

# Wed 6/12/24 – Letting go of mortal selfhood reveals the divine nature

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## **Hymn. 206:1–3**

O God, our Father-Mother, Love,  
Purge Thou our hearts from sin,  
That in Thy radiancy divine  
We may with eyes undimmed define  
Thy will, reality.

O God, our Father-Mother, Truth,  
Send forth Thy light sublime,  
That in its pure and cleansing rays  
We may, with thought attuned to praise,  
Behold reality.

O God, our Father-Mother, Life,  
Reveal in us Thy might,  
That henceforth we may live to Thee,  
In all our ways reflecting Thee,  
And know reality.

Words: DUNCAN SINCLAIR

Music: Henry L. Morley

## **Hymn. 464:1–4**

Dear Master, may I follow thee  
With holy, deep sincerity,  
Forming each thought to Christly mold,  
Feeling your peace my heart enfold.

Lead me to worship God aright,  
In truth, in spirit, seek the light;  
Loving pure good with heart and soul,  
Loving each neighbor, perfect, whole.

May I perceive all being one,  
Perfect Father, perfect son;  
Let me hold fast this heavenly view,  
Finding each day my life made new.

May I see mortal self dissolve,  
Take up the cross with firm resolve,  
Seeking the victor's crown each day,  
Humble and loving all the way.

Words: W. BRIAN CORK

Music: W. Brian Cork; arr. CSPA

**Hymn. 478:1-4**

From these Your children gathered in Your name,  
From hearts made whole, from lips redeemed from woe,  
Your praise, Almighty, shall forever flow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O perfect Life, in Your completeness held,  
None can beyond Your omnipresence stray;  
Safe in Your Love, we live and sing always  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O perfect Mind, reveal Your likeness true,  
That higher selfhood which we all must prove,  
Joy and dominion, love reflecting Love.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Soul, inspiring—give us vision clear,  
Break earth-bound fetters, sweep away the veil,  
Show the new heaven and earth that shall prevail.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: VIOLET HAY, ALT.

Music: Andrew Sentinella

**I Cor. 13:12 now**

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.

**Ex. 3:1–8 Moses (to 1st ), 10–12 (to ;), 13, 14**

- 1 ... Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.
- 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.
- 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
- 4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.
- 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.
- 6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.
- 7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;
- 8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, ...
- 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
- 11 ¶ And Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that

I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; ...

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

### **Ex. 33:11 the (to 1st .)**

11 ... the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.  
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### **Gen. 32:24–30 Jacob**

24 ... Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

### **I Cor. 15:48, 49, 53**

48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

**Matt. 17:1–4 Jesus (to :), 5 (to ;)**

- 1 ... Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,
- 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
- 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.
- 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: ...
- 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; ...

**II Cor. 4:6 God**

- 6 ... God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**John 10:23–25 Jesus, 30, 31, 39 but**

- 23 ... Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.
- 24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.
- 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.
- 30 I and *my* Father are one.
- 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.
- 39 ... but he escaped out of their hand,

**Matt. 10:39**

- 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

**John 14:10 3rd the**

- 10 ... the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

## II Pet. 1:2–4 (to , )

- 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,  
3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:  
4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, ...

## Num. 6:24, 25 (to ,), 26 (to ,)

- 24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:  
25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, ...  
26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, ...

## SH 333:19–30

- Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spirit-  
21 ual idea, — the reflection of God, — has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets  
24 caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love. The divine image, idea, or Christ was, is, and  
27 ever will be inseparable from the divine Principle, God. Jesus referred to this unity of his spiritual identity thus:  
“Before Abraham was, I am;” “I and my Father are  
30 one;” “My Father is greater than I.”

The divine  
Principle  
and idea

## SH 587:5

- God.** The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing,  
6 all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence.

## SH 588:20

I Am. God; incorporeal and eternal Mind; divine  
21 Principle; the only Ego.

## SH 259:6–11 The

6 The  
divine nature was best expressed in Christ Jesus, who  
threw upon mortals the truer reflection of God and lifted  
9 their lives higher than their poor thought-models would  
allow, — thoughts which presented man as fallen, sick,  
sinning, and dying.

## SH 26:10–14

The Christ was the Spirit which Jesus implied in his  
own statements: “I am the way, the truth, and the life;”  
12 “I and my Father are one.” This Christ,  
or divinity of the man Jesus, was his divine  
nature, the godliness which animated him.

Christ’s  
demonstration

## SH 38:21–26

21 Jesus experienced few of the pleasures of the physical  
senses, but his sufferings were the fruits of other peo-  
ple’s sins, not of his own. The eternal Christ,  
24 his spiritual selfhood, never suffered. Jesus  
mapped out the path for others. He unveiled the Christ,  
the spiritual idea of divine Love.

Material  
pleasures

## SH 51:6–12

6 Jesus could have withdrawn himself from his enemies.  
He had power to lay down a human sense of life for his  
spiritual identity in the likeness of the divine;  
9 but he allowed men to attempt the destruc-  
tion of the mortal body in order that he might furnish  
the proof of immortal life. Nothing could kill this Life  
of man.

Life-power  
indestructible

## SH 568:30–32

30 Self-abnegation, by which  
we lay down all for Truth, or Christ, in our warfare against  
error, is a rule in Christian Science.

## SH 311:28

Matter, sin, and mortality lose all  
supposed consciousness or claim to life or existence, as  
30 mortals lay off a false sense of life, substance, and intelli-  
gence. But the spiritual, eternal man is not touched by  
these phases of mortality.

## SH 476:18–22

18 Sin, sickness, and death must dis-  
appear to give place to the facts which belong to immortal  
man.  
21 Learn this, O mortal, and earnestly seek the spiritual  
status of man, which is outside of all material selfhood.

## SH 547:28

Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and  
mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and  
30 immortal.

## SH 308:14–12

The Soul-inspired patriarchs heard the voice of Truth,  
15 and talked with God as consciously as man talks with man.  
Jacob was *alone*, wrestling with error, — struggling  
with a mortal sense of life, substance, and intelligence  
18 as existent in matter with its false pleasures  
and pains, — when an angel, a message from  
Truth and Love, appeared to him and smote the sinew,  
21 or strength, of his error, till he saw its unreality; and  
Truth, being thereby understood, gave him spiritual  
strength in this Peniel of divine Science. Then said



24 the spiritual evangel: “Let me go, for the day breaketh;”  
that is, the light of Truth and Love dawns upon thee.  
But the patriarch, perceiving his error and his need  
27 of help, did not loosen his hold upon this glorious light  
until his nature was transformed. When Jacob was  
asked, “What is thy name?” he straightway answered;  
30 and then his name was changed to Israel, for “as a prince”  
had he prevailed and had “power with God and with  
men.” Then Jacob questioned his deliverer, “Tell me,  
1 I pray thee, *thy* name;” but this appellation was withheld,  
for the messenger was not a corporeal being, but a name-  
3 less, incorporeal impartation of divine Love to man, which,  
to use the word of the Psalmist, *restored* his Soul, — gave  
him the spiritual sense of being and rebuked his material  
6 sense.

The result of Jacob’s struggle thus appeared. He had  
conquered material error with the understanding of Spirit  
9 and of spiritual power. This changed the man.  
He was no longer called Jacob, but Israel, —  
a prince of God, or a soldier of God, who had fought  
12 a good fight.

Israel the  
new name

### SH 242:15 In

15 In pa-  
tient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dis-  
solve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant  
18 of error, — self-will, self-justification, and self-love, —  
which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin  
and death.

### SH 91:16

Absorbed in material selfhood we discern and reflect  
but faintly the substance of Life or Mind. The denial of  
18 material selfhood aids the discernment of man’s spirit-

ual and eternal individuality, and destroys the erroneous  
knowledge gained from matter or through what are termed  
21 the material senses.

**SH 295:16**

The manifestation of God through mortals is as light  
passing through the window-pane. The light and the  
18 glass never mingle, but as matter, the glass  
is less opaque than the walls. The mortal  
mind through which Truth appears most vividly is that  
21 one which has lost much materiality — much error — in  
order to become a better transparency for Truth. Then,  
like a cloud melting into thin vapor, it no longer hides  
24 the sun.

Goodness  
transparent

**SH 68:4**

Some-  
time we shall learn how Spirit, the great architect, has  
6 created men and women in Science. We ought to weary  
of the fleeting and false and to cherish nothing which  
hinders our highest selfhood.

Basis of true  
religion