

First Hymn

1. Hymn. 469

Eternal God, the Cause of all creation, / Your goodness shines through all eternity. / From age to age Your name has been exalted, / Your glory fills the earth, the sky, and sea. / Almighty One, creative Mind, our Maker, / Which was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Dear God of love, eternal Father-Mother, / Supply our need, our every need each day; / Teach us to love the way You love Your children, / Purge us from sin and self, with trust we pray: / "Thy kingdom come," in all earth as in heaven, / You are our light, our guide, our hope, our stay.

Your Word of truth is ever our companion; / We are assured Your healing love is here. / Help us to prove, as Jesus proved before us, / Truth casts out sin, disease, and death, and fear. / And may Your Word abide with us forever, / O Lord of life, of truth, and love, most dear.

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:

John 8:32 ye

... ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The Holy Bible

1. Jer. 33:4, 6, 8, 9

For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword; ...

Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. ...

And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. ¶ And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

2. Mark 7:16

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

3. John 3:16 God, 17

... God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;

but that the world through him might be saved.

4. John 1:17, 18

For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

5. Matt. 4:23

¶ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

6. Matt. 12:22

¶ Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

7. Luke 7:2, 3, 6–10

And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. ...

Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

8. John 6:63 (to:)

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: ...

9. Mark 1:14, 28–32, 34 (to ;)

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ...

And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. ...

And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; ...

10. Matt. 10:1

And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

11. Acts 28:8, 9

And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also,

which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

12. John 8:31-36

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ¶ They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

13. John 14:1, 12

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ...

Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

14. John 14:25-27

These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you. But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

15. Matt. 10:8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Science and Health

1. SH 282:1

Now, as of old, Truth casts out evils and heals the sick.

2. SH 271:20-22, 26-30

Our Master said, "But the Comforter . . . shall teach you all things." When the Science of Christianity appears, it will lead you into all truth. ...

Those, who are willing to leave their nets or to cast them on the right side for Truth, have the opportunity now, as aforetime, to learn and to practise Christian healing. The Scriptures contain it. The spiritual import of the Word imparts this power.

Modern evangel

3. SH 315:21-24

Jesus' spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being, — to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys material error, heals sickness, and overcomes death.

Immaculate conception

4. SH 233:25-8

When numbers have been divided according to a fixed rule, the quotient is not more unquestionable than the scientific tests I have made of the effects of truth upon the sick. The counter fact relative to any disease is required to cure it. The utterance of truth is designed to rebuke and destroy error. Why should truth not be efficient in sickness, which is solely the result of inharmony?

Spiritual draughts heal, while material lotions interfere with truth, even as ritualism and creed hamper spirituality. If we trust matter, we distrust Spirit.

Whatever inspires with wisdom, Truth, or Love — be it song, sermon, or Science — blesses the human family with crumbs of comfort from Christ's table, feeding the hungry and giving living waters to the thirsty.

Crumbs of comfort

5. SH 558:1-16 (np)

ST. JOHN writes, in the tenth chapter of his book of Revelation: —

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.

This angel or message which comes from God, clothed with a cloud, prefigures divine Science. To mortal sense Science seems at first obscure, abstract, and dark; but a bright promise crowns its brow. When understood, it is Truth's prism and praise. When you look it fairly in the Evangel face, you can heal by its means, and it has for you a light above the sun, for God "is the light thereof." Its feet are pillars of fire, foundations of Truth and Love. It brings the baptism of the Holy Ghost, whose flames of Truth were prophetically described by John the Baptist as consuming error.

This angel had in his hand "a little book," open for all to read and understand. Did this same book contain the revelation of divine Science, the "right foot" or dominant power of which was upon the sea, — upon elementary, latent error, the source of all error's visible forms? The angel's left foot was upon the earth; that is, a secondary power was exercised upon visible error and audible sin. 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. It arouses the "seven thunders" of evil, and stirs their latent forces to utter the full diapason of secret tones. Then is the power of Truth demonstrated, — made manifest in the destruction of error.

6. SH 482:26-8

Sickness is part of the error which Truth casts out. Error will not expel error. Christian Science is the law of Truth, which heals the sick on the basis of the one Mind or God. It can heal in no other way, since the human, mortal mind so-called is not a healer, but causes the belief in disease.

Sickness erroneous

Then comes the question, how do drugs, hygiene, and animal magnetism heal? It may be affirmed that they do not heal, but only relieve suffering temporarily, exchanging one disease for another. We classify disease as error, which nothing but Truth or Mind can heal, and this Mind must be divine, not human. Mind transcends all other power, and will ultimately supersede all other means in healing.

7. SH 318:22

The Science of Mind denies the error of sensation in matter, and heals with Truth. Medical science treats disease as though disease were real, therefore right, and attempts to heal it with matter. If disease is right it is wrong to heal it. Material methods are temporary, and are not adapted to elevate mankind.

8. SH 231:3-4, 8

Unless an ill is rightly met and fairly overcome by Truth, the ill is never conquered. ... If God heals not the sick, they are not healed, for no lesser power equals the infinite All-power; but God, Truth, Life, Love, does heal the sick through the prayer of the righteous.

9. SH 459:24-26, 27

To mortal sense Christian Science seems abstract, but the process is simple and the results are sure if the Science is understood. ... Guided by divine Truth and not guesswork, the *theologus* (that is, the student — the Christian and scientific expounder — of the divine law) treats disease with more certain results than any other healer on the globe. The Christian Scientist should understand and adhere strictly to the rules of divine metaphysics as laid down in this work, and rest his demonstration on this sure basis.

10. SH 445:19-21

Christian Science silences human will, quiets fear with Truth and Love, and illustrates the unlabored motion of the divine energy in healing the sick.

11. SH 494:30-3; 495:14

Our Master cast out devils (evils) and healed the sick. It should be said of his followers also, that they cast fear and all evil out of themselves and others and heal the sick. God will heal the sick through man, whenever man is governed by God. Truth casts out error now as surely as it did nineteen centuries ago. ...

Followers of Jesus

When the illusion of sickness or sin tempts you, cling steadfastly to God and His idea. Allow nothing but His likeness to abide in your thought. Let neither fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or belief in, that which Life is not. Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony.

12. SH 225:3

Truth makes man free.

Second and Third Hymn

2. Hymn. 565

Rise up and walk, take up your bed. / With these few words the sickness fled. / Stretch forth your hand. Receive your sight. / Jesus' commands reveal God's might. / You are God's purpose, His great design. / Beautiful, blameless, His child divine. / Holding your thought to the good and the true, / Spirit will form you anew.

REFRAIN / Rise up and walk! God made you free, / Born of His liberty. / Carefree and strong, you are His song, / Perfect for all to see. / Mountains and seas, great rising trees, / Echo the joyous song: / Heaven is here, harmony's bliss / To everyone belongs.

Cleanse the lepers, heal the sick. / Cast out demons. Raise the dead. / Truth is revealed in every place, / Throughout all time, throughout all space. / Right in this moment, doing God's will / "These works shall you do, and greater still." / Standing triumphant upon holy ground, / Songs of the angels resound. / / REFRAIN

3. Hymn. 342

This is the day the Lord hath made; / Be glad, give thanks, rejoice; / Stand in His presence, unafraid, / In praise lift up your voice. / All perfect gifts are from above, / And all our blessings show / The amplitude of God's dear love / Which every heart may know.

The Lord will hear before we call, / And every need supply; / Good things are freely given to all / Who on His word rely. / We come today to bring Him praise / Not for such gifts alone, / But for the higher, deeper ways / In which His love is shown.

For sin destroyed, for sorrow healed, / For health and peace restored; / For Life and Love by Truth revealed, / We thank and bless the Lord. / This is the day the Lord hath made, / In praise lift up your voice. / In shining robes of joy arrayed, / Be glad, give thanks, rejoice.

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