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Wednesday



"Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?" These are the words of the prophet Malachi, from the Old Testament. Let us hear more about this from our Pastor: the Holy Bible and our Christian Science textbook.



Holy Bible

1. Gen. 1:1, 2 (to And), 27 man (to), 27 male

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And ... man in his own image, ... male and female created he them.

2. Matt. 23:1, 2 (to), 9 call

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, ... call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

3. Mark 12:28 (to 2nd and), 28–32 asked

¶ And one of the scribes came, and ... asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

4. Eph. 4:4 (to 2nd), 6, 17, 18, 20–25, 29, 31, 32

There is one body, and one Spirit, ... One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. ... This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: ... But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man

truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. ... Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. ... Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

5. Ps. 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

6. Eph. 4:3

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

7. I John 2:1, 3, 5–10 whoso, 12, 13, 20 ye, 21, 24

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: ... And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. ... whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. ... I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. ... ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. ... Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

8. I John 5:7, 9–13, 18, 20

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. ... If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. ... We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not;

but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. ... And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.



Science and Health

1. SH 331:11 The, 18 God, 26 Life; 332:4 Father-Mother

The Scriptures imply that God is All-in-all. From this it follows that nothing possesses reality nor existence except the divine Mind and His ideas. The Scriptures also declare that God is Spirit. Therefore in Spirit all is harmony, and there can be no discord; all is Life, and there is no death. Everything in God's universe expresses Him. ... God is individual, incorporeal. He is divine Principle, Love, the universal cause, the only creator, and there is no other self-existence. He is all-inclusive, and is reflected by all that is real and eternal and by nothing else. He fills all space, and it is impossible to conceive of such omnipresence and individuality except as infinite Spirit or Mind. Hence all is Spirit and spiritual. ... Life, Truth, and Love constitute the triune Person called God, — that is, the triply divine Principle, Love. They represent a trinity in unity, three in one, — the same in essence, though multiform in office: God the Father-Mother; Christ the spiritual idea of sonship; divine Science or the Holy Comforter. These three express in divine Science the threefold, essential nature of the infinite. They also indicate the divine Principle of scientific being, the intelligent relation of God to man and the universe. ... Father-Mother is the name for Deity, which indicates His tender relationship to His spiritual creation. As the apostle expressed it in words which he quoted with approbation from a classic poet: “For we are also His offspring.”

Allness of Spirit

The universal cause

Divine trinity

Father-Mother

2. SH 476:28–5; 477:9–17 To

When speaking of God's children, not the children of men, Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is within you;” that is, Truth and Love reign in the real man, showing that man in God's image is unfallen and eternal. Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals. In this perfect man the Saviour saw God's own likeness, and this correct view of man healed the sick. Thus Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is intact, universal, and that man is pure and holy. ... To the five corporeal senses, man appears to be matter and mind united; but Christian Science reveals man as the idea of God, and declares the corporeal senses to be mortal and erring illusions. Divine Science shows it to be impossible that a material body, though interwoven with matter's highest stratum, misnamed mind, should be man, — the genuine and perfect man, the immortal idea of being, indestructible and eternal.

The kingdom within

Material body never God's idea

3. SH 191:4

As mortals give up the delusion that there is more than one Mind, more than one God, man in God's likeness will appear, and this eternal man will include in that likeness no material element.

4. SH 148:7

Neither anatomy nor theology has ever described man as created by Spirit, — as God's man. The former explains the men of *men*, or the “children of men,” as created corporeally instead of spiritually and as emerging from the lowest, instead of from the highest, conception of being. Both anatomy and theology define man as both physical and mental, and place mind at the mercy of matter for every function, formation, and manifestation. Anatomy takes up man at all points materially. It loses Spirit, drops the true tone, and accepts the discord. Anatomy and theology reject the divine Principle which produces harmonious man, and deal — the one wholly, the other primarily — with matter, calling that *man* which is not the counterpart, but the counterfeit, of God's man. Then theology tries to explain how to make this man a Christian, — how from this basis of division and discord to produce the concord and unity of Spirit and His likeness.

The man of anatomy and of theology

5. SH 167:11–12, 22–26

We cannot serve two masters nor perceive divine Science with the material senses. ... It is not wise to take a halting and half-way position or to expect to work equally with Spirit and matter, Truth and error. There is but one way — namely, God and His idea — which leads to spiritual being.

Half-way success

6. SH 94:1–6

Jesus taught but one God, one Spirit, who makes man in the image and likeness of Himself, — of Spirit, not of matter. Man reflects infinite Truth, Life, and Love. The nature of man, thus understood, includes all that is implied by the terms “image” and “likeness” as used in Scripture.

Scientific man

7. SH 467:9

It should be thoroughly understood that all men have one Mind, one God and Father, one Life, Truth, and Love. Mankind will become perfect in proportion as this fact becomes apparent, war will cease and the true brotherhood of man will be established. Having no other gods, turning to no other but the one perfect Mind to guide him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ.

8. SH 249:1–10

Let us accept Science, relinquish all theories based on sense-testimony, give up imperfect models and illusive ideals; and so let us have one God, one Mind, and that one perfect, producing His own models of excellence. Let the “male and female” of God's creating appear. Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as

Renewed selfhood

able to destroy. Let us rejoice that we are subject to the divine “powers that be.” Such is the true Science of being.



Hymns

1. Hymn. 196:1-2

Now is the time approaching, / By prophets long foretold, / When all shall dwell together, / One Shepherd and one fold. / Now Jew and Gentile, meeting / From many a distant shore, / Around one altar kneeling, / One common Lord adore. // Let all that now divides us / Remove and pass away, / Like shadows of the morning / Before the blaze of day. / Let all that now unites us / More sweet and lasting prove, / A closer bond of union, / In a blest land of love. //

2. Hymn. 482:1-5

God created us in His own image, / All the universe is His creation too; / He created us as His reflection, / Filling us with wisdom, bold and true. // Life is made for living to the fullest, / Spirit made us knowing who we truly are, / Knowing how to see reality, / Pure and innocent and free, / Made in the likeness of our God. // REFRAIN / This clear view of man is perfect, / Seen in all the radiance of light; / Here we find our nature revealed, / Spiritual and whole in God's sight. // Everything our Master Jesus taught us / Showed the way to love each other dearly, / When he healed the sick and freed the sinner, / Seeing them in God's own light so clearly. // As we gain the perfect understanding / That eternal Mind is the All-in-all, / We shall come to see reality, / Pure and innocent and free, / Made in the likeness of our God. // REFRAIN /

3. Hymn. 371:1-3

We lift our hearts in praise, / O God of Life, to Thee, / And would reflect in all our ways / Thy purity. / Thy thoughts our lives enfold, / And free us from all fear; / All strife is stilled, all grief consoled, / For Thou art here. // We lift our hearts in praise, / O God of Truth, to Thee, / And find within Thy perfect law / Our liberty. / We bless Thy mighty name / In this exalted hour, / And to the world in faith proclaim / Thy healing power. // We lift our hearts in praise, / O God of Love, to Thee, / With joy to find through darkened days / Thy harmony. / O Father-Mother Love, / We triumph 'neath Thy rod, / We glory in Thy light, and prove / That Thou art God. //