

## Wed Heredity 2023-03-15

Heredity

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### Hymns (see lyrics below)

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### The Bible

1. Ezek. 18:1-4 (to :), 20 (to :)

- 1 THE word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,
- 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?
- 3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel.
- 4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine:
- 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son:

2. Isa. 51:11, 12, 16

- 11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.
- 12 I, *even* I, *am* he that comforteth you: who *art* thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man *that* shall die, and of the son of man *which* shall be made *as* grass;
- 16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou *art* my people.

3. John 9:1-8, 10, 11, 13-15, 17-21, 24, 25, 33

- 1 AND as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.
- 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
- 3 *Jesus* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- 5 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

- 6 spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
- 7 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.
- 8 ¶ The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?
- 10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?
- 11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.
- 13 ¶ They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.
- 14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.
- 15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.
- 17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.
- 18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.
- 19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?
- 20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:
- 21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.
- 24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.
- 25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner *or no*, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.
- 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

#### 4. Ps. 37:18

- 18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

#### 5. Isa 43:21

- 21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

#### 6. Acts 3:1-9

- 1 NOW Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of

prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.

- 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
- 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
- 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
- 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
- 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
- 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.
- 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

#### 7. Eph. 4:14-16 we, 22-24 put

- 14 we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:
- 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.
- 22 put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
- 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

#### 8. II Cor 5:17

- 17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

#### 9. Acts 17:28

- 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

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

#### 1. SH 228:7-10

Heredity is a prolific subject for mortal belief to pin theories upon; but if we learn that nothing is real but the right, we shall have no dangerous inheritances, and fleshly ills will disappear.

## 2. SH 475:6-13 Man

Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements. The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God. Matter is not that likeness. The likeness of Spirit cannot be so unlike Spirit. Man is spiritual and perfect; and because he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so understood in Christian Science.

Fleshly factors  
unreal

## 3. SH 178:8-27

Heredity is not a law. The remote cause or belief of disease is not dangerous because of its priority and the connection of past mortal thoughts with present. The predisposing cause and the exciting cause are mental.

Perhaps an adult has a deformity produced prior to his birth by the fright of his mother. When wrested from human belief and based on Science or the divine Mind, to which all things are possible, that chronic case is not difficult to cure.

Mortal mind, acting from the basis of sensation in matter, is animal magnetism; but this so-called mind, from which comes all evil, contradicts itself, and must finally yield to the eternal Truth, or the divine Mind, expressed in Science. In proportion to our understanding of Christian Science, we are freed from the belief of heredity, of mind in matter or animal magnetism; and we disarm sin of its imaginary power in proportion to our spiritual understanding of the status of immortal being.

Animal  
magnetism  
destroyed

## 4. SH 552:13-19, 22-31

Human experience in mortal life, which starts from an egg, corresponds with that of Job, when he says, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Mortals must emerge from this notion of material life as all-in-all. They must peck open their shells with Christian Science, and look outward and upward.

Emergence of  
mortals

From a material source flows no remedy for sorrow,

sin, and death, for the redeeming power, from the ills they occasion, is not in egg nor in dust. The blending tints of leaf and flower show the order of matter to be the order of mortal mind. The intermixture of different species, urged to its utmost limits, results in a return to the original species. Thus it is learned that matter is a manifestation of mortal mind, and that matter always surrenders its claims when the perfect and eternal Mind is understood.

Persistence of  
species

5. SH 61:11-13, 20-23

The offspring

12 of heavenly-minded parents inherit more intellect, better balanced minds, and sounder constitutions.

What hope of happiness, what noble

21 ambition, can inspire the child who inherits propensities that must either be overcome or reduce him to a loathsome wreck?

6. SH 211:19

It should no longer be said in Israel that “the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set  
21 on edge.” Sympathy with error should disappear. The transfer of the thoughts of one erring mind to another, Science renders impossible.

7. SH 392:27-30

When the condition is present

which you say induces disease, whether it be air, exercise, heredity, contagion, or accident, then perform your office

30 as porter and shut out these unhealthy thoughts and fears.

8. SH 424:28-3

To prevent or to cure scrofula and other so-called hereditary diseases, you must destroy the belief in these ills

30 and the faith in the possibility of their transmission. The patient may tell you that he

has a humor in the blood, a scrofulous diathesis. His

425:1 parents or some of his progenitors farther back have so believed. Mortal mind, not matter, induces this con-

3 clusion and its results.

Mind removes  
scrofula

9. SH 425:6, 29-9

906:1 If the case to be mentally treated is consumption, take up the leading points included (according to belief) in this disease. Show that it is not inherited;

9 that inflammation, tubercles, hemorrhage, and

Nothing to  
consume

decomposition are beliefs, images of mortal thought superimposed upon the body; that they are not the truth of man; that they should be treated as error and put out of thought. Then these ills will disappear.

If you have sound and capacious lungs and want them to remain so, be always ready with the mental protest against the opposite belief in heredity. Discard all notions about lungs, tubercles, inherited consumption, or disease arising from any circumstance, and you will find that mortal mind, when instructed by Truth, yields to divine power, which steers the body into health.

Soundness  
maintained

The discoverer of Christian Science finds the path less difficult when she has the high goal always before her thoughts, than when she counts her footsteps in endeavoring to reach it. When the destination is desirable, expectation speeds our progress.

Our footsteps  
heavenward

10. SH 549:13-20

According to recent lore, successive generations do not begin with the *birth* of new individuals, or personalities, but with the formation of the nucleus, or egg, from which one or more individualities subsequently emerge; and we must therefore look upon the simple ovum as the germ, the starting-point, of the most complicated corporeal structures, including those which we call human.

11. SH 305:27

Because man is the reflection of his Maker, he is not subject to birth, growth, maturity, decay. These mortal dreams are of human origin, not divine.

12. SH 190:14-31

Human birth, growth, maturity, and decay are as the grass springing from the soil with beautiful green blades, afterwards to wither and return to its native nothingness. This mortal seeming is temporal; it never merges into immortal being, but finally disappears, and immortal man, spiritual and eternal, is found to be the real man.

Human frailty

The Hebrew bard, swayed by mortal thoughts, thus swept his lyre with saddening strains on human existence:

As for man, his days are as grass:

As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;  
And the place thereof shall know it no more.

When hope rose higher in the human heart, he sang:

As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness:  
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

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For with Thee is the fountain of life;  
In Thy light shall we see light.

13. SH 258:27-30

Never born and  
never dying, it were impossible for man, under  
the government of God in eternal Science, to fall from his  
30 high estate.

14. SH 476:28-32

When speaking of God's children, not the children of  
men, Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you;"  
30 that is, Truth and Love reign in the real  
man, showing that man in God's image is  
unfallen and eternal.

The kingdom  
within

**Hymn Lyrics**

1. Hymn 382

**Hymn 382**

EMILY F. SEAL

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**ST. CECILIA**

LEIGHTON G. HAYNE

What is thy birthright, man,  
Child of the perfect One;  
What is thy Father's plan  
For His beloved son?

Thou art Truth's honest child,  
Of pure and sinless heart;  
Thou treadest undefiled  
In Christly paths apart.

Vain dreams shall disappear  
As Truth dawns on the sight;  
The phantoms of thy fear  
Shall flee before the light.

Take then the sacred rod;

Thou art not error's thrall;  
 Thou hast the gift of God—  
 Dominion over all.

2. Hymn 24

**Hymn 23–28, 432, 433**

**CHRISTMAS MORN**  
 MARY BAKER EDDY

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**SERENITY**  
 ARR. FROM WILLIAM V. WALLACE

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**CHRISTMAS MORN**  
 ALBERT F. CONANT

(25)

**KINGTON**  
 F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS

(26)

**DRANSFIELD**  
 G. THALBEN-BALL

(27)

**INFINITAS**  
 PERCY WHITLOCK

(28)

**SELWORTHY**  
 E. NORMAN GREENWOOD

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds  
 Pursue thy way,  
 Thy light was born where storm enshrouds  
 Nor dawn nor day!

Dear Christ, forever here and near,  
 No cradle song,  
 No natal hour and mother's tear,  
 To thee belong.



Thou God-idea, Life-encrowned,  
 The Bethlehem babe—  
 Beloved, replete, by flesh embound—  
 Was but thy shade!

Thou gentle beam of living Love,  
 And deathless Life!  
 Truth infinite,—so far above  
 All mortal strife,

Or cruel creed, or earth-born taint:  
 Fill us today  
 With all thou art—be thou our saint,  
 Our stay, alway.

### 3. Hymn 135

#### **Hymn 135**

**CARL J. P. SPITTA**

RICHARD MASSIE, TR., ADAPTED

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**WORDSWORTH**

WILLIAM H. MONK

I know no life divided,  
 O Lord of life, from Thee;  
 In Thee is life provided  
 For all mankind and me:  
 I know no death, O Father,  
 Because I live in Thee;  
 Thy life it is that frees us  
 From death eternally.

I fear no tribulation,  
 Since, whatso'er it be,  
 It makes no separation  
 Between my Lord and me:  
 Since Thou, my God and Father,  
 Dost claim me as Thine own,  
 I richly shall inherit  
 All good, from Thee alone.