony.

Truth
demonstrated

SH 497:3 As, 24 And

3 As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word
of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.
24 And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for
that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to
do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and
27 to be merciful, just, and pure.

Hymns

Hm. 474

Father, we Your loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,
Knowing well that You wilt keep us
Ever in Your blessed way.
You are Love and You are wisdom,
You are Life and You are All;
In Your Spirit living, moving,
We shall neither faint nor fall.

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Come we daily then, dear Father,
Open hearts and willing hands,
Eager ears, expectant, joyful,
Ready for Your right commands.
We would hear no other voices,
We would heed no other call;
You alone art good and gracious,
You our Mind and You our All.

.
In Your house securely dwelling,
Where Your children live to bless,
Seeing only Your creation,
We can share Your happiness,
Share Your joy and spend it freely.
Loyal hearts can feel no fear;
We Your children know You, Father,
Love and Life forever near.

Father, we Your loving children
Lift our hearts in joy today,
Knowing well that You wilt keep us
Ever in Your blessed way.
Hymn 256

Hymn 253–257

CHRIST MY REFUGE

MARY BAKER EDDY

(253)

PLEASANT STREET

WILLIAM LYMAN JOHNSON

(254)

NORTON

LYMAN BRACKETT

(255)

REFUGE

PERCY C. BUCK

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(256)

OLDOWN

BASIL HARWOOD

Music by permission of Basil Harwood

(257)

OBLATION

PERCY WHITLOCK

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind
There sweeps a strain,
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind
The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng
Of thoughts, illumed
By faith, and breathed in raptured song,
With love perfumed.

Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show
Life's burdens light.
I kiss the cross, and wake to know
A world more bright.

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea
I see Christ walk,
And come to me, and tenderly,
Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,
Upon Life's shore,
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,
Oh, nevermore!

From tired joy and grief afar,
And nearer Thee,—
Father, where Thine own children are,
I love to be.

My prayer, some daily good to do
To Thine, for Thee;
An offering pure of Love, whereto
God leadeth me.

Hymn 88

Hymn 88, 89

THOMAS T. LYNCH*

(88)

HALLE

SCHICHT'S CHORALBUCH, 1819

(89)

JESU, JESU, DU MEIN HIRT

PAUL HEINLEIN

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be,
And with words that help and heal
Would Thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek
Christ's own gracious spirit speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be,
And with wisdom kind and clear
Let Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly
Follow Christ's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be,
Mighty, that I may prevail
Where unaided man must fail;

Ever by triumphant hope
Pressing on and bearing up.

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