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Hymns

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Hymn Lyrics

Hymn 424

Hymn 424, 133

JOHN BOWRING*

(424)

COMFORT

C. B. RICH

I cannot always trace the way
Where Thou, Almighty One, dost move;
But I can always, always say
That God is Love.

When mystery clouds my darkened path,
I conquer dread and doubts reprove,
In this my heart sweet comfort hath,
That God is Love.

Yes, God is Love: a thought like this
Can every gloomy thought remove,
And turn all tears, all woes, to bliss,
For God is Love.

Hymn 208

Hymn 207–212

MOTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

MARY BAKER EDDY

(207)

MORECAMBE

FREDERICK C. ATKINSON, ARR. BY A. F. CONANT

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BENEDICTION (ELLERS)

EDWARD J. HOPKINS

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EXPECTATION

ANDREAS P. BERGGREEN

(210)

LIMPSFIELD

ANDREW FREEMAN

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(211)

PRESENCE

PERCY WHITLOCK

(212)

SONG 22

ORLANDO GIBBONS

Music from the Yattendon Hymnal:

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O gentle presence, peace and joy and power;
 O Life divine, that owns each waiting hour,
 Thou Love that guards the nestling's faltering flight!
 Keep Thou my child on upward wing tonight.

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye
 Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:
 His habitation high is here, and nigh,
 His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

O make me glad for every scalding tear,
 For hope deferred, ingratitude, disdain!
 Wait, and love more for every hate, and fear
 No ill,—since God is good, and loss is gain.

Beneath the shadow of His mighty wing;
 In that sweet secret of the narrow way,
 Seeking and finding, with the angels sing:
 "Lo, I am with you alway,"—watch and pray.

No snare, no fowler, pestilence or pain;
 No night drops down upon the troubled breast,
 When heaven's aftersmile earth's tear-drops gain,
 And mother finds her home and heav'nly rest.

Hymn 258

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

Adapted

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TON-Y-BOTEL

WELSH HYMN MELODY

Oft to every man and nation
 Comes the moment to decide,
 In the strife of Truth with falsehood,
 For the good or evil side.
 A great cause, God's new Messiah,
 Shows to each the bloom or blight,
 So can choice be made by all men
 Twixt the darkness and the light.

New occasions teach new duties,
 Time makes ancient creeds uncouth;
 They must upward still and onward
 Who would keep abreast of Truth,
 And serenely down the future
 See the thought of men incline
 To the side of perfect justice
 And to God's supreme design.

Though the cause of evil prosper,
 Yet 'tis Truth alone is strong;
 Though her portion be the scaffold,
 And upon the throne be wrong,
 Yet that scaffold sways the future,
 And behind the dim unknown
 Standeth God within the shadow
 Keeping watch above His own.

The Bible

1. I Tim. 3:16 great (to :)

16 great is the mystery of godliness:

2. I Cor. 14:2 1st he

2 he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto
 God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh
 mysteries.

3. I Cor. 2:7 we

7 we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which

God ordained before the world unto our glory:

4. I Cor. 13:1, 2, 12 now, 13

- 1 THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- 2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
- 12 now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
- 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

5. Ex. 8:1 1st the

- 1 the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

6. Ex 4:1-8

- 1 AND Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.
- 2 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.
- 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.
- 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:
- 5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.
- 6 ¶ And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous as snow.
- 7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.
- 8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

7. Ex 7:10 (to :), 11, 12

- 10 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded:

- 11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.
- 12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

8. I Cor. 4:1, 4

- 1 LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
- 4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

9. Col. 4:2, 3 (to 3rd ,)

- 2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;
- 3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ,

10. Matt 11:25 Jesus

- 25 Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

11. Matt. 13:10-13 the, 16, 34, 35

- 10 the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?
- 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.
- 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
- 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.
- 16 But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.
- 34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:
- 35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

12. Luke 13:20, 21

- 20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?
- 21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

13. Luke 14:1-6 it

- 1 it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.
- 2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.
- 3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?
- 4 And they held their peace. And he took *him*, and healed him, and let him go;
- 5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?
- 6 And they could not answer him again to these things.

14. I Cor. 15:51, 52

- 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

15. Eph. 1:2, 8, 9

- 2 Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
- 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

16. Eph. 3:1-3 (to ;), 4, 9, 11

- 1 FOR this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
- 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
- 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery;
- 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
- 9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
- 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

17. Eph. 6:10 be, 18, 19

- 10 be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

- 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
- 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

18. Eph. 5:32 (to :)

- 32 This is a great mystery:

19. Col. 1:25-27 I

- 25 I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;
- 26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:
- 27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

20. Col. 2:1-3 1st I

- 1 I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;
- 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;
- 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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

1. SH 70:1-2

- 70:1 Mortal existence is an enigma. Every day is a mystery.

2. SH 114:23-25

- Christian Science explains all cause and effect as mental, not physical. It lifts the veil of mystery from Soul and body.

Causation mental

3. SH 86:13-20

- Mortals evolve images of thought. These may appear to the ignorant to be apparitions; but they are mysterious only because it is unusual to see thoughts, though we can always feel their influence. Haunted houses, ghostly voices, unusual noises, and apparitions brought out in dark seances either involve feats by tricksters, or they are images and sounds evolved involuntarily by mortal mind.

Images of thought

4. SH 1:10-11

Thoughts unspoken are not unknown to the divine
Mind.

5. SH 80:15-32

Science dispels mystery and
explains extraordinary phenomena; but Science never
removes phenomena from the domain of reason into the
18 realm of mysticism.

It should not seem mysterious that mind, without the
aid of hands, can move a table, when we already know
21 that it is mind-power which moves both table
and hand. Even planchette — the French toy
which years ago pleased so many people — attested the con-
24 trol of mortal mind over its substratum, called matter.

It is mortal mind which convulses its substratum, matter.
These movements arise from the volition of human belief,
27 but they are neither scientific nor rational. Mortal mind
produces table-tipping as certainly as table-setting, and
believes that this wonder emanates from spirits and elec-
30 tricity. This belief rests on the common conviction that
mind and matter cooperate both visibly and invisibly,
hence that matter is intelligent.

Physical falsities

6. SH 90:27-30

The understanding
and recognition of Spirit must finally come, and we may
as well improve our time in solving the mysteries of being
30 through an apprehension of divine Principle.

7. SH 98:22-2

For centuries — yea, always — natural science has not
been considered a part of any religion, Christianity not
24 excepted. Even now multitudes consider that
which they call *science* has no proper con-
nection with faith and piety. Mystery does
27 not enshroud Christ's teachings, and they are not theo-
retical and fragmentary, but practical and complete; and
being practical and complete, they are not deprived of
30 their essential vitality.

Science as
foreign to all
religion

The way through which immortality and life are learned
is not ecclesiastical but Christian, not human but divine,
99:1 not physical but metaphysical, not material but scien-
tifically spiritual.

8. SH 102:16-23

28 The mild forms of animal magnetism are disappear-

ing, and its aggressive features are coming to the front. The looms of crime, hidden in the dark recesses of mortal thought, are every hour weaving webs more complicated and subtle. So secret are the present methods of animal magnetism that they ensnare the age into indolence, and produce the very apathy on the subject which the criminal desires.

Hidden agents

9. SH 134:31-1

A miracle fulfils God's law, but does not violate that law. This fact at present seems more mysterious than
135:1 the miracle itself.

10. SH 145:20-24

If there is any mystery
21 in Christian healing, it is the mystery which godliness always presents to the ungodly, — the mystery always arising from ignorance of the laws of eternal and unerring Mind.
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11. SH 317:1-5

317:1 Jesus uttered things which had been "secret from the foundation of the world," — since material knowledge
3 usurped the throne of the creative divine Principle, insisted on the might of matter, the force of falsity, the insignificance of spirit, and proclaimed an anthropomorphic God.

12. SH 319:17-20

15 Mystery, miracle,
18 sin, and death will disappear when it becomes fairly understood that the divine Mind controls man and man has no Mind but God.

13. SH 450:1

450:1 There is a large class of thinkers whose bigotry and conceit twist every fact to suit themselves. Their creed
3 teaches belief in a mysterious, supernatural God, and in a natural, all-powerful devil. Another class, still more unfortunate, are so depraved that
6 they appear to be innocent. They utter a falsehood, while looking you blandly in the face, and they never fail to stab their benefactor in the back. A third class
9 of thinkers build with solid masonry. They are sincere, generous, noble, and are therefore open to the approach and recognition of Truth. To teach Christian Science
12 to such as these is no task. They do not incline longingly to error, whine over the demands of Truth, nor

Three classes of neophytes

play the traitor for place and power.

14. SH 501:10

The incarnation of Truth, that amplifi-
cation of wonder and glory which angels could only
12 whisper and which God illustrated by light and har-
mony, is consonant with ever-present Love. So-called
mystery and miracle, which subserve the end of natural
15 good, are explained by that Love for whose rest the
weary ones sigh when needing something more native
to their immortal cravings than the history of perpetual
18 evil.

15. SH 13:6-12

If we
are not secretly yearning and openly striv-
ing for the accomplishment of all we ask,
9 our prayers are “vain repetitions,” such as the heathen
use. If our petitions are sincere, we labor for what we
ask; and our Father, who seeth in secret, will reward
12 us openly.

Public
exaggerations