

2019-04-03 Divine reflection



Today, let us explore how we can experience Christ-healing, through an awareness of our true nature as the image and likeness of God. I shall now read from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy.



The Holy Bible

1. Col. 1:1–6, 9–17, 23 (to 1st ;), 26–28

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus *our* brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard *of it*, and knew the grace of God in truth: ...

For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. ...

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; ...

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is

made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

2. John 9:1–7

And as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

3. Mark 4:22 there

... there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

4. I Cor. 3:16, 23

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

...

And ye are Christ's; and Christ *is* God's.

5. Phil. 2:13 it

... it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

6. I John 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

7. John 3:21 he

... he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

8. II Cor. 4:1, 2, 6–9, 17, 18

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ...

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of

God, and not of us. *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; ...

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

9. Ps. 16:1, 5, 6, 8–11

Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. ...

The LORD *is* the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage. ...

I have set the LORD always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.



Science and Health

1. SH 94:1–4

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.

Scientific
man

2. SH 305:6–8

Man, in the likeness of his Maker, reflects the central light of being, the invisible God.

Human
reflection

3. SH 258:11–15

Man reflects infinity,
and this reflection is the true idea of God.

Infinity's
reflection

God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.

4. SH 515:21 Man

Man is the family name for all ideas, — the sons and daughters of God. All that God imparts moves in accord with Him, reflecting goodness and power.

5. SH 301:5–6

Few persons comprehend what Christian Science means by the word *reflection*.

6. SH 515:25–2; 516:4

Your mirrored reflection is your own image or likeness. If you lift a weight, your reflection does this also. If you speak, the lips of this likeness move in accord with yours. Now compare man before the mirror to his divine Principle, God. Call the mirror divine Science, and call man the reflection. Then note how true, according to Christian Science, is the reflection to its original. ... The substance, Life, intelligence, Truth, and Love, which constitute Deity, are reflected by His creation; and when we subordinate the false testimony of the corporeal senses to the facts of Science, we shall see this true likeness and reflection everywhere.

Reflected
likeness

7. SH 476:32–7

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. Man is not a material habitation for Soul; he is himself spiritual.

8. SH 249:31–13

Man is the reflection of Soul. He is the direct opposite of material sensation, and there is but one Ego. We run into error when we divide Soul into souls, multiply Mind into minds and suppose error to be mind, then mind to be in matter and matter to be a lawgiver, unintelligence to act like intelligence, and mortality to be the matrix of immortality.

Philosophical
blunders

Mortal existence is a dream; mortal existence has no real entity, but saith “It is I.” Spirit is the Ego which never dreams, but understands all things; which never errs, and is ever conscious; which never believes, but knows; which is never born and never dies. Spiritual man is the likeness of this Ego. Man is not God, but like a ray of light which comes from the sun, man, the outcome of God, reflects God.

Spirit the
one Ego

9. SH 305:13

The verity that God's image is not a creator, though he reflects the creation of Mind, God, constitutes the underlying reality of reflection. “Then answered Jesus and said unto them: Verily, verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”

10. SH 259:11, 23–24

The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea, — perfect God and perfect man, — as the basis of thought and demonstration. ...

... God, Spirit, works spiritually, not materially.

11. SH 72:17–19, 21–23

Perfection is not expressed through imperfection. Spirit is not made manifest through matter, the antipode of Spirit. ...

God, good, being ever present, it follows in divine logic that evil, the suppositional opposite of good, is never present.

12. SH 83:16

The belief that the universe, including man, is governed in general by material laws, but that occasionally Spirit sets aside these laws, — this belief belittles omnipotent wisdom, and gives to matter the precedence over Spirit.

13. SH 52:19–23

The “man of sorrows” best understood the nothingness of material life and intelligence and the mighty actuality of all-inclusive God, good. These were the two cardinal points of Mind-healing, or Christian Science, which armed him with Love.

Saviour's
prediction

14. SH 13:25–29; 14:1

Because of human ignorance of the divine Principle, Love, the Father of all is represented as a corporeal creator; hence men recognize themselves as merely physical, and are ignorant of man as God's image or reflection and of man's eternal incorporeal existence. ...

If we are sensibly with the body and regard omnipotence as a corporeal, material person, whose ear we would gain, we are not “absent from the body” and “present with the Lord” in the demonstration of Spirit. We cannot “serve two masters.” To be “present with the Lord” is to have, not mere emotional ecstasy or faith, but the actual demonstration and understanding of Life as revealed in Christian Science. To be “with the Lord” is to be in obedience to the law of God, to be absolutely governed by divine Love, — by Spirit, not by matter.

Bodily
presence

15. SH 99:23

The calm, strong currents of true spirituality, the manifestations of which are health, purity, and self-immolation, must deepen human experience, until the beliefs of material existence are seen to be a bald imposition, and sin, disease, and death give everlasting place to the scientific demonstration of divine Spirit and to God's spiritual, perfect man.

16. SH 559:8–12, 14–16

The “still, small voice” of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean to the globe's remotest bound. The inaudible voice of Truth is, to the human mind, “as when a lion roareth.” It is heard in the desert and in dark places of fear. ... Then is the power of Truth demonstrated, — made manifest in the destruction of error.

17. SH 583:12–19

CHURCH. The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle.

The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick.

18. SH 495:28–31

Adhere to the divine Principle of Christian Science and follow the behests of God, abiding steadfastly in wisdom, Truth, and Love.

Rudiments
and growth

19. SH 280:4–6

From Love and from the light and harmony
which are the abode of Spirit, only reflections of good can come.

The things
of God are
beautiful



Hymns

1. Hymn. 452:1-5

Brood o'er us with Thy shelt'ring wing, / 'Neath which our spirits blend / Like brother birds, that soar and sing, / And on the same branch bend. / The arrow that doth wound the dove / Darts not from those who watch and love. /

If thou the bending reed wouldst break / By thought or word unkind, / Pray that his spirit you partake, / Who loved and healed mankind: / Seek holy thoughts and heavenly strain, / That make men one in love remain. /

Learn, too, that wisdom's rod is given / For faith to kiss, and know; / That greetings glorious from high heaven, / Whence joys supernal flow, / Come from that Love, divinely near, / Which chastens pride and earth-born fear, /

Through God, who gave that word of might / Which swelled creation's lay: / "Let there be light, and there was light." / What chased the clouds away? / 'Twas Love whose finger traced aloud / A bow of promise on the cloud. /

Thou to whose power our hope we give, / Free us from human strife. / Fed by Thy love divine we live, / For Love alone is Life; / And life most sweet, as heart to heart / Speaks kindly when we meet and part.

2. Hymn. 109:1-2

Here, O God, Thy healing presence / Lifts our thoughts from self and sin, / Fills with light their hidden places, / When Thy love is welcomed in. / Here Thy tender sweet persuasions / Turn us home to heavenly ways, / While our hearts, unsealed, adoring, /

Pour the fragrance of Thy praise. /

Reverent lives unveil Thy beauty, / Faithful witness bear of Thee; / Binding up the
broken-hearted, / We reflect Thy radiancy. / So may deeper consecration / Show Thee
forth in healing's sign, / Till through joyful self-surrender / We in Love's pure likeness
shine.

3. Hymn. 66:1-4

From these Thy children gathered in Thy name, / From hearts made whole, from lips
redeemed from woe, / Thy praise, O Father, shall forever flow. / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

O perfect Life, in Thy completeness held, / None can beyond Thy omnipresence stray;
/ Safe in Thy Love, we live and sing alway / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

O perfect Mind, reveal Thy likeness true, / That higher selfhood which we all must
prove, / Joy and dominion, love reflecting Love. / Alleluia! Alleluia! /

Thou, Soul, inspiring—give us vision clear, / Break earth-bound fetters, sweep away
the veil, / Show the new heaven and earth that shall prevail. / Alleluia! Alleluia!