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First Hymn

1. Hymn. 172

Lift up thy light, O man, arise and shine, / Steadfast while loud the storms of life assail;
/ Immortal ray of that great Light divine, / 'Gainst whose all-power no tempest shall
prevail. /

Hold high thy lamp above earth's restless tides, / Beacon of hope to those who watch
afar. / Falsehood and fear shall pass, but Truth abides; / Thine be the splendor of her
deathless star. /

Should the world's sin and sorrow round thee rave, / Pierce thou the dark with Truth's
undaunted ray, / Send out its light of joy to help and save, / That more and more shines
to the perfect day.



The readings, from our Pastor: The Holy Bible and the Christian Science
textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures", by Mary Baker
Eddy:

II Cor. 6:17 come (to 2nd ,)

... come out from among them, and be ye separate, ...



The Holy Bible

1. Gen. 13:1 Abram, 2, 5-7 (to :), 8, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18

... Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him,
into the south. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. ...

... ¶ And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the
land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was
great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between the
herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: ...

And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and

between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ...

Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ...

... ¶ And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: ...

Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.

2. Ex. 19:5, 6 (to 1st .)

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. ...

3. Num. 8:5, 6, 13–15 (to :), 16 (to ;)

¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. ...

And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the Lord. Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine. And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: ...

For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; ...

4. II Cor. 6:14–18

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

5. Matt. 25:31–46

¶ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the

goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

6. I Pet. 2:9 ye, 11–13 (to :), 15, 16

... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: ...

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: ...

For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.



Science and Health

1. SH 451:2–4

Christian Scientists must live under the constant pressure of the apostolic command to come out from the material world and be separate.

2. SH 265:5

Mortals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual, — they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite, — in order that sin and mortality may be put off.

3. SH 451:6–18

Christianity, with the crown of Love upon her brow, must be their queen of life.

Students of Christian Science, who start with its letter 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, 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 direction towards which he looks, and where his treasure is, there will his heart be also. If our hopes and affections are spiritual, they come from above, not from beneath, and they bear as of old the fruits of the Spirit.

Treasure
in heaven

4. SH 136:1

Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught his followers that his religion had a divine Principle, which would cast out error and heal both the sick and the sinning. He claimed no intelligence, action, nor life separate from God. Despite the persecution this brought upon him, he used his divine power to save men both bodily and spiritually.

The
Christ-mission

5. SH 547:25–32; 548:2

The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in material history but in spiritual development. Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and immortal.

True theory
of the
universe

It is this spiritual perception of Scripture, which lifts humanity out of disease and death and inspires faith. ... Christian Science separates error from truth, and breathes through the sacred pages the spiritual sense of life, substance, and intelligence. In this Science, we discover man in the image and likeness of God. We see that man has never lost his spiritual estate and his eternal harmony.

Scriptural
perception

6. SH 72:9 As, 21–23

As light destroys darkness and in the place of darkness all is light, so (in absolute Science) Soul, or God, is the only truth-giver to man. Truth destroys mortality, and brings to light immortality. Mortal belief (the material sense of life) and immortal Truth (the spiritual sense) are the tares and the wheat, which are not united by progress, but separated. ...

Spirits
obsolete

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

7. SH 192:19

In Science, you can have no power opposed to God, and the physical senses must give up their false testimony. Your influence for good depends upon the weight you throw into the right scale. The good you do and embody

The one
real power

gives you the only power obtainable. Evil is not power. It is a mockery of strength, which ere long betrays its weakness and falls, never to rise.

8. SH 102:30–2; 103:6–17

Mankind must learn that evil is not power. Its so-called despotism is but a phase of nothingness. Christian Science despoils the kingdom of evil, and pre-eminently promotes affection and virtue in families and therefore in the community. ...

The destruction of the claims of mortal mind through Science, by which man can escape from sin and mortality, blesses the whole human family. As in the beginning, however, this liberation does not scientifically show itself in a knowledge of both good and evil, for the latter is unreal.

Liberation
of mental
powers

On the other hand, Mind-science is wholly separate from any half-way impertinent knowledge, because Mind-science is of God and demonstrates the divine Principle, working out the purposes of good only. The maximum of good is the infinite God and His idea, the All-in-all. Evil is a suppositional lie.

9. SH 42:19–20

The belief that man has existence or mind separate from God is a dying error.

10. SH 204:30–13 2nd The

The error, which says that Soul is in body, Mind is in matter, and good is in evil, must unsay it and cease from such utterances; else God will continue to be hidden from humanity, and mortals will sin without knowing that they are sinning, will lean on matter instead of Spirit, stumble with lameness, drop with drunkenness, consume with disease, — all because of their blindness, their false sense concerning God and man.

When will the error of believing that there is life in matter, and that sin, sickness, and death are creations of God, be unmasked? When will it be understood that matter has neither intelligence, life, nor sensation, and that the opposite belief is the prolific source of all suffering? God created all through Mind, and made all perfect and eternal.

Creation
perfect

11. SH 237:23–29; 238:2–9

Some invalids are unwilling to know the facts or to hear about the fallacy of matter and its supposed laws. They devote themselves a little longer to their material gods, cling to a belief in the life and intelligence of matter, and expect this error to do more for them than they are willing to admit the only living and true God can do. ...

Deluded
invalids

... It is well to wait till those whom you would benefit are ready for the blessing, for Science is working changes in personal character as well as in the material universe.

Patient
waiting

To obey the Scriptural command, “Come out from among them, and be ye separate,” is

to incur society's frown; but this frown, more than flatteries, enables one to be Christian.

12. SH 178:32

Whoever reaches the understanding of Christian Science in its proper signification will perform the sudden cures of which it is capable; but this can be done only by taking up the cross and following Christ in the daily life.

13. SH 540:17–21

Science renders “unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” It saith to the human sense of sin, sickness, and death, “God never made you, and you are a false sense which hath no knowledge of God.”

Allegiance
to Spirit

14. SH 14:25

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding 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 “as one having authority.”



Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 431

A holy air is breathing round, / A fragrance from above: / Be every thought from sense unbound, / Be every action love. /

O God, unite us heart to heart, / In sympathy divine, / That we be never drawn apart, / To love not Thee nor Thine; /

But by the life of Jesus taught, / And all his gracious word, / Be nearer to each other brought, / And nearer Thee, O Lord.

3. Hymn. 59

Fight the good fight with all thy might, / Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; / Lay hold on Life, and it shall be / Thy joy and crown eternally. /

Run the straight race through God's good grace, / Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face; / Life with its way before us lies, / Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. /

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; / He changeth not, and thou art dear; / On Him rely and thou shalt see / That Christ is all in all to thee.

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