Our oneness Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Oneness with the Father and each other

The Holy Bible

- 1. John 17:1, 11 Holy
 - ¹ THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
 - 11 Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*.

2. Ps 133:1

¹ BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

3. Eph 4:1-7, 13, 23 be, 24, 31, 32

- ¹ I THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- 4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- ⁶ One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.
- 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- 13 Till 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:
- 23 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.
- 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
- 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

4. Rom 13:8-10

- 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
- 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if

there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

5. I Cor 11:1

1 BE ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

6. James 5:13-16

- 13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.
- 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
- 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
- 16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

7. Rom 8:35-39

- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- 39 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.

8. Luke 15:11-32

- $_{11}$ ¶ And he said, A certain man had two sons:
- 12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.
- 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
- 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
- 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
- 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
- 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
- ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

- 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
- 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
- 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
- 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:
- 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry:
- For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
- 25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.
- 26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.
- 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.
- 28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him.
- 29 And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:
- 30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.
- 31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.
- 32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

9. Rom 8:28 we

we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

10. Mark 10:9

9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

11. Phil 2:1-3, 5

- 1 IF *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
- ² Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.
- 3 *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

12. Phil 3:20

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

13. I Cor 1:10

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

14. John 13:3

³ Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

15. John 17:18-22

- 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
- 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.
- 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
- 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
- 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 202:3

³ The scientific unity which exists between God and man must be wrought out in life-practice, and God's will must be universally done.

2. SH 18:3-5

Jesus of Nazareth taught and demonstrated man's oneness with the Father, and for this we owe him endless homage.

3. SH 269:5

- 3 Jesus' demon-
- 6 strations sift the chaff from the wheat, and unfold the unity and the reality of good, the unreality, the nothingness, of evil.

4. SH 136:1-6

- 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 intelli-
- 6 gence, action, nor life separate from God.

5. SH 271:1-5

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Christ's

- Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing
- in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with
- the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of

Divine oneness

The Christmission God.

6. 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
- 12 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
- 15 him, man is the likeness of God, pure and eternal, having that Mind which was also in Christ.

7. SH 340:15

- 15 "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exodus xx. 3.) The First Commandment is my favorite text. It demonstrates Christian Science. It inculcates the tri-
- 18 unity of God, Spirit, Mind; it signifies that man shall have no other spirit or mind but God, eternal good, and that all men shall have one Mind. The divine Principle
- 21 of the First Commandment bases the Science of being, by which man demonstrates health, holiness, and life eternal. One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; con-
- 24 stitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in
- 27 social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

8. SH 506:10-11

Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony.

9. SH 58:2

Unity of

3 spirit gives new pinions to joy, or else joy's drooping wings trail in dust.

10. SH 91:5

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Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love. Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth.

11. SH 304:3-17

3 It is ignorance and false belief, based on a material sense of things, which hide spiritual beauty and goodness. Understanding this, Paul said: "Nei-

- 6 ther death, nor life, . . . nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from
- 9 the love of God." This is the doctrine of Christian Science: that divine Love cannot be deprived of its manifestation, or object; that joy cannot be turned into
- 12 sorrow, for sorrow is not the master of joy; that good can

Man inseparable from Love

never produce evil; that matter can never produce mind nor life result in death. The perfect man — governed

15 by God, his perfect Principle — is sinless and eternal. Harmony is produced by its Principle, is controlled by it and abides with it.

12. SH 522:10

Existence, separate from divinity, Science explains as impossible.

13. S&H 287:27

The five mate-

rial senses testify to truth and error as united in a mind both good and evil. Their false evidence will finally

30 yield to Truth, — to the recognition of Spirit and of the spiritual creation.

14. SH 360:28-9

Of old, the Jews put to death the Galilean Prophet, the best Christian on earth, for the truth he spoke and

- 30 demonstrated, while to-day, Jew and Christian can unite in doctrine and denomination on the very basis of Jesus' words and works. The Jew believes that the Messiah or
- 361:1 Christ has not yet come; the Christian believes that Christ is God. Here Christian Science intervenes, ex-
- 3 plains these doctrinal points, cancels the disagreement, and settles the question. Christ, as the true spiritual idea, is the ideal of God now and forever, here and everywhere.
- 6 The Jew who believes in the First Commandment is a monotheist; he has one omnipresent God. Thus the Jew unites with the Christian's doctrine that God is come and
- 9 is present now and forever.

15. SH 35:19-25 2nd Our

Our

church is built on the divine Principle, Love. We can unite with this church only as we are new-

- 21 unite with this church only as we are newborn of Spirit, as we reach the Life which is Truth and the Truth which is Life by bringing forth
- 24 the fruits of Love, casting out error and healing the sick.

16. SH 444:4, 10-20

"All

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things work together for good to them that love God," is the dictum of Scripture.

Step by

step will those who trust Him find that "God is our refuge

- 12 and strength, a very present help in trouble." Students are advised by the author to be charitable and kind, not only towards differing forms of religion
- and medicine, but to those who hold these differing opinions. Let us be faithful in pointing the way through Christ, as we understand it,
- 18 but let us also be careful always to "judge righteous judg-

Spiritual Eucharist ment," and never to condemn rashly. "Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

17. SH 205:22-27

When we realize that there is one Mind, the divine law of loving our neighbor as ourselves is unfolded;

- 24 whereas a belief in many ruling minds hinders man's normal drift towards the one Mind, one God, and leads human thought into opposite channels
- 27 where selfishness reigns.

18. SH 306:13

If Life or Soul and its representative, man, unite for a period and then are separated as by a law of divorce to

- 15 be brought together again at some uncertain future time and in a manner unknown, — and this is the general religious opinion of mankind, — we are left without a
- 18 rational proof of immortality. But man cannot be separated for an instant from God, if man reflects God. Thus Science proves man's existence to be intact.

19. SH 282:14

A straight line finds no abiding-place in a curve, and a

- 15 curve finds no adjustment to a straight line. Similarly, matter has no place in Spirit, and Spirit has no place in matter. Truth has no home in
- 18 error, and error has no foothold in Truth. Mind cannot pass into non-intelligence and matter, nor can non-intelligence become Soul. At no point can these opposites
- 21 mingle or unite. Even though they seem to touch, one is still a curve and the other a straight line.

20. SH 469:25-5

We lose the high signification of omnipotence, when after admitting that God, or good, is omnipresent and

27 has all-power, we still believe there is another power, named *evil*. This belief that there is more than one mind is as pernicious to divine theology

30 as are ancient mythology and pagan idolatry. With

- 470:1 one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good,
- 3 the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science.

21. SH 470:16-18

The children of God have but one Mind. How can good lapse into evil, when God, the Mind of man, never sins?

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22. SH 519:17

How shall we declare Him, till,

18 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 Redemption from selfishness

Opposite symbols

The sole governor

a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the ful-

21 ness of Christ"?

23. SH 240:10-11

In the order of Science, in which the Principle is above what it reflects, all is one grand concord.

Hymns: 472, 431, 444

472 ... in prior supplement was Hymn 437

Hymn 437

Communion Violet Hay

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Father, Thou art very near us, Well we know that Thou dost hear us, And dost answer ere we call: May the prayer of faith now heal us, May the vision true reveal us One with Thee, and Thou our all in all.

Christ, the way of our salvation, Rends the veil of separation, Shews our life in Spirit, free— Shews the glory of creation, God and man in true relation: Now, beloved, sons of God are we!

Father, this most wondrous union We would prove in blest communion: Take Thy Truth, our bread from heaven, Drink the wine of inspiration, Rise in holy exaltation, One in Thee, redeemed, restored, forgiven.

431 ... in old hymnal, Hymn 4

Hymn 4

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PATER NOSTER

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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.

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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.