

2018-09-12 Countering storms
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In her Miscellaneous Writings 1883-1896, Mary Baker Eddy tells us:

1. Mis. 362:25-26

We all must find shelter from the storm and tempest in the tabernacle of Spirit.

She also writes:

2. Mis. 152:22-26

Thus founded upon the rock of Christ, when storm and tempest beat against this sure foundation, you, safely sheltered in the strong tower of hope, faith, and Love, are God's nestlings; and He will hide you in His feathers till the storm has passed.

With this as our starting point, let us now turn to our pastor, the Holy Bible and our Christian Science textbook.

Holy Bible

1. Ps. 55:1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 16 I, 17, 22

Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise; ... Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me. And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. ... I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest. ... I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. ... Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

2. Matt. 14:14, 15 (to), 22-33 Jesus

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. ¶ And when it was evening, ... Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a 2/09/2018, 21:50

spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

3. Ps. 107:1, 2 (to), 6 they, 7 , 29–31

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, ... they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. ... He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

4. Matt. 8:5 (to Jesus), 23–27 was

¶ And when Jesus ... was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

5. Ps. 89:8, 9, 11, 15–18

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them. ... The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. ... Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted. For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.

6. Isa. 25:1, 4 thou (to 3rd)

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. ... thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm,

7. Isa. 54:11, 13, 14

¶ O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. ... And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

Science and Health

1. SH 280:2–7 elements

elements of discord and decay are not products of the infinite, perfect, and eternal All. From Love and from the light and harmony which are the abode of Spirit, only reflections of good can come. All things beautiful and harmless are ideas of Mind.

*The things
of God are
beautiful*

2. SH 207:27; 208:17–25

The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things. The spiritual fact, repeated in the action of man and the whole universe, is harmonious and is the ideal of Truth. Spiritual facts are not

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inverted; the opposite discord, which bears no resemblance to spirituality, is not real. The only evidence of this inversion is obtained from suppositional error, which affords no proof of God, Spirit, or of the spiritual creation. Material sense defines all things materially, and has a finite sense of the infinite. ... John Young of Edinburgh writes: "God is the father of mind, and of nothing else." Such an utterance is "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" of human beliefs and preparing the way of Science. Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen. Mind, not matter, is causation.

3. SH 414:21–23

The Scripture declares, "The Lord He is God [good]; there is none else beside Him." Even so, harmony is universal, and discord is unreal.

4. SH 276:12, 26 Discord

The realization that all inharmony is unreal brings objects and thoughts into human view in their true light, and presents them as beautiful and immortal. Harmony in man is as real and immortal as in music. Discord is unreal and mortal. ... Discord is the nothingness named error. Harmony is the somethingness named Truth.

5. SH 182:32

The law of Christ, or Truth, makes all things possible to Spirit; but the so-called laws of matter would render Spirit of no avail, and demand obedience to materialistic codes, thus departing from the basis of one God, one lawmaker. To suppose that God constitutes laws of inharmony is a mistake; discords have no support from nature or divine law, however much is said to the contrary.

6. SH 231:16

God is not the author of mortal discords. Therefore we accept the conclusion that discords have only a fabulous existence, are mortal beliefs which divine Truth and Love destroy.

7. SH 563:1-2

Human sense may well marvel at discord, while, to a diviner sense, harmony is the real and discord the unreal.

8. SH 495:20

Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony.

9. SH 96:12–30; 97:7, 26

This material world is even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismay; on the other side there will be Science and peace. The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want and woe, sin, sickness, and death, which assume new phases until their nothingness appears. These disturbances will continue until the end of error, when all discord will be swallowed up in spiritual Truth. Mortal error will vanish in a moral chemicalization. This mental fermentation has begun, and will continue until all errors of belief yield to understanding. Belief is changeable, but spiritual understanding is changeless. As this consummation draws nearer, he who has shaped his course in accordance with divine Science will endure to the end. As material knowledge diminishes and spiritual understanding increases, real objects will be apprehended mentally instead of materially. ... According to human belief, the lightning is fierce and the electric current swift, yet in Christian Science the flight of one and the blow of the other will become harmless. The more destructive matter becomes, the more its nothingness will appear, until matter reaches its mortal zenith in illusion and forever disappears. The nearer a false belief approaches truth without passing the boundary where, having been destroyed by divine Love, it ceases to be even an illusion, the riper it becomes for destruction. The more material the belief, the more obvious its error, until divine Spirit, supreme in its domain, dominates all matter, and man is found in the likeness of Spirit, his original being. ... "He uttered His voice, the earth melted." This Scripture indicates that all matter will disappear

Arena of contest

Millennial glory

Dangerous resemblances

before the supremacy of Spirit.

10. SH 288:10

When the final physical and moral effects of Christian Science are fully apprehended, the conflict between truth and error, understanding and belief, Science and material sense, foreshadowed by the prophets and inaugurated by Jesus, will cease, and spiritual harmony reign. The lightnings and thunderbolts of error may burst and flash till the cloud is cleared and the tumult dies away in the distance. Then the raindrops of divinity refresh the earth. As St. Paul says: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (of Spirit).

11. SH 355:11

Let discord of every name and nature be heard no more, and let the harmonious and true sense of Life and being take possession of human consciousness.

12. SH 506:10–12

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony. The calm and exalted thought or spiritual apprehension is at peace.

Hymns

1. Hymn. 253:1-7

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. //

2. Hymn. 162:1-5

It matters not what be thy lot, / So Love doth guide; / For storm or shine, pure peace is thine, /
Whate'er betide. // And of these stones, or tyrants' thrones, / God able is / To raise up seed—in
thought and deed— / To faithful His. // Aye, darkling sense, arise, go hence! / Our God is good. /
False fears are foes—truth tatters those, / When understood. // Love looseth thee, and lifteth me, /
Ayont hate's thrall: / There Life is light, and wisdom might, / And God is All. // The centuries
break, the earth-bound wake, / God's glorified! / Who doth His will—His likeness still— / Is
satisfied. //

3. Hymn. 93:1-4

Happy the man whose heart can rest, / Assured God's goodness ne'er will cease; / Each day,
complete, with joy is blessed, / God keepeth him in perfect peace. // God keepeth him, and God
is one, / One Life, forevermore the same, / One Truth unchanged while ages run; / Eternal Love
His holiest name. // Dwelling in Love that cannot change, / From anxious fear man finds release;
/ No more his homeless longings range, / God keepeth him in perfect peace. // In perfect peace,
with tumult stilled, / Enhavened where no storms arise, / There man can work what God hath
willed; / The joy of perfect work his prize. //

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