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Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Hymns

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Hymn Lyrics

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Forget not who you are, O child of God.
For God demands of you reflection pure;
Your heritage is goodly, and your home,
In Spirit's warm embrace, is safe, secure.

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You are the child of Spirit, sinless, pure—
Yours is a perfect beauty, born of Soul –
Complete with health, vitality, and grace,
For is not God, your Father, perfect, whole?

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Your understanding, too, comes straight from God.
For in that Mind, magnificent and clear,
You are conceived by Love, a perfect child,
Unhampered by the flesh, or doubt, or fear.

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So now look up to God's pure holy light
And greet with fearless joy each coming day.
Of royal birth, you are a King's own child –
And God is yours, and you are God's always.

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Hymn 23–28, 432, 433

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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.

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May God give us Her blessing
 May God lift up Her face upon us all;
 May God give us Her Peace,
 May Love keep us safe forever, Amen.

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 May God illuminate us,
 May Love send out Her light upon our path;

Her kingdom and Her love,
May they be in us forever, Amen.

May God give us Her blessing,
May Love's protection ever guard our way;
Her comfort and Her peace
They forever bring us healing, Amen.

The Bible

1. Jer. 1:5 (to 2nd ,)

5 Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,

2. Isa. 44:2

2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

3. Isa. 49:5

5 ¶ And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

4. Gen 15:1, 2, 4-6

1 AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

5. 2 Kings 4:8 (to 1st .), 9-11, 14-16 (to 1st .), 17

8 ¶ And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be,

when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

6. Isa. 44:24

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

7. Isa. 49:1 1st The (to 3rd ;)

1 The LORD hath called me from the womb;

8. Isa 9:2 (to :), 6 unto, 7

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:

6 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.

9. Luke 1:39-45 Mary (to :)

39 Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.

43 And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed *is* she that believed:

10. Luke 2:1, 4-7, 10, 11, 21, 40

- 1 AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- 21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
- 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

11. John 3:1-3, 6

- 1 THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
- 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
- 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

12. Acts 10:34-36 Peter, 38

- 34 Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
- 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
- 36 The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
- 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of

the devil; for God was with him.

13. Acts 3:1-6, 8, 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.
- 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:

14. Jer. 1:5 (to 2nd ,)

- 5 Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,

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

1. SH 429:21-24

- 21 If we live after death and are immortal, we must have lived before birth, for if Life ever had any beginning, it must also have an ending, even according to the calculations of natural science.
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2. 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.

3. 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
- 30 divine.

4. SH 549:13-20

- 18 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.

5. SH 551:23-24 (to .)

How can matter originate or transmit mind? We answer that it cannot.

6. SH 544:7

Birth, decay, and death arise from the material sense of things, not from the spiritual, for in the latter Life consisteth not of the things which a man eateth. Matter cannot change the eternal fact that man exists because God exists. Nothing is new to the infinite Mind.

7. SH 539:27-1

The divine origin of Jesus gave him more than human power to expound the facts of creation, and demonstrate the one Mind which makes and governs man and the universe. The Science of creation, so conspicuous in the birth of Jesus, inspired his wisest and least-understood sayings, and was the basis of his marvellous demonstrations.

Scientific
offspring

8. SH 302:8

It is impossible that man should lose aught that is real, when God is all and eternally his. The notion that mind is in matter, and that the so-called pleasures and pains, the birth, sin, sickness, and death of matter, are real, is a mortal belief; and this belief is all that will ever be lost.

9. SH 178:8-17, 22

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.

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.

10. SH 61:14-17

If some fortuitous circumstance places promising children in the arms of gross parents, often these beautiful children early droop and die, like tropical flowers born amid Alpine snows.

Propensities
inherited

11. SH 190:14

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

12. SH 191:8-13

As a material, theoretical life-basis is found to be a misapprehension of existence, the spiritual and divine Principle of man dawns upon human thought, and leads it to “where the young child was,” — even to the birth of a new-old idea, to the spiritual sense of being and of what Life includes.

The immortal
birth

13. SH 206:25

Can there be any birth or death for man, the spiritual image and likeness of God? Instead of God sending sickness and death, He destroys them, and brings to light immortality. Omnipotent and infinite Mind made all and includes all. This Mind does not make mistakes and subsequently correct them. God does not cause man to sin, to be sick, or to die.

14. SH 244:23-28

Man in Science is neither young nor old. He has neither birth nor death. He is not a beast, a vegetable, nor a migratory mind. He does not pass from matter to Mind, from the mortal to the immortal, from evil to good, or from good to evil. Such admissions cast us headlong into darkness and dogma.

Man not evolved

15. SH 245:1-12, 18-23, 32-5

245:1 The error of thinking that we are growing old, and the
benefits of destroying that illusion, are illustrated in a
3 sketch from the history of an English woman, published
in the London medical magazine called The Lancet.

Disappointed in love in her early years, she became
6 insane and lost all account of time. Believing that she
was still living in the same hour which parted
her from her lover, taking no note of years,
9 she stood daily before the window watching for her
lover's coming. In this mental state she remained young.
Having no consciousness of time, she literally grew no
12 older.

18 This instance of youth preserved furnishes a useful
hint, upon which a Franklin might work with more cer-
tainty than when he coaxed the enamoured lightning
21 from the clouds. Years had not made her old, because
she had taken no cognizance of passing time nor thought
of herself as growing old.

The infinite never began nor will it ever end. Mind
246:1 and its formations can never be annihilated. Man is not
a pendulum, swinging between evil and good, joy and
3 sorrow, sickness and health, life and death.
Life and its faculties are not measured by
calendars.

Perpetual youth

Man reflects God

16. SH 246:27-28

27 Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the
demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal.

17. SH 557:18-21

Divine
Science rolls back the clouds of error with the light of
Truth, and lifts the curtain on man as never born and as
21 never dying, but as coexistent with his creator.