

Self-government and dominion

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Hymn. 20:1-3

Be true and list the voice within,
Be true unto thy high ideal,
Thy perfect self, that knows no sin,
That self that is the only real.

God is the only perfect One:
My perfect self is one with Him;
So man is seen as God's own son,
When Truth dispels the shadows dim.

True to our God whose name is Love,
We shall fulfill our Father's plan;
For true means true to God above,
To self, and to our fellow-man.

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Music: Horatio W. Parker

Hymn. 356:1-3

To Thee, O God, we bring our adoration,
To Love divine, in whom we live and move;
For Thou hast shown to us our perfect selfhood
In Thy loved Son, whom Jesus came to prove.

We are Thy children, Thou our Father-Mother,
And we would ever follow Thy behest:
Help us to understand Thy holy counsel,
For in obedience lies our active rest.

We, now redeemed through Love, return to Zion,
Singing to Thee our deeply grateful praise;
For we are Christ's, and Christ is Thine, O Father:
His joy remains in us through endless days.

Words: NELLIE B. MACE

Music: Thomas C. L. Pritchard

Hymn. 48:1–3

Dear Father-Mother, Thou dost grant
All good and perfect gifts to me;
'Tis mine to raise this beacon here,
Obedience unto Thee.

He knows not death who Life obeys,
Nor errs at all when Truth he heeds;
While merged in Love, what hold has hate
Upon his thoughts or deeds?

Eternal Life and Truth and Love,
They who obey Thine every call,
Thy freemen are, and freely have
Dominion over all.

Words: EDMUND BEALE SARGANT

Music: Arthur H. Brown

Gen. 1:26 (to dominion)

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion ...

Neh. 2:17 Ye, 18–20 Let

17 ... Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

18 ... Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for *this*

good *work*.

- 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?
- 20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

Neh. 6:2 Sanballat, 3

- 2 ... Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in *some one of* the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.
- 3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

Neh. 6:15, 16

- 15 ¶ So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day of the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.
- 16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that *were* about us saw *these things*, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

Prov. 16:32

- 32 *He that is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Luke 17:20, 21

- 20 ¶ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
- 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Mark 10:32 they (to :), 32 5th And (to 2nd), 42–44 and

- 32 ... they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: ...
- 32 ... And he took again the twelve, ...
- 42 ... and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.
- 43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:
- 44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

Luke 23:1

- 1 And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

John 19:1 Pilate, 9–12 (to 1st :)

- 1 ... Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged *him*.
- 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.
- 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?
- 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power *at all* against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.
- 12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: ...

John 17:11, 20–24

- 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*.
- 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
- 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

- 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
- 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
- 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

II Tim. 1:7

- 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

II Tim. 2:7, 15

- 7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.
- 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Gal. 5:14–16

- 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.
- 16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Gal. 5:18 if, 22 the, 23

- 18 ... if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
- 22 ... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
- 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

SH 106:6–14

- 6 Like our nation, Christian Science has its Declaration of Independence. God has endowed man with inalienable rights, among which are self-government,

9 reason, and conscience. Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love.

Proper self-government

12 Man's rights are invaded when the divine order is interfered with, and the mental trespasser incurs the divine penalty due this crime.

SH 48:25

Pale in the presence of his own momentous question, "What is Truth," Pilate was drawn into acquiescence with the demands of Jesus' enemies. Pilate was ignorant of the consequences of his awful decision against human rights and divine Love, knowing not that he was hastening the final demonstration of what life is and of what the true knowledge of God can do for man.

Pilate's question

SH 151:31-5

That mortal mind claims to govern every organ of the mortal body, we have overwhelming proof. But this so-called mind is a myth, and must by its own consent yield to Truth. It would wield the sceptre of a monarch, but it is powerless. The immortal divine Mind takes away all its supposed sovereignty, and saves mortal mind from itself.

Mortal mind dethroned

SH 236:21-25

21 Children should obey their parents; insubordination is an evil, blighting the buddings of self-government. Parents should teach their children at the earliest possible period the truths of health and holiness.

Children's tractability

SH 446:18–11

18 A wrong motive involves defeat. In the Science
of Mind-healing, it is imperative to be honest, for victory
rests on the side of immutable right. To understand
21 God strengthens hope, enthrones faith in Truth, and
verifies Jesus' word: "Lo, I am with you always, even
unto the end of the world."

24 Resisting evil, you overcome it and prove its nothing-
ness. Not human platitudes, but divine beatitudes, re-
flect the spiritual light and might which heal
27 the sick. The exercise of will brings on a
hypnotic state, detrimental to health and integrity of
thought. This must therefore be watched and guarded
30 against. Covering iniquity will prevent prosperity and the
ultimate triumph of any cause. Ignorance of the error
to be eradicated oftentimes subjects you to its abuse.

Iniquity
overcome

1 The heavenly law is broken by trespassing upon
man's individual right of self-government. We have no
3 authority in Christian Science and no moral
right to attempt to influence the thoughts of
others, except it be to benefit them. In men-
6 tal practice you must not forget that erring human opin-
ions, conflicting selfish motives, and ignorant attempts
to do good may render you incapable of knowing or
9 judging accurately the need of your fellow-men. There-
fore the rule is, heal the sick when called upon for aid,
and save the victims of the mental assassins.

No trespass
on human
rights

SH 462:9

9 If the student goes away to practise Truth's teach-
ings only in part, dividing his interests between God and
mammon and substituting his own views for
12 Truth, he will inevitably reap the error he sows.

Divided
loyalty

Whoever would demonstrate the healing of Christian Science must abide strictly by its rules, heed every statement, and advance from the rudiments laid down. There is nothing difficult nor toilsome in this task, when the way is pointed out; but self-denial, sincerity, Christianity, and persistence alone win the prize, as they usually do in every department of life.

SH 270:31

The life of Christ Jesus was not miraculous, but it was indigenous to his spirituality, — the good soil wherein the seed of Truth springs up and bears much fruit. Christ's Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of God. Neither emasculation, illusion, nor insubordination exists in divine Science.

SH 144:18–29

Human will-power may infringe the rights of man. It produces evil continually, and is not a factor in the realism of being. Truth, and not corporeal will, is the divine power which says to disease, "Peace, be still."

Because divine Science wars with so-called physical science, even as Truth wars with error, the old schools still oppose it. Ignorance, pride, or prejudice closes the door to whatever is not stereotyped.

When the Science of being is universally understood, every man will be his own physician, and Truth will be the universal panacea.

Conservative
antagonism

SH 225:29–31; 226:5

Men and women of all climes and races are still in bondage to material sense, ignorant how to obtain their

freedom.

The voice of God in behalf of the African slave was
 6 still echoing in our land, when the voice of the herald of
 this new crusade sounded the keynote of uni-
 versal freedom, asking a fuller acknowledg-
 9 ment of the rights of man as a Son of God, demanding
 that the fetters of sin, sickness, and death be stricken
 from the human mind and that its freedom be won, not
 12 through human warfare, not with bayonet and blood, but
 through Christ's divine Science.

Liberty's
crusade

SH 19:26–5

If

27 living in disobedience to Him, we ought to feel no secur-
 ity, although God is good.

Jesus urged the commandment, “Thou shalt have no
 30 other gods before me,” which may be ren-
 dered: Thou shalt have no belief of Life as
 mortal; thou shalt not know evil, for there is one Life, —
 1 even God, good. He rendered “unto Cæsar the things
 which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are
 3 God's.” He at last paid no homage to forms of doctrine
 or to theories of man, but acted and spake as he was moved,
 not by spirits but by Spirit.

Jesus'
sinless career

SH vii:18

18 The only guarantee of obedience is a
 right apprehension of Him whom to know aright is
 Life eternal. Though empires fall, “the Lord shall
 21 reign forever.”

SH 458:23

The Christianly scientific man reflects the
 24 divine law, thus becoming a law unto himself. He does

The panoply
of wisdom

violence to no man. Neither is he a false accuser. The
Christian Scientist wisely shapes his course, and is hon-
27 est and consistent in following the leadings of divine
Mind. He must prove, through living as well as heal-
ing and teaching, that Christ's way is the only one
30 by which mortals are radically saved from sin and
sickness.

SH 209:5–8

Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing
6 them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas,
the life and light of all its own vast creation;
and man is tributary to divine Mind.

Allness of
Truth

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