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The Future is in God's Hands

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Hymns (see lyrics below)

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The Bible

1. Ps 31:14 I trusted, 15

14 I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God.

15 My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

(NLI) I am trusting you, O Lord, saying, "You are my God!" My future is in your hands. Rescue me from those who hunt me down relentlessly.

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2. Prov 16:9

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

3. James 4:13, 14 (to ?), 15

13 Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life?

15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

4. Ps 37:37

37 Mark the perfect *man*, and behold the upright: for the end of *that man is* peace.

5. Ps 102:18

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

6. Isa 46:10

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

7. II Kings 6:24 it, 25

24 it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it,
 25 until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth
 part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.

8. II Kings 7:1, 18

1 THEN Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD,
 To-morrow about this time *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a
 shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.
 18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying,
 Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a
 shekel, shall be to-morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

9. I Peter 5:6, 7

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may
 exalt you in due time:
 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

10. Isa 7:10-16

10 ¶ Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,
 11 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the
 height above.
 12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.
 13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to
 weary men, but will ye weary my God also?
 14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall
 conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
 15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and
 choose the good.
 16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the
 land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

11. Isa 9:2, 6, 7

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell
 in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government
 shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful,
 Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
 7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon
 the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it
 with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of
 the LORD of hosts will perform this.

12. John 13:31 Jesus said

31 Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

13. John 14:1-6 (to :), 16-20, 29

- 1 LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.
- 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
- 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:
- 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- 17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
- 20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
- 29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

14. John 16:13

- 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

15. Matt. 20:20-23

- 20 ¶ Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him.
- 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.
- 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.
- 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them* for whom it is prepared of my Father.

16. Matt. 26:57, 63, 64

57 ¶ And they that had laid hold on Jesus led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

17. Acts 26:16 rise, 26 (to :)

16 rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely:

18. Ps 22:30

30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

(NLT) Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.

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19. Jer 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

(NLT) For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

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Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy.

1. SH 84:11-18, 28-22

It is the prerogative of the ever-present, divine Mind, and
12 of thought which is in rapport with this Mind, to know
the past, the present, and the future.

Acquaintance with the Science of being enables us to
15 commune more largely with the divine Mind, to foresee
and foretell events which concern the universal welfare,
to be divinely inspired, — yea, to reach the range of fetter-
18 less Mind.

All we correctly know of Spirit comes from God, divine
Principle, and is learned through Christ and Christian
30 Science. If this Science has been thoroughly
learned and properly digested, we can know
the truth more accurately than the astronomer can read
85:1 the stars or calculate an eclipse. This Mind-reading

Scientific
foreknowing

is the opposite of clairvoyance. It is the illumination of
 3 the spiritual understanding which demonstrates the ca-
 pacity of Soul, not of material sense. This Soul-sense
 comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the
 6 divine Mind.

Such intuitions reveal whatever constitutes and per-
 9 petuates harmony, enabling one to do good, but not
 evil. You will reach the perfect Science of
 healing when you are able to read the human
 mind after this manner and discern the error you would
 12 destroy. The Samaritan woman said: “Come, see a
 man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this
 the Christ?”

15 It is recorded that Jesus, as he once journeyed with his
 students, “knew their thoughts,” — read them scientifi-
 cally. In like manner he discerned disease and healed
 18 the sick. After the same method, events of great mo-
 ment were foretold by the Hebrew prophets. Our
 Master rebuked the lack of this power when he said:
 21 “O ye hypocrites! ye can discern the face of the sky;
 but can ye not discern the signs of the times?”

2. SH 84:3-10

3 The ancient prophets gained their foresight from a
 spiritual, incorporeal standpoint, not by foreshadowing
 evil and mistaking fact for fiction, — predict-
 6 ing the future from a groundwork of corpo-
 reality and human belief. When sufficiently advanced
 in Science to be in harmony with the truth of being, men
 9 become seers and prophets involuntarily, controlled not
 by demons, spirits, or demigods, but by the one Spirit.

3. SH 51:12-15

Jesus could give his temporal life into his
 enemies' hands; but when his earth-mission was accom-
 plished, his spiritual life, indestructible and eternal,
 15 was found forever the same.

4. SH 54:26-28

He said that those who fol-
 27 lowed him should drink of his cup, and history has con-
 firmed the prediction.

5. SH 31:25

Referring to the materiality of the age, Jesus said:
 “The hour cometh, and now is, when the true wor-
 27 shippers shall worship the Father in spirit
 and in truth.” Again, foreseeing the perse-

Value of intuition

Scientific
 foreseeing

Painful prospect

cution which would attend the Science of Spirit, Jesus
 30 said: “They shall put you out of the synagogues; yea,
 the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think
 that he doeth God service; and these things will they
 32:1 do unto you, because they have not known the Father
 nor me.”

6. SH 39:18-27

18 “*Now*,” cried the apostle, “is the accepted time; be-
 hold, *now* is the day of salvation,” — meaning, not that
 now men must prepare for a future-world salva-
 21 tion, or safety, but that now is the time in which
 to experience that salvation in spirit and in life. Now is
 the time for so-called material pains and material pleas-
 24 ures to pass away, for both are unreal, because impossible
 in Science. To break this earthly spell, mortals must get
 the true idea and divine Principle of all that really exists
 27 and governs the universe harmoniously.

Present salvation

7. SH 459:8-11, 31

Judge not the
 9 future advancement of Christian Science by the steps
 already taken, lest you yourself be condemned for fail-
 ing to take the first step.
 The Christian Scientist should
 understand and adhere strictly to the rules of divine meta-
 460:1 physics as laid down in this work, and rest his demonstra-
 tion on this sure basis.

8. SH 150:18-26

18 The science (so-called) of physics would have one be-
 lieve that both matter and mind are subject to disease,
 and that, too, in spite of the individual’s pro-
 21 test and contrary to the law of divine Mind.
 This human view infringes man’s free moral agency; and
 it is as evidently erroneous to the author, and will be to
 24 all others at some future day, as the practically rejected
 doctrine of the predestination of souls to damnation or
 salvation.

Exploded
 doctrine

9. SH 374:17

Ignorance of the cause or approach of disease is no
 18 argument against the mental origin of disease. You con-
 fess to ignorance of the future and incapacity to preserve
 your own existence, and this belief helps rather than
 21 hinders disease. Such a state of mind induces sickness.
 It is like walking in darkness on the edge of a precipice.

You cannot forget the belief of danger, and your steps
 24 are less firm because of your fear, and ignorance of mental
 cause and effect.

10. SH 174:9-14

9 The footsteps of thought, rising above material stand-
 points, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller;
 but the angels of His presence — the spiritual
 12 intuitions that tell us when “the night is far
 spent, the day is at hand” — are our guardians in the
 gloom.

Rise of thought

11. SH vii:22

A book introduces new thoughts, but it cannot make
 them speedily understood. It is the task of the sturdy
 24 pioneer to hew the tall oak and to cut the rough
 granite. Future ages must declare what the pioneer
 has accomplished.

12. SH 24:11-13, 15

He to whom “the arm of the Lord” is revealed will
 12 believe our report, and rise into newness of life with re-
 generation. The time is not distant
 when the ordinary theological views of atonement will
 undergo a great change, — a change as radical as that
 18 which has come over popular opinions in regard to pre-
 destination and future punishment.

Radical changes

13. SH 227:14-15

Discerning the rights of man, we cannot fail to fore-
 15 see the doom of all oppression.

14. SH 546:1-5

The false belief that spirit is
 now submerged in matter, at some future time to be eman-
 3 cipated from it, — this belief alone is mortal.
 Spirit, God, never germinates, but is “the same
 yesterday, and to-day, and forever.”

Mortality
 mythical

15. 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 sep-
 arated for an instant from God, if man reflects God.
 Thus Science proves man’s existence to be intact.

16. SH 283:6-7

Mind is the same Life, Love, and wisdom
 “yesterday, and to-day, and forever.”

Hymns lyrics (591, 563, 546)

#591

We cannot turn away from God
 Because, whichever way we face,
 Spirit is there. In every place,
 every direction, everywhere,
 Spirit is there.

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Whether we turn to left or right,
 To north or south or east or west,
 We meet with Love—and we are blessed.
 Upward or down, below, above,
 We meet with Love.

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Whether we plunge to ocean trench
 Or plot our course for farthest space,
 Love’s law controls. Whatever race
 We enter toward whatever goals,
 Love’s law controls.

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Whether we build for centuries hence
 Or let tomorrow bound our aim,
 God sets the pace. Always the same,
 With instant and eternal grace,
 God sets the pace.

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#563

Quiet, Lord, my stubborn heart,
 Make me gentle, pure, and mild,
 Upright, simple, free from art;
 Make me as a little child,
 From distrust and envy free,
 Pleased with all that pleases Thee.

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What You shall today provide
 Let me as a child receive,
 What tomorrow may betide
 Calmly to Your wisdom leave;
 It’s enough that You will care,
 Why should I the burden bear?

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As a little child relies
 On a care beyond its own,
 Being neither strong nor wise,
 Will not take a step alone,

Let me thus with You abide,
As my Mother, Friend, and Guide.

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#546

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me your secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

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Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

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Teach me your patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

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In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that God alone can give,
With you, O Master, let me live.

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