

2019-03-27 Universal Love



In our Christian Science textbook, we read: "Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals." (SH 13:2-3). Let us hear of the healing implications of this from our Pastor:

The Holy Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy.



The Holy Bible

1. I John 4:16 2nd God (to ;)

... God is love; ...

2. Gen. 1:1, 27 God, 31 (to 1st .); 2:1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ...

... God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ...

And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. ...

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

3. Neh. 9:6

Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

4. Ps. 86:7-10

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me. Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* like unto thy works. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous things: thou *art* God alone.

5. Isa. 42:18

Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

6. Matt. 20:30–34

¶ And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David. And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, *thou* son of David. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

7. Luke 17:12–14

And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

8. Acts 3:1–10

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

9. Isa. 52:9–11

¶ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. ¶ Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean *thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

10. Rom. 12:1, 2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

11. Eph. 3:14–19

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

12. Rom. 8:35, 37–39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

13. I John 5:3, 4

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

14. Zeph. 3:14, 15

¶ Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.



Science and Health

1. SH 414:21–23, 26

The Scripture declares, “The Lord He is God [good]; there is none else beside Him.” Even so, harmony is universal, and discord is unreal. ... Keep in mind the verity of being, — that man is the image and likeness of God, in whom all being is painless and permanent. Remember that man's perfection is real and unimpeachable, whereas imperfection is blameworthy, unreal, and is not brought about by divine Love.

2. SH 302:25 (only)

God is Love.

3. SH 140:23–27; 141:1–3, 10–21

The Jewish tribal Jehovah was a man-projected God, liable to wrath, repentance, and human changeableness. The Christian Science God is universal, eternal

, divine Love, which changeth not and causeth no evil, disease, nor death. ...

Anthropo-
morphism

This indicates the distance between the theological and ritualistic religion of the ages and the truth preached by Jesus. ...

All revelation (such is the popular thought!) must come from the schools and along the line of scholarly and ecclesiastical descent, as kings are crowned from a royal dynasty. In healing the sick and sinning, Jesus elaborated the fact that the healing effect followed the understanding of the divine Principle and of the Christ-spirit which governed the corporeal Jesus. For this Principle there is no dynasty, no ecclesiastical monopoly. Its only crowned head is immortal sovereignty. Its only priest is the spiritualized man. The Bible declares that all believers are made “kings and priests unto God.”

No
ecclesiastical
monopoly

4. SH 208:20, 31–2; 209:5, 16

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.

... You should banish all thoughts of disease and sin and of other beliefs included in matter. Man, being immortal, has a perfect indestructible life. ...

Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas, the life and light of all its own vast creation; and man is tributary to divine Mind. The material and mortal body or mind is not the man. ...

Allness of
Truth

The compounded minerals or aggregated substances composing the earth, the relations which constituent masses hold to each other, the magnitudes, distances, and revolutions of the celestial bodies, are of no real importance, when we remember that they all must give place to the spiritual fact by the translation of man and the universe back into Spirit. In proportion as this is done, man and the universe will be found harmonious and eternal.

Spiritual
translation

5. SH 476:28–5

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.

The kingdom
within

6. SH 393:29–30, 32; 394:10, 25–29

Man is never sick, for Mind is not sick and matter cannot be. ... It is well to be calm in sickness; to be hopeful is still better; but to understand that sickness is not real and that Truth can destroy its seeming reality, is best of all, for this understanding is the

universal and perfect remedy.

... The admission that any bodily condition is beyond the control of Mind disarms man, prevents him from helping himself, and enthrones matter through error. To those struggling with sickness, such admissions are discouraging, — as much so as would be the advice to a man who is down in the world, that he should not try to rise above his difficulties.

... Is there no divine permission to conquer discord of every kind with harmony, with Truth and Love?

We should remember that Life is God, and that God is omnipotent.

7. SH 364:32–6

Did the careless doctor, the nurse, the cook, and the brusque business visitor sympathetically know the thorns they plant in the pillow of the sick and the heavenly homesick looking away from earth, — Oh, did they know! — this knowledge would do much more towards healing the sick and preparing their helpers for the “midnight call,” than all cries of “Lord, Lord!”

Compassion
requisite

8. SH 395:6–11, 15–23, 27; 396:1

Like the great Exemplar, the healer should speak to disease as one having authority over it, leaving Soul to master the false evidences of the corporeal senses and to assert its claims over mortality and disease. The same Principle cures both sin and sickness. ...

Divine
authority

Prayers, in which God is not asked to heal but is besought to take the patient to Himself, do not benefit the sick. An ill-tempered, complaining, or deceitful person should not be a nurse. The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love.

Aids in
sickness

It is mental quackery to make disease a reality — to hold it as something seen and felt — and then to attempt its cure through Mind. ... Mental practice, which holds disease as a reality, fastens disease on the patient, and it may appear in a more alarming form.

... One should never hold in mind the thought of disease, but should efface from thought all forms and types of disease, both for one's own sake and for that of the patient.

Effacing
images of
disease

9. SH 76:18–26

Suffering, sinning, dying beliefs are unreal. When divine Science is universally understood, they will have no power over man, for man is immortal and lives by divine authority.

The sinless joy, — the perfect harmony and immortality of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness without a single bodily pleasure or pain, —

constitutes the only veritable, indestructible man, whose being is spiritual.

Immaterial
pleasure

10. SH 293:28

Christian Science brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal harmony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness of evil.

11. SH 519:9–11, 17

Thus the ideas of God in universal being are complete and forever expressed, for Science reveals infinity and the fatherhood and motherhood of Love. ... How shall we declare Him, till, in the language of the apostle, “we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ”?

12. SH 266:18 Universal

Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science.



Hymns

1. Hymn. 35:1–3

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, / Christ, the true, the perfect Light, / Sun of righteousness, arise, / Triumph o'er the shades of night; / Dayspring from on high, be near, / Daystar, in my heart appear. /

Dark and cheerless is the morn / Uncompanioned, Lord, by thee; / Joyless is the day's return, / Till thy mercy's beams I see; / Till they inward light impart, / Glad my eyes, and warm my heart. /

Visit then this soul of mine, / Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; / Fill me, radiancy divine, / Scatter all my unbelief; / More and more thyself display, / Shining to the perfect day.

2. Hymn. 444:1-3

Be still, my heart: you rest in Love divine; / God's gracious touch has silenced grief and pain. / Love's timeless Christ allows for no decline; / In changeless being shall your health remain. / Be still, my heart: your faithful only Friend / Secures your joyful voyage without end. /

Be still, my heart: of present glories sing, / Instead of mourning for a troubled past. / Replace sad tunes with melodies that ring / Of God's rich mercy and of blessings vast. / Be still, my heart: the winds and waves recede / When to God's angel voices you give heed. /

Be still, my heart: our God casts out all fears, / Assuring you that God and man are one; / And in that oneness here and now appears / Love's everlasting life, with death

outdone. / Be still, my heart: no lies, no tears, no curse / Can mar the rhythm of God's universe.

3. Hymn. 13:1-3

Arise ye people, take your stand, / Cast out your idols from the land, / Above all doctrine, form or creed / Is found the Truth that meets your need. / Christ's promise stands: they that believe / His works shall do, his power receive. /

Go forward then, and as ye preach / So let your works confirm your speech, / And prove to all with following sign / The Word of God is power divine. / In love and healing ministry / Show forth the Truth that makes men free. /

O Father-Mother God, whose plan / Hath given dominion unto man, / In Thine own image we may see / Man pure and upright, whole and free. / And ever through our work shall shine / That light whose glory, Lord, is Thine.

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