

Wed 8/28/24 - Revising human history



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Hymn. 529:1, 2

Love divine, Your healing presence
Lifts us to the holy place,
Where we see Your whole creation
Filled with light and crowned with grace.
We Your children know Your glory,
See Your power from above
Sweep away the shade of darkness
With the healing tide of love.

Humble hearts accept Your blessing,
Turn from sorrow, want, and sin,
Turn the page, rewrite that story,
As the Christ is welcomed in.
Now we know our true relation,
Perfect God and perfect child,
We can live in joy and freedom,
Loved, and pure, and undefiled.

Words: FENELLA BENNETTS

Music: William P. Rowlands

Hymn. 444:1-3

Be still, my heart: you rest in Love divine;
God's gracious touch has silenced grief and pain.
Love's timeless Christ allows for no decline;
In changeless being shall your health remain.
Be still, my heart: your faithful only Friend

Secures your joyful voyage without end.

Be still, my heart: of present glories sing,
Instead of mourning for a troubled past.
Replace sad tunes with melodies that ring
Of God's rich mercy and of blessings vast.
Be still, my heart: the winds and waves recede
When to God's angel voices you give heed.

Be still, my heart: our God casts out all fears,
Assuring you that God and man are one;
And in that oneness here and now appears
Love's everlasting life, with death outdone.
Be still, my heart: no lies, no tears, no curse
Can mar the rhythm of God's universe.

Words: HAROLD ROGERS, ALT.

Music: Fenella Bennetts

Hymn. 287:1-3

Prayer with our waking thought ascends,
Great God of light, to Thee;
Darkness is banished in the glow
Of Thy reality.

Lo, to our widening vision dawns
The realm of Soul supreme,
Faith-lighted peaks of Spirit stand
Revealed in morning's beam.

Thus in Thy radiance vanishes
Death's drear and gloomy night;
Thus all creation hears anew
Truth's call, Let there be light.

Words: EDITH GADDIS BREWER

Music: Johann Crüger

Gen. 1:1, 2 (to 1st .), 3–5 (to 1st .), 6, 8 (to 1st .), 9, 10 (to :), 11, 26 (to :), 27, 31 (to 1st .)

- 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. ...
- 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. ...
- 6 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. ...
- 9 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.
- 10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: ...
- 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
- 26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ...
- 27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. ...

Gen. 2:6–9

- 6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.
- 7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
- 8 ¶ And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.
- 9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant

to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Matt. 7:18

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Isa. 5:20

20 ¶ Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

III John 1:11 (to :), 12 we

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: ...

12 ... we *also* bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

Prov. 15:30

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.

Eccl. 3:14 (to 2nd :)

14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: ...

Isa. 43:18

18 ¶ Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

Isa. 65:17–20 behold (to :)

17 ... behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: ...

Isa. 38:1–5, 7, 8

- 1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.
- 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,
- 3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
- 4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,
- 5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.
- 7 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;
- 8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

Isa. 9:2

- 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.

John 3:1–7

- 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.
- 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
- 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of the Spirit*, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is

spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

I Pet. 1:22 see, 23

22 ... *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

John 9:1–3 as, 6, 7

1 ... 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.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the 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.

Phil. 3:13, 14

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ *Jesus*.

Rev. 21:1, 3–5

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he
said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Isa. 42:10 (to 1st ,)

10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, ...

SH 547:25

The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in
27 material history but in spiritual development.
Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and
mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and
30 immortal.

True theory
of the
universe

SH 502:22–3

Genesis i. 1. In the beginning God created the heaven
and the earth.
24 The infinite has no beginning. This word *beginning*
is employed to signify *the only*, — that is, the eternal ver-
ity and unity of God and man, including
27 the universe. The creative Principle — Life,
Truth, and Love — is God. The universe reflects God.
There is but one creator and one creation. This crea-
1 tion consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their
identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and
3 forever reflected.

Ideas and
identities

SH 521:21–26, 29

21 *Genesis* ii. 6. But there went up a mist from the earth,
and watered the whole face of the ground.
The Science and truth of the divine creation have been
24 presented in the verses already considered, and now the
opposite error, a material view of creation, is
to be set forth.

The story
of error

The history of error

30 or matter, if veritable, would set aside the omnipotence
1 of Spirit; but it is the false history in contradistinction
to the true.

SH 584:1–8

1 **DAY.** The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea
of Truth and Love.

3 “And the evening and the morning were the first day.”
(Genesis i. 5.) The objects of time and sense disappear
in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind
6 measures time according to the good that is unfolded.
This unfolding is God’s day, and “there shall be no night
there.”

SH 505:1

1 Immortal Mind makes its own
record, but mortal mind, sleep, dreams, sin, disease, and
3 death have no record in the first chapter of Genesis.

SH 530:26 (only)

The history of error is a dream-narrative.

SH 204:3

3 All forms of error support the false conclusions that
there is more than one Life; that material history is as
real and living as spiritual history; that mortal
6 error is as conclusively mental as immortal
Truth; and that there are two separate, an-
tagonistic entities and beings, two powers, — namely,
9 Spirit and matter, — resulting in a third person (mortal
man) who carries out the delusions of sin, sickness, and
death.

Spirit the only
intelligence
and substance

SH vii:15–17

15 Contentment with the past and
the cold conventionality of materialism are crumbling
away.

SH 205:15

15 Befogged in error (the error of believing that matter
can be intelligent for good or evil), we can catch clear
glimpses of God only as the mists disperse,
18 or as they melt into such thinness that we per-
ceive the divine image in some word or deed
which indicates the true idea, — the supremacy and real-
21 ity of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil.

Perceiving
the divine
image

SH 71:1

1 Nothing is real and eternal, — nothing is Spirit, — but
God and His idea. Evil has no reality. It is neither
3 person, place, nor thing, but is simply a belief, an illusion
of material sense.

SH 293:28

Christian Science
brings to light Truth and its supremacy, universal har-
30 mony, the entireness of God, good, and the nothingness
of evil.

SH 224:4–7

As the crude footprints of the past disappear from the
dissolving paths of the present, we shall better understand
6 the Science which governs these changes, and shall plant
our feet on firmer ground.

SH 66:14

Each suc-
15 cessive stage of experience unfolds new views of divine

goodness and love.

SH 63:5

In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.

Spiritual
origin

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.

SH 228:7

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.

SH 470:32

The relations of God and man, divine Principle and idea, are indestructible in Science; and Science knows no lapse from nor return to harmony, but holds the divine order or spiritual law, in which God and all that He creates are perfect and eternal, to have remained unchanged in its eternal history.

SH 246:17–20

Never record ages. Chronological data are no part of the vast forever. Time-tables of birth and death are so many conspiracies against manhood and womanhood.

Undesirable
records

SH 386:16–23

A blundering despatch, mistakenly announcing the death of a friend, occasions the same grief that the friend's
18 real death would bring. You think that your anguish is occasioned by your loss. Another despatch, correcting the mistake, heals your grief, and
21 you learn that your suffering was merely the result of your belief. Thus it is with all sorrow, sickness, and death.

Erroneous
despatch

SH 425:24–26

24 Correct material belief by spiritual understanding, and Spirit will form you anew.

SH 246:27

27 Life is eternal. We should find this out, and begin the demonstration thereof. Life and goodness are immortal. Let us then shape our views of existence into
30 loveliness, freshness, and continuity, rather than into age and blight.

True life
eternal

SH 578:16

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house [the consciousness]
18 of [LOVE] for ever.